

**Facts About Satan**  
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Paul wrote so “that no advantage be gained over us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11). He is constantly scheming and planning to destroy us. He stalks his victims in a cruel, heartless fashion. Satan has a host of wicked spirits with many tactics (Ephesians 6:11-12). His ministers even present themselves as ministers of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). The Evil One does not spend much time on thieves, drunkards, liars and the like. They are his already. He concentrates on good people; especially Christians.

Satan is in the “religion business.” He has his own churches (Revelation 2:9). He has a theology (Revelation 2:24). He has spiritual children (John 8:44). He has a spiritual kingdom (Colossians 1:13). Satan has usurped and controls the kingdoms of the earth (Luke 4:5). Because of his power over the people of the world, he is called the “prince of this world” (John 12:31) and the “god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Satan hates the Church of Christ and actively persecutes and seeks to destroy it (Revelation 12:13). For Paul declares to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:12: “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

Satan’s Origin

The Bible makes no attempt to prove Satan’s existence. It assumes this as fact. Scripture does not specifically detail the origin of Satan. Through Christ, God created all things, “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him” (Colossians 1:16). This included all things of the earth and the heavenly creatures, i.e., angels. All things God created were very good, for the scripture says: “And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...” (Genesis 1:31). Some angels were not satisfied with their station assigned by the almighty. They rebelled and fell from their holy sphere. Jude says, “And angels that kept not their own principality (proper habitation), he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto judgment” (Jude 6). “God spared not the angels when they sinned...but cast them down to Tartarus” (2 Peter 2:4). Paul speaks of pride being the condemnation of the devil.

Satan’s Mission

Satan’s mission is to alienate all men from God and make them his slaves. Hardly had the first couple began their lives when with diabolical skill, he deceived the woman and succeeded in bringing sin and death to them and all their descendants who would follow them. No wonder Jesus called him a liar and murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). He is the accuser of Christ’s brethren (Revelation 12:10). He dared to walk into the presence of God and accuse Job. Then, with glee, he set about to torment his victim to sin (Job 1:6ff). So brazen is he that he even tried to seduce and corrupt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:1-11). Unable to personally corrupt Christ, “the devil...entered into the heart of Judas” and led him to betray his Master (John 13:2).

Satan’s Destiny

His destiny is clearly predicted and told in scripture: “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.” (Revelation 20:10) Our defense against Satan is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and faith in the same as well as its author (1 John 5:4). God provides us the armor for this perpetual battle (Ephesians 6:10-17). With prayer, these make us invincible. We must actively resist Satan, and he will flee from us.