Satanology: The Study of Satan

Popular Images of Satan...



Devil









What does the Bible Say?

 Since the Garden of Eden, God and Satan have been locked into one great cosmic battle with man as the prize. Scripture says that unbelieving man is <u>blinded</u> <u>spiritually</u> by Satan in an effort to keep him from coming to Christ.





"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the <u>god of this age</u> has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

 Devil (John 8:44) is a Greek word meaning "the accuser and slanderer." He makes false accusations against others and his aim is to harm God and man. He will tell lies of any kind to achieve his end.

2. <u>Satan</u> (Matthew 12:26) is a Hebrew word meaning "the adversary." He reigns over a kingdom of darkness organized in opposition to God. The fact that he is invisible and powerful greatly serves him in the pursuit of his cause.

3. <u>Tempter</u> (Matthew 4:3) describes the enemy's manner of acting. He seeks to lead men into sin, because he himself is a sinner.

 Father of Lies (John 8:44) describes one of his many tactics. To accomplish his task of tempting men by promising them things, the enemy lies. He is not just a liar, he is the father of lies.

5. Lord of Death (Hebrews 2:14). The enemy has the power of death because he can accuse sinful man. Satan cannot inflict death, but he can cast us into a realm where our sin causes death.

6. <u>Beelzebub</u> (Mark 3:22,23) ascribes to the enemy a name meaning "lord of the dunghill" or "lord of the flies." The word is generally believed to be a corruption of Baalzebub, the name for the Philistine god who was considered by the Jews to be very evil (2 Kings 1:2-3).

7. <u>Belial</u> (2 Corinthians 6:15) is a name which originally could be applied to any wicked person. The word itself means "worthlessness."

8. <u>Evil</u> One (1 John 2:13) presents the picture of the enemy as one who is the supreme evil doer.

9. <u>Ruler</u> of This World (John 14:30). Since the world, according to the Bible, is in opposition to God, the enemy as the inspirer and leader of that opposition is given this title.

10. <u>Prince</u> of the <u>Power</u> of the <u>Air</u> (Ephesians 2:1-2). The enemy's power, in our age, is operative in all spheres.

Put on the "Whole Armor" of God!

• Ephesians 6:10-17