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### WHY THIS BIBLE STUDY?

To learn what The Scriptures have to say about The Devil. His Origin, the way he operates and ultimately to learn how to Overcome the Devil!

### WHY NOW?

It's always a good time to study The **WORD** of **GOD**. That said, in light of these particular turbulent times we live in, this is a great time to look at this subject.

### WHO IS THIS BIBLE STUDY FOR?

Any and all Christians who are interested in learning what the Bible has to say about the Devil.

### A WORD OF UNDERSTANDING-

This Bible, as with EVERY ***BIBLE STUDY I'VE EVER ATTEMPTED TO COMPILE*** is in ***NO WAY EXHAUSTIVE!*** That is to say, this Bible Study does not touch on every aspect of the Devil and his demons.

It is my prayer that the reader/student will be "*quicken*ed" inspired through what The **WORD** of **GOD** teaches us on this subject; and in this lesson in particular- and then be moved to study The Bible further with respect to this subject.

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## TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

### SUBJECT: THE ORIGIN OF THE DEVIL

**INTRODUCTION:** There is no question that one of the least discussed subjects in terms of Bible Study topics in the local Church is that of The Devil. Today we will begin a Bible Study on the subject of The Devil. Let's consider the following:

In speaking about The LORD GOD, it has been said:

*“Every name He (GOD)- bears is a blessing He shares”.*  
-Dr. Warren Wiersbe

With this in mind, let's begin our Bible Study by considering some of the many names for The Devil in the Bible. And note that...

*Every name he (The Devil) bears is a curse he shares...*

Here is a list of some of the names for Satan in the Bible. Satan plays many roles and by knowing them it will give us a better understanding to his method of operation. The Scripture reference is not a complete list of every time these names are used, it is there to give you an example of how it is used in the Bible.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Abaddon	Revelation 9:11	a destroying angel
The accuser of our brethren	Revelation 12:10	against one in the assembly, i.e. a complainant at law; specially, Satan
The adversary	I Peter 5:8	an opponent (in a lawsuit); specially, Satan (as the arch-enemy)
Apollyon	Revelation 9:11	a destroyer (i.e. Satan)
Beelzebub	Matthew 12:24 Mark 3:22 Luke 11:15	dung-god; Beelzebul, a name of Satan
Belial	II Corinthians 6:15	worthlessness; Belial, as an epithet of Satan
The Devil	Matthew 4:1	a traducer; specially, Satan: false accuser, devil, slanderer.

Dragon	Revelation 12:9 and 20:2	probably from an alternate form of derkomai (to look); a fabulous kind of serpent (perhaps as supposed to fascinate)
The enemy	Matthew 13:39	from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan)
Father of all lies	John 8:44	a falsifier
god of this world	II Corinthians 4:4	god is used generically and refers to Satan
king of Babylon	Isaiah 14:4	confusion; Babel (i.e. Babylon), including Babylonia and the Babylonian empire
king of Tyrus	Ezekiel 28:12	a rock; Tsor, a place in Palestine. Satan is the false rock. Christ is the true Rock.
Little horn	Daniel 7:8	a horn (as projecting); by implication, a flask, cornet; by resembl. an elephant's tooth (i.e. ivory), a corner (of the altar), a peak (of a mountain), a ray (of light); figuratively, power
Lucifer	Isaiah 14:12	(in the sense of brightness); the morning star: lucifer (the king of Babylon). Satan is the false morning star. Christ is the true morning Star.
man of sin	II Thessalonians 2:3	Satan was the first to sin. See Ezekiel 28:11-19
that old serpent	Revelation 12:9 and 20:2	old = original or primeval serpent = (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan
power of darkness	Colossians 1:13	"shade" or a shadow (literally or figuratively [darkness of error or an adumbration])
prince of the power of the air	Ephesians 2:2	prince = a first (in rank or power) power = privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence
prince that shall come	Daniel 9:26	a commander (as occupying the front), civil, military or religious; generally (abstractly, plural), honorable themes. See II Thessalonians 2:3-4 and Revelation 12:7-9
prince of Tyrus	Ezekiel 28:2	a rock; Tsor, a place in Palestine. Satan is the false rock. Christ is the true Rock.
prince of this world	John 12:31	prince = a first (in rank or power) world = orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally])
rulers of the darkness of this world	Ephesians 6:12	rulers = a world-ruler, an epithet of Satan darkness = shadiness, i.e. obscurity (literally or figuratively)

Satan	Job 1:6	an opponent; especially (with the article prefixed) Satan, the arch-enemy of good.
serpent	Genesis 3:1	properly, to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell; generally, to prognosticate
son of perdition	John 17:12 II Thessalonians 2:3	ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal) also to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively
the tempter	Matthew 4:3	to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline
the wicked one	Matthew 13:19	hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence) figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners

~The above names and corresponding reference verses for Satan are taken from:  
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***NOTES!***

**NOW**, let's consider the following definition for the word ***DEVIL***-

<b><u>DEVIL</u></b>
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**(accuser)** - the main title for the fallen angelic being who is the supreme enemy of God and man. Satan is his name, and devil is what he is-the accuser or deceiver. The title "devil" appears 35 times in the NKJV. In every case it is preceded by the article "the," indicating a title rather than a name. The term comes from a Greek word that means "a false witness" or "malicious accuser."

Several descriptive phrases applied to the devil in the New Testament point out the nature of his wicked personality and the extent of his evil deeds.

The Wicked or Evil One (Matt 6:13; 13:19,38; 1 John 2:13). This phrase depicts the devil's fundamental nature. He is in direct opposition to everything God is or all he wishes to do. He is the source of all evil and wickedness. While the KJV reads, "Deliver us from evil," the NKJV more accurately reads, "Deliver us from the evil one." Humanity needs this deliverance, for the devil "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Enemy (Matt 13:25,28,39). The devil is man's worst enemy. This is one enemy Jesus does not want us to love. He is an enemy of Christ, the church, and the gospel; and he is tireless in his efforts to uproot good and sow evil.

Murderer (John 8:44). "He was a murderer from the beginning" are strong words from the lips of Jesus. The devil killed Abel and the prophets, and he wanted to kill Jesus before His time (8:40).

Deceiver (Rev 20:10). Starting with Eve, the devil has attempted to deceive every living soul. Evil men operating under the power of the evil one will continue to deceive (2 Tim 3:13).

Beelzebub, Prince of Demons (Matt 9:34; 12:24). The religious leaders of Jesus' time were guilty of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit because they claimed the miracles of Jesus were actually conducted by the devil. The KJV and some other versions incorrectly translate "demons" as "devils." There are many demons but only one devil. His name is Beelzebub, the chief leader of the fallen angels known as demons.

Ruler of This World (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). Three times Jesus called the devil the "ruler of this world." The devil offered the world to Jesus if He would worship him (Luke 4:5-7), but the Lord refused with these words, "Get behind me Satan" (4:8). At Calvary God dealt a death blow to this world ruler. It is only a matter of time before God will win the final victory at the end of time (1 John 3:8; Matt 25:41; Rev 12:7).

The devil is strong, but Christians are stronger through the Lord (Eph 6:11). They have the protection needed to withstand his assaults. The devil tempts, but God provides a way of escape (1 Cor 10:13); the devil tries to take advantage of people (2 Cor 2:11), but he will flee if fought (James 4:7). The devil should not be feared, for Jesus is more powerful than this deceiving prince of the demons (1 John 4:4).

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NOW, let's consider the following definition for the word **SATAN**-

**SATAN**

[SAY tuhn] (adversary) - the great opposer, or adversary, of God and man; the personal name of

the devil.

The Hebrew word from which Satan comes sometimes refers to human enemies (1 Sam 29:4; Ps 109:6). Once it refers to the angel of the Lord who opposed Balaam (Num 22:22). But whenever this word is used as a proper name in the Old Testament, it refers to the great superhuman enemy of God, man, and good (1 Chron 21:1; Job 1:1-2:13). This use of the word also occurs frequently in the New Testament.

Another common name for Satan in the New Testament is "the devil," meaning "slanderer" or "false accuser." Other titles by which Satan is identified in the New Testament include "the tempter" (1 Thess 3:5); "Beelzebub" (Matt 12:24); "the wicked one" (Matt 13:19,38); "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31); "the god of this age" (2 Cor 4:4); "Belial" (2 Cor 6:15), "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2); and "the accuser of our brethren" (Rev 12:10).

History. Two Old Testament passages-Isa 14:12-15 and Ezek 28:11-19-furnish a picture of Satan's original condition and the reasons for his loss of that position. These passages were addressed originally to the kings of Babylon and Tyre. But in their long-range implications, many scholars believe, they refer to Satan himself. They tell of an exalted angelic being, one of God's creatures, who became proud and ambitious. He determined to take over the throne of God for himself. But God removed him from his position of great dignity and honor.

Building upon this foundation, Rev 12 sketches the further stages in Satan's work of evil. In his fall from God's favor, Satan persuaded one third of the angels to join him in his rebellion (Rev 12:3-4). Throughout the Old Testament period he sought to destroy the messianic line. When the Messiah became a man, Satan tried to eliminate Him (Rev 12:4-5). During the future period of tribulation before the Messiah's second coming, Satan will be cast out of the heavenly sphere (Rev 12:7-12). Then he will direct his animosity toward the Messiah's people (Rev 12:13-17). Rev 20 notes the final phases of Satan's work. He will be bound for a thousand years and then finally cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:2,10).

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## ***NOTES!***

### **1. WHERE DID THE DEVIL COME FROM?**

Let's consider the following Scriptures in Ezekiel chapter twenty eight. They are provided below in both the New King James Version and the New Living Translation of the Bible.

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "**You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**  
 13 **You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold.**  
**The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes**  
**Was prepared for you on the day you were created.**  
 14 "**You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God;**  
*You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.*  
 15 **You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.**  
 16 "**By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned;** *Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.*  
 17 "**Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;** *I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.*  
 18 "*You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.*"

-Ezekiel 28: 11-19 (NKJV)

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Then this further message came to me from the LORD:  
 12 "Son of man, weep for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: **You were the perfection of wisdom and beauty.**  
**13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone — red carnelian, chrysolite, white moonstone, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald — all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold.**  
**They were given to you on the day you were created.**  
 14 **I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian.** *You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.*  
 15 "*You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. 16 Your great wealth filled you with violence, and you sinned.* So I banished you from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire.

**17 Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.** *So I threw you to the earth and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings.*

*18 You defiled your sanctuaries with your many sins and your dishonest trade. So I brought fire from within you, and it consumed you. I let it burn you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.*

*19 All who knew you are appalled at your fate. You have come to a terrible end, and you are no more."*

-Ezekiel 28:11-19 (NLT)

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NOW, let's read key verses from Isaiah chapter fourteen! Once again, the Scripture verses are printed from the New King James Version and New Living Translations of The Bible.

*"How **you are fallen from heaven,**  
**O Lucifer, son of the morning!**  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
You who weakened the nations!  
13 For **you have said** in your heart:  
**I will** ascend into heaven,  
**I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
**I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;  
14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
**I will** be like the Most High.'  
15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,  
To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

-Isaiah 14:12-15 (NKJV)

*12 "How **you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning!** You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.  
13 For **you said** to yourself, '**I will** ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. **I will** preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.  
14 **I will** climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'  
15 But instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead,  
down to its lowest depths.*

-Isaiah 14:12-15 (NLT)

**IT is** important now to note that while these Scriptures speak of the king of Tyre (in Ezekiel); and the king of Babylon (in Isaiah)... what we note here is not only the earthly kings of whom these Scriptures speak, but also and rather the spiritual power behind these kings, namely Satan himself!

In writing about the matter of Satan being the power behind the king of Tyre, Dr. J. Vernon McGee writes:

*“The king in back of the kingdom of Tyre is Satan. Ezekiel 28 is one of the few passages in the Word of God that gives us the origin of the Devil and of evil.”*  
-Dr. J. Vernon McGee, Thru The Bible Commentary Series.

In writing about Ezek. 28:12, and of this matter of Satan being the power behind the king of Tyre, Dr. Jimmy Swaggart writes:

*“As is obvious, even though the king of Tyre is used as a symbol, the statements made could not refer to any mere mortal. In fact, they refer to Satan.”*  
-Dr. Jimmy Swaggart

With regard to Ezek. 28:14, Dr. Jimmy Swaggart writes:

*“The phrase, ‘You are the anointed Cherub who covers,’ means that Lucifer was chosen and ‘anointed’ by God for a particular task and service. This probably was the ‘worship’ to which we have alluded.”*  
-Dr. Jimmy Swaggart

**THE APOSTLE JOHN**, in writing about the Devil and the angels who followed him being put out of heaven, in the book of Revelation wrote:

*And **war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

-Revelation 12: 7-9 NKJV

**NOTE:** Revelation 12:4 is the Scripture many use in speaking of one third of the angels in heaven, choosing to follow Lucifer in his revolt against The LORD.

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**JESUS SAID~**

*“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”*

*18 And **He said to them,***

***“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.***

*19 Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy,** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

*20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**”*

-Luke 10:17-20 NKJV

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**SATAN’S ORIGIN?**

**To quote Dr. Manuel L. Scott Sr.:**

*“God did not create the Devil, the Devil. Not Satan, Satan....”*

**LIKE EVERYTHING GOD CREATED**, when the angel Lucifer was created, he was good! Lucifer chose to rebel against God.

**GOD** did not create the Devil!

## **THE OPERATION OF THE DEVIL**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Devil is real. This is clearly taught in The Scriptures. What is equally true and taught in The Scriptures is that the Devil is organized. That is to say, the Devil is no dummy. The way the Devil moves, manages and functions in the world has order to it. As we continue our lessons on the Devil, let’s consider the way the Devil operates along with some other key truths about this defeated foe.

### **A BRIEF QUIZ ON THE DEVIL, BASED ON LAST WEEK’S LESSON** **TRUE OR FALSE**

- The Devil is Omnipotent (All Powerful)?
- The Devil is Omnipresent (Everywhere at the same time)?
- The Devil is Omniscient (all knowing)?
- GOD created the Devil, as he is today?
- The Devil is a “fallen angel”?
- The Devil’s name before “fell” was Michael?

**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES OR TITLES IS NOT A NAME OR TITLE FOR THE DEVIL?**

- Beelzebub
- Lucifer
- Dragon
- Deceiver
- Little J.C.
- Michael
- Gabriel
- Apollyon

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES TAKEN FROM BIBLE VERSES IN EZEKIEL AND ISAIAH THAT DESCRIBE THE DEVIL**

1. “The anointed \_\_\_\_\_ that covers”
2. “Every precious \_\_\_\_\_ was your covering”
3. “How are you \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven, O \_\_\_\_\_, son of the morning”

**THE OPERATION OF THE DEVIL**

The Bible is clear that our **GOD** is The **ONLY** true and living **GOD**. Moreover, the Bible is clear that The **LORD GOD** is a **GOD** of order. In speaking of the Angel’s in heaven, the Bible is clear that there is order where they are concerned. Remembering once again, how the Devil seeks to copy and imitate The **LORD GOD**, let’s consider the sense of “rank”, “order” and “hierarchy” when it comes to the Devil and his demons.

**Consider the following Scriptures:**

*Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have*

come because of your words. 13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me** twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael , one of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

-Daniel 10:12-13 NKJV

**Now, consider the same verse in the New Living Translation:**

Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. 13 But for twenty-one days **the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way**. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

-Daniel 10: 12-13 NLT

**NOTE:** Note the use of the phrase: "Prince of the kingdom of Persia" and/or "the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia".

Conclusion:

**HERE'S ANOTHER SCRIPTURE:**

**"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."**

-Matthew 12:43-45 NKJV

**NOTE:** The demon's use of the words "*More wicked than himself*" (the NLT reads: "*more evil than itself*").

Conclusion, some demons are "more wicked" than others.

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*Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him **a certain man from the city who had demons** for a long time.*

*And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.*

*28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said,*

*"What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?*

*I beg You, do not torment me!" 29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.*

*30 **Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"***

***And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.***

*31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.*

-Luke 8:26-31 NKJV

**CONSIDER** finally, this exchange in The Scriptures between The **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, and the Pharisees and Scribes...

*2 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."*

*23 So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*

*25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

*26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. 27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.*

-Mark 3:22-27 NKJV

(Note: Other Bible references for this same story are found in: Matthew 12:24-30; Luke 11:14-23).

**NOTE:** The Scribes use the term “*ruler of the demons*” in their statement. This speaks of order, rank, etc. The **LORD JESUS** says that Satan’s house is not divided. This speaks of a sense of “*unity*”, “*togetherness*” or “*organization*” on the part of the Devil!

Next Week...

**HOW TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL!**

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**INTRODUCTION:** The word Devil appears 35 times in The Scriptures. The word Satan appears 54 times in The Scriptures. The word Demons appears 49 times in The Scriptures. Whatever else is clear from these numbers, it is clear that the Devil and Demons as a theme in The Scriptures is a major one!

And this evening, we conclude our Bible Study on the Devil. We’ve already discussed the Origin of the Devil and the Operation of the Devil. Now we will conclude our study with by examining what The Bible has to say about Overcoming the Devil.

Let’s begin this evening’s Bible study by looking at a number of relevant, key Scriptures, prior to examining our key Bible passage for the evening.

In speaking about people who are “*evil*” (*influenced by the Devil*); the Apostle Paul writes these words in the book of Romans...

*“Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.  
18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.  
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written,  
“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.  
20 Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;  
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”  
21 **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**”*

-Romans 12:17-21 NKJV

**APPLICATION:** This passage clearly says that one way we overcome evil, is with good!

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### ***PERSONAL NOTES!***

In speaking to Christians about why he wrote to them, the Apostle John writes these words in the Epistle/Letter of First John...

*“I am writing **to you who are mature because you know Christ,**  
the one who is from the beginning.  
I am writing **to you who are young because you have won your battle with Satan.**  
14 I have written to you, children, because you have known the Father.  
I have written to you who are mature because you know Christ,  
the one who is from the beginning.  
I have written to you who are young because **you are strong with God's word**  
**living in your hearts, and you have won your battle with Satan.**”*

-1<sup>st</sup> John 2:13-14 NLT

**APPLICATION:** It is clear from these verses of Scripture that “*knowing Christ*”; and being “*strong with God’s WORD*” living in our hearts are keys to overcoming the Devil!

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**“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”**

-1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4

**APPLICATION:** Once again, it is clear from this Scripture that a crucial key to overcoming the Devil is having **JESUS CHRIST** “*in us*”. He (**JESUS CHRIST**); has already overcome the Devil!

**“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God.**

*And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.*

*2 We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments.*

*3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn't difficult.*

*4 For **every child of God defeats this evil world by trusting Christ to give the victory.***

*5 And **the ones who win this battle against the world are the ones who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**”*

-1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-5 NLT

**APPLICATION:** It is clear from these verses of Scripture that overcoming the Devil is done by every “*Child of GOD*”, who “*trusts CHRIST for the victory*” and believe that “*JESUS is The Son of GOD*”!

**T**he Apostle John writes in the book of Revelation about believes who “*overcame*” the Devil by using three very special things: 1. The blood of The Lamb. 2. The word of their testimony. 3. They loved The LORD more than their own lives.

*“Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.*

*11 And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**”*

-Revelation 12:10-11 NKJV

**PERSONAL NOTES!**

## **HOW DID JESUS OVERCOME THE DEVIL?**

**JESUS CHRIST** is our Savior, **LORD, GOD** and King! He provides us with a model on how to overcome the Devil. This model is found in The Holy Bible. Let's read it now and then **DO WHAT JESUS DID** when He was tested by the Devil!

**Our chief passage of Scripture for this evening is found in the Gospel of Matthew-**

*"Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.***

*2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.*

*3 Now when **the tempter came to Him, he said,***

*"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."*

*4 But **He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"***

*5 Then **the devil** took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,*

*6 and **said to Him,** "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down.*

*For it is written:*

*'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and,  
'In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"*

7 **Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"**

8 **Again, the devil** *took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain,  
and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.*

9 And he **said to Him,** *"All these things I will give You if You will fall down  
and worship me."*

10 Then **Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall  
worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"**

11 *Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."*

-Matthew 4:1-11 NKJV

**APPLICATION:** It is clear from JESUS' encounter with the Devil in the wilderness, that our **LORD** responded to each of the tests presented to Him, with **THE WORD OF GOD!** That is to say, **JESUS** quoted The Scriptures to Satan.

When we encounter the Devil on any level it is very important that we know The Scriptures and are able to quote The **WORD** of **GOD** to the Devil. While we don't have to know chapter and verse, we should make it a goal to have The **WORD** of **GOD** in our hearts... that we might not sin against **GOD!** (*Read: Psalm 119:11*)

**~ A CLOSING VERSE OF SCRIPTURE:**

*"A final word: **Be strong with the Lord's mighty power.***

**11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against  
all strategies and tricks of the Devil.**

*12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood,  
but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world,  
against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world,  
and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.*

*13 Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil,  
so that after the battle you will still be standing firm.*

*14 Stand your ground,  
putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.*

*15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News,  
so that you will be fully prepared.*

*16 In every battle you will need faith as your shield  
to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.*

*17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.*

**18 Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.”**

-Ephesians 6:10 - 18 NLT