



## **UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS ABOUT OUR ENEMY SATAN**

**2 Corinthians 2:11.. in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.**

God is greater than Satan and we, as Christians, are in Christ. We do not need to be frightened by Satan nor should we be fascinated by his work.

***Prayer:***

***"Lord Jesus, should any of my views about Satan and the warfare be changed? Help me understand the truth of my union with Christ and what it means in my everyday life. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen"***

The names given to Satan in the Bible give clues as to how he tries to work against us:

**• *deceiver***

Revelations 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

2 Corinthians 11:13&14 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

***Prayer:***

***"Lord, please begin to show me how Satan has been trying to hinder my walk with You. How have I been deceived by Him? Are there any experiences that I may have accepted as being from You that were not? Thank you for giving me discernment. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."***

- **accuser**

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night."

Satan accuses God, telling us lies about what He is like, about His character. Satan also accuses us, telling us lies and distortions about ourselves. He wants us to hate ourselves. He also accuses other people, and tries to stir up bitterness and hatred in our hearts towards them.

**Prayer:**

***"Lord Jesus, how does Satan accuse You to me? What distortions about what You are like have I accepted? What lies or distortions about myself need to be uprooted from my mind and my emotions? How can they be uprooted? Please show me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."***

- **liar**

John 8:44...the devil... does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

Anything that does not match up to what the Bible says, is a lie. We should test what we think is true by looking to see if Scripture agrees or disagrees with it.

**Prayer:**

***"Lord Jesus, show me any areas where I have accepted Satan's lies. I want to have truth 'in the innermost being' of my life, as Your Word says. Thank You for teaching me. Show me how to use Your Word as the Sword of the Spirit as I confront the lies with Your truth. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."***

- ***destroyer/murderer***

Revelation 9:11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon ("destroyer").

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

John 8:44...the devil...was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

Satan tries to destroy our life. He sometimes tries to get us to commit suicide.

- ***tempter***

Mark 1:13 And He [Jesus] was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

***Prayer:***

***"Lord Jesus, help me to choose life. Help me recognize when Satan is tempting me to choose his way, not Yours. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."***

Satan may try to do other things as well: he tries to keep us from understanding the Bible (Mark 4:15); he causes some illnesses (Luke 13:16); he tries to control us and make us his slave (2 Timothy 2:26). Always remember: **Christ is Victor over Satan!**