

#### "PRAYER AS PERSONAL WARFARE"

Matthew 6:9-13

#### **Petitions in Prayer**

### The Disciples' Prayer

#### Matthew 6:9-14

### FOR <u>GOD'S GLORY</u>

# FOR <u>OUR GOOD</u>

#### **Three Personal Petitions**

"Give us"	<b>BODY</b> Provision for the <i>Present</i>	Admit our Dependency
"Forgive us"	<b>SOUL</b> Pardon for the <i>Past</i>	Surrender our Rights
"Lead us not" "Deliver us"	<b>SPIRIT</b> Protection for the <i>Future</i>	Surrender our Desire Surrender our Self- sufficiency

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### Pray:

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As WAZE warns motorists of hazards on the highway and reroutes them to avoid the hazards, so our omniscient God redirects those who pray to Him for wisdom while traveling life's highway.

#### **IS RESISTING TEMPTATION ENOUGH?**

### **Pray:**

#### "Lead Us NOT into Temptation"

#### "Deliver Us <u>FROM Evil</u>"

#### **Matthew 6:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, but **deliver us from the** evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### WHAT IS EVIL?

#### The Nature of Evil June 10, 1991



Does it exist — or do bad things just happen?

#### **NOT:** a Force, Presence or Power

George Barna's survey: "The Devil, or Satan, is not a living being but is a symbol of evil."

Then asking that segment of his survey respondents who have identified themselves at being Born Again, he states, "Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with that statement?"

The Born Again population reply with 32% agreeing strongly, 11% agreeing somewhat and 5% did not know. Thus, of the total number responding, 48% either agreed that Satan is only symbolic or did not know!

#### **NOT: a Force, Presence or Power**

#### IS: a Person, an Angel

**1 John 3:8b-9** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, <u>that He might destroy the</u> works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

### **DID GOD CREATE EVIL?**

Black is not a thing; it is the absence of light. Light is a thing, made up of particles or waves. Take away the created 'thing' and the result is black--*nothing*. Temperature works the same way. Cold is not a thing, but the absence of heat, which is a created thing. Take away the element of physical motion which creates heat as we know it and you are left with cold. Cold is not created, neither is darkness. They are the absence of the created things. Evil then is not a created thing, but the absence of good.

**40 names for the evil one**: Abaddon; Apollyon; Beelzebub; Serpent; Great Dragon; The Enemy; God of this world; Prince of Demons; Prince of the Power of the Air; Ruler of Darkness; Tempter & The Wicked One

174x the evil one is referred to by a specific name or a personal pronoun in more than 50 different Cc of some 26 various Books of the Bible (obviously, to deny the existence of a personal devil is to deny the veracity of the Scriptures.)

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

# SATAN

<u>Greek</u>: satanas

<u>Hebrew</u>: *satan* "adversary, one who plots against another"

DEVIL

<u>Greek</u>: *diabolos "slanderer"* literally, "one who throws (something)across" the path of another

# Because he is both your adversary & slanderer...

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Martin Luther

"Let us then stand firm and heed the triumph of the Lord. Satan is fighting not against us, but against Christ in us ...."

### WHAT ARE SATAN'S PAST BEHAVIORS?

Isa. 14:12; Ezk. 28:14 He rebelled against God Gen. 3:1–14 He beguiled Eve 1 Chr. 21:1 He energized David to evil Job 1:7–2:10 He accused and afflicted Job Zech. 3:1–9 He opposes unbelieving Israel 1 Tim. 4:1–6 He instigates false doctrine Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:10–11 He perverts the Word of God Lk. 22:31 He "sifted" Simon Peter Jn. 13:2, 27 He caused Judas to betray Christ Acts 5:3 He caused Ananias to lie

### WHAT ARE SATAN'S PRESENT BEHAVIORS?

- 2 Cor. 4:4 He <u>blinds</u> people spiritually
- 1 Pet. 5:8 He seeks to harm believers
- Eph. 6:11–12 He heads a celestial hierarchy of evil
- Eph. 2:2 He indwells the unsaved
- 2 Thess. 2:9 He works diabolic miracles
- Jn. 8:44 He <u>lies</u>
- Jn. 8:44 He murders
- Lk. 13:16 He blinds people physically and spiritually
- Mt. 13:38–39 He sows tares
- Mt. 13:19 He snatches away the Word

### WHAT WILL BE SATAN'S FUTURE?

Rev. 20:1–3 He will be bound during the millennium



#### **DECEPTION**

- "Ye shall not surely die."
- "Ye shall be as God ..."

Ravi Zacharias: "The mystery of wickedness is so subtle that even the most committed Christians can succumb, though at times we are not aware of all that we are doing."

#### **DECEPTION**

John 8:44 He does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

#### **DECEPTION**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9–10** The coming of the lawless one (antichrist - another christ) is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

#### **DESTRUCTION**

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was <u>a murderer</u> from the beginning...

#### **DESTRUCTION**

**Matthew 8:28** When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

**Luke 8:30** Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

#### **DESTRUCTION**

Luke 9:39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it <u>convulses</u> him so that he foams *at the mouth*; and it <u>departs from him with great difficulty</u>, bruising him.

Luke 22:3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

#### **DESTRUCTION**

Satan is without compassion, concern or mercy



### SATAN'S TACTICS

"Wherever there is mischief afoot, Satan is sure to be involved. He is that one who precipitates wars, encourages men in their lusts, causes men to question the Word of God, and tells men they can play with sin and win. He stands by every drunkard's side. He peers out of the window of every house of prostitution. He watches over the shoulder of every thief. He feeds words into the mouth of every blasphemer. He controls the mind and thoughts of every pornographer.

### SATAN'S TACTICS

"He sits beside the statesmen in the chancelleries of the world as they decide the destiny of the nations. He attends all the meetings of the United Nations. He laughs silently beside the graves of his victims and claps his hands with glee when men slide into eternity without the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

~ Harold Lindsell

The World, The Flesh & The Devil

### CAN YOU RESIST THE DEVIL?

#### YOU MUST <u>BE SAVED</u>

**Ephesians 2:1–2** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

**1 John 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because <u>He</u> who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

### CAN YOU RESIST THE DEVIL?

#### YOU MUST WANT TO RESIST HIM

Uncontrolled Anger

> Eph. 4:27 "neither give place to the devil"

Unforgiving Spirit

2 Cor. 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices"

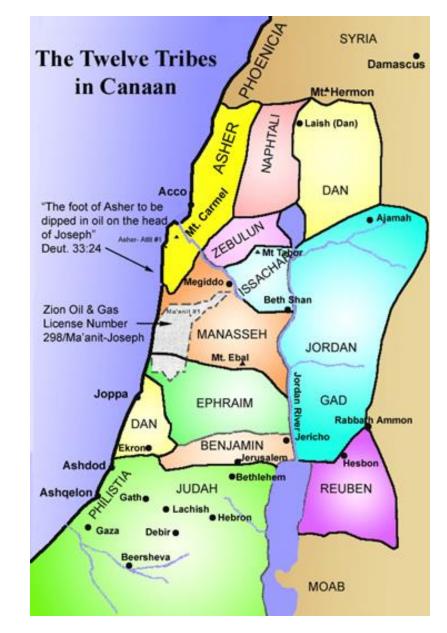
**Undisciplined Sexual Desires** 

I Cor. 7:5 "that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency"

#### HOW CAN YOU RESIST THE DEVIL?

#### James 4:7–8

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.



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WORD OF GOD

<u>PRAYING</u> TO GOD

<u>SPIRIT</u> OF GOD

**BLOOD OF THE LAMB** 

When We Pray "DELIVER US . . . "

- We acknowledge <u>Satan's power</u>
- We admit <u>our weakness</u>
- We affirm <u>God's omnipotence</u>

#### Next Week's Study in the Word of God "The Eternal Triumphant Christ"



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