

# In The Last Days

## Who is Satan Really? The Adversary!

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### SERMON QUESTIONS & OBJECTIVES

1. What do they need to know?
  - The truth about Satan and who he is.
2. Why do they need to know it?
  - So that they will not be deceived.
3. How should they apply it?
  - Resist him in the faith.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE SERMON

1. To communicate the truth about Satan and what the Bible says about him.
2. To expose that demon worship that is coming and will be more accessible
3. The world is being primed for anti-Christ.

### OPENING LINE

*My intent is not to glorify Satan but rather expose him.*

### INTRODUCTION OF THE SERMON

#### Why Is This Message Necessary?

1. **Satan is re-marketing himself as the hero in the world**
  - The villain is becoming the hero
    - A symbol of the first individual who stands against “tyrannical rule”.
2. **Satan is desperate for worship, attention, and acceptance**
  - He has the ability to transform himself to an angel of light

#### **2Corinthians 11:13**

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

#### **2Corinthians 11:14**

And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

A rise in demonic attention/activity

- After school Satan program in schools
- Little demon program
- Lucifer – TV program
- The Devil’s Advocate - movie
- Songs: “Have A Little Sympathy for The Devil” ~The Rolling Stones
- The Grammys - Sam Smith and Satan worship

- Superbowl half time shows
- The commonwealth games – Baal worship
- Satanic parade in Brazil's carnival – mocking Jesus.

### **Revelation 9:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. <sup>21</sup> And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

## **CENTRAL TRUTH**

The adversary (Satan) has launched a marketing strategy to redefine himself. However, the Bible communicates who he really is. The world is being primed for the arrival of the anti-Christ.

## **MAIN PASSAGE**

### **Revelation 12:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

### **The Defeat of Satan**

### **Revelation 20:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### **2Corinthians 2:11**

...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

## MAIN POINTS

### 1. Who is Satan?

- a. Originally, he was created by God as a mighty angelic guardian, a winged cherub who was like no other angel.
  - He covered the Throne of God
  - He was called, "The Son of the Morning"
  - Iniquity and pride were found in him
  - He convinced a third of the angels to rebel with him
  - He was cast out of Heaven along with the rebellious angels
  - He leads the demon forces
  - A Lament over the King of Tyre.

#### **Ezekiel 28:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Then this further message came to me from the LORD: <sup>12</sup> "Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone—red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone, blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. <sup>16</sup> Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned. So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup> Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. Your wisdom was corrupted by your love of splendor. So I threw you to the ground and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings. <sup>18</sup> You defiled your sanctuaries with your many sins and your dishonest trade. So I brought fire out from within you, and it consumed you. I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. <sup>19</sup> All who knew you are appalled at your fate. You have come to a terrible end, and you will exist no more." (NLT)

His rebellion and pride morphed him into a horrible demon along with the other fallen angels:

#### **Isaiah 14:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.' <sup>12</sup> "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! <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. <sup>16</sup> "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup> Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

<sup>18</sup> "All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house;

<sup>19</sup> But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.

**b. Other names for Satan in the Bible, he is also known as:**

- The adversary
- The devil
- The snake or the old serpent
- Lucifer
- The dragon
- The father of lies
- The tempter
- The evil one.

**c. The name for Satan and the demonic**

- Satan: is used 37 times in the New Testament and 55 times in the entire Bible
- The name devil is used 35 times in the entire Bible
- Demon - 30 times in the entire Bible
- Demons - 42 references
- Demonic – one reference
- Principality – two times in the New Testament
- Powers – 13 times in the entire Bible.

**2. What did Jesus say about him?**

- a. For the most part, Satan is a rebellious demonic spirit (a fallen angel), he is a thief, a liar and a murderer. He deceives nations and people alike.
- b. He is first mentioned in the Book of Genesis – he is the tempter. He questions the integrity of God.
- c. **John 8:44**  
You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and 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.
- d. He is a thief  
**Mark 4:15**  
And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.
- e. He fell from heaven  
**Luke 10:18**  
And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- f. He tempts people  
**Matthew 4:3**  
Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."  
  
**1Thessalonians 3:5**  
For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.
- g. He binds people in sickness and bondage  
**Luke 13:16**  
So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

### 3. What does he do?

#### a. He deceives people

##### **2Corinthians 11:3**

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

##### **Revelation 12:9**

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.

#### b. He enters people – Satan has the ability to take over someone's life either directly or through a demonic spirit

##### **Luke 22:3**

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

#### c. He fills people's hearts to lie

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

#### d. He teaches false belief systems that are contrary to God

- The doctrine of demons and seducing spirits

##### **1Timothy 4:1**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

- Wokeness is a virus that is infecting the church
  - Racism
  - Gender
  - Sexuality

#### e. He has a church

##### **Revelation 2:9**

"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

#### f. He murders

##### **John 8:44**

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and 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.

#### g. He makes the nations weak.

#### 4. How is he connected to the end time?

- a. Consider the various things that Satan will be responsible for in the last days. He will:
- Empower anti-Christ, the false beasts and false prophet
  - Promote the worship of demons
  - Deceive people and nations
  - Persecute the body of Christ
  - Cause wars.

- b. He deceives the nations

##### **Revelation 12:9**

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.

- c. **Revelation 20:2** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

##### **Revelation 20:7**

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison.

##### **Revelation 2:10**

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

##### **Revelation 12:12**

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

#### **Anti-Christ**

#### **The Man of Lawlessness**

##### **2Thesalonians 2:1-12**

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, <sup>2</sup> not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of <sup>ⓐ</sup>Christ had come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of <sup>ⓑ</sup>sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits <sup>ⓐ</sup>as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup> For the <sup>ⓐ</sup>mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only <sup>ⓑ</sup>He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. <sup>9</sup> **The coming of the lawless one 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.** <sup>11</sup> **And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,** <sup>12</sup> **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

## The Second Beast

### Revelation 13:11-18

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives <sup>[a]</sup>those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. <sup>15</sup> He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and that no one may buy or sell except one who has <sup>[b]</sup>the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

<sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

### 5. What did Jesus take from Him?

- a. Jesus defeated Satan on many occasions before and during His ministry, but He completed the work on the cross when He cried, "It is finished". Christ stripped the devil and took back what Adam lost in the Garden.
- b. Jesus took the keys of hell and death

### Revelation 1:18

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

- c. Christ became the leader and the head of principalities and powers - Christ removed Satan's place of authority over the demonic realm

### Colossians 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup> For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

- d. Jesus defeated Satan and took back what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden. He made an open display of them and led them captive

### Ephesians 4:8

Therefore He says: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

### Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **SERMON CONCLUSION - THE CALL TO ACTION**

Satan is defeated and cast into the lake of fire!

### **Revelation 19:20**

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

### **Revelation 20:10**

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### **Romans 16:20**

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.