

Profile of A Devil

Presentation Handout

Misconceptions & Realities of Satan

- “The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn’t exist.”
Actor Kevin Spacey from the 1995 movie “The Usual Suspects”
- And how true this still is in our world today! Satan has sown “seeds” of misconceptions about himself to confuse and lull to “sleep” unsuspecting humans.
- He has done this in two main ways:
 - By getting many to believe he is only a mythical character—red suit, pitchfork, etc.
 - By mainstreaming and popularizing the demonic and spiritualism through examples like:
 - The Harry Potter series that made spiritualism seem like good children’s stories
 - Halloween, which is now the second biggest commercial holiday in the U.S. with a combined expenditure of 10 billion on candy, costumes, and decorations in 2021 alone—an average of \$113 per person.
- Sadly, all this mainstreaming and popularizing has desensitized humans to the real Satan and his dangerous deceptions! This is why it’s so important to know who he really is, what he is like!

The Devil/Satan’s Character Profile

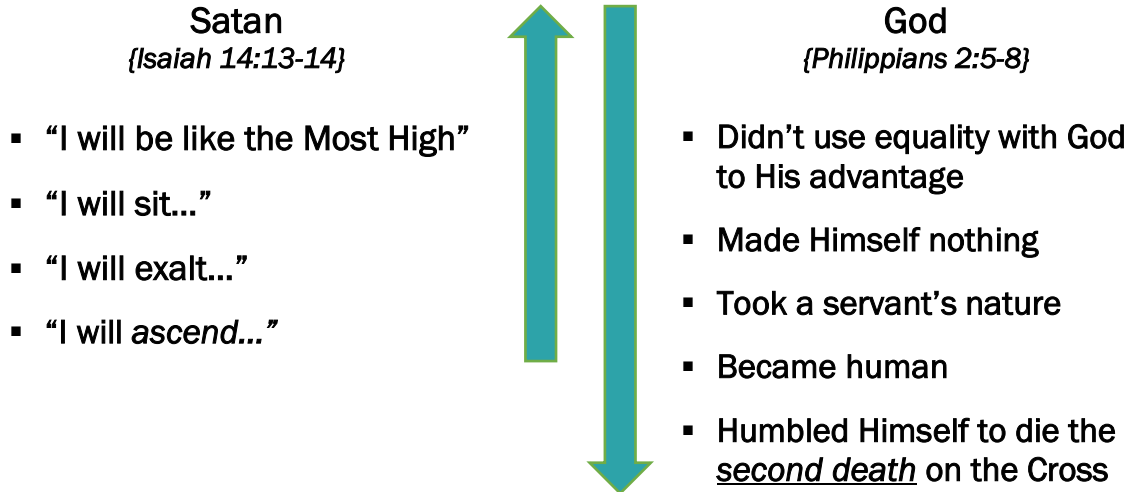
- **Originally lived in heaven** {Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7, 9; Ezekiel 28:14}
 - Some maybe amazed or surprised about this fact, but it’s true.
 - The next question that could come to mind is: Did God create the Devil? Is God responsible for sin, evil, and suffering?
 - Based on **Revelation 12:7, 9** the answer is NO!
 - We are reminded that a “war” happened in heaven, indicating something really good turned really bad.
 - God did not create the Devil/Satan this way! He changed himself at some time.
- **Perfect in the beginning** {Ezekiel 28:11-12, 15}
 - In the beginning when God created him, he was Lucifer (“light bearer,” “shining one,” “son of dawn,” who was perfect in all his ways. He was not Satan!
 - Thus, God is not create a devil nor is He the author of sin, evil, or suffering!! The Devil/Satan is instead.
- **Prideful** {Ezekiel 28:15, 17a}
 - Here’s the beginning or the origin of Lucifer’s change into becoming the Devil/Satan.
 - It seems pride began to form as he focused on his beauty and giftedness—forgetting that all of his beauty, gifts and talents came from God, not something he created!

- **Isaiah 14:13-14** gives us a “behind-the-scenes” insight into the playing out of Lucifer/Satan’s pride.
- Five different times in only two verses Lucifer uses the word “I”—ultimately leading him to grasp, fight to be like God, to be god himself.
- This same pride to elevate oneself to be like God is one of Satan’s deceptive lies to Eve in the Garden of Eden {**Genesis 3:5-6a**}.
- **Liar—maligning God’s character** {**Ezekiel 28:16, 18; John 8:44b**}
 - Ezekiel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit mentions a “trading” that Lucifer participated in, actually began, that led to his sin and becoming Satan!
 - Trading can mean: “to go from one to another trading either in material goods or words (slander).
 - “Material goods” meaning fits best with the prince of Tyre {**Ezekiel 28:5**} since he was a mere human king, who was rich and powerful.
 - “Words”/slander meaning fits best with Lucifer who is an angelic being in heaven {**Ezekiel 28:13-14**}.
 - What type of slander did Lucifer/Satan engage in? The word “iniquity” gives us some insight, which means: “injustice.” Apparently, Lucifer began to harbor in his heart a false belief that God was somehow unjust in how He related and/or treated him—maybe he felt God didn’t recognize his potential, his insights, and/or allow him to help govern the universe.
 - God’s character now became the “boiling-point” for Lucifer/Satan’s great controversy-war against God, which played out in the Garden with Eve in **Genesis 3**. Satan now wanted to be like God because he felt he could do a better “job” than God.
- **Murderer** {**John 8:44a**}
 - Ultimately, who does the Devil/Satan want to murder?—God!
 - Since there is only one God, if Lucifer/Satan wanted to be god, he would have to get rid of *the* God to replace him—take His place.
 - This is the real “mask” or underlying motive of sin and the revelation of Satan’s attitude—it/he desires to kill God!
 - And Satan did kill God...on the Cross when he crucified Jesus, who is God.
 - Ultimately, sin is getting rid of God—murdering or killing Him so a person can replace Him as god in one’s life!
 - This attitude perfectly reflects Satan’s feelings toward God—he hates God with a “perfect,” deadly, twisted passion!

Sin...Kills

- In essence, when human beings embrace sin, believing Satan’s lies and rebelling against God, whether they realize it or not, they embrace the same attitude of Satan—desiring God dead!
 - Because...either God “sits” on the throne of one’s life or that person does, ultimately giving Satan control of his or her life. There can only be one “master” or god of one’s life!

Eternal Contrast...The Choice is Yours



- This contrast reveals the real characters and attitudes of Satan and God. Satan “conveniently forgot” to tell Eve God’s real character when he tempted her in **Genesis chapter 3**. It was *not* an oversight on his part!

LIVING CHOICE: Who will you serve: Satan—the enemy of God and humanity, who murdered Jesus (God) to get his own way, *OR* God—who humbly condescended to die the second death on the Cross? Which of these life principles will you live-by?