

Angels & Satan



The Invisible War

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Angels

Their Nature

- intelligence (1 Pet. 1:12)
- feelings (Lk. 2:13)
- will (Ju. 6)
- have bodies with wings (Isa. 6:2)
- non-reproducing (Mk. 12:25)
- do not die (Lk 20:36)

Their Organization

- innumerable (Heb. 12:22)
- archangel(s), Michael (Ju. 9)
- guardian angels (Heb 1:14)
- governmental angels (Eph. 3:10)
- seraphim, worship (Isa. 6:1-3)
- cherubim, guard (Gen. 3:22-24)

Their Ministry to Christ

- predicted His birth (Lk. 1 26-33)
- announced His birth (Lk. 2:13)
- protected Him as an infant (Mt. 2:13)
- strengthened Him in temptation (Mt. 4:11)
- ever ready to defend Him (Mt. 26:53)
- minister to Him at Gethsemane (Lk. 22:43)
- roll away the stone from His tomb (Mt. 28:2)
- announce His resurrection (Mt. 28:6)

Their Ministry to Believers

- general assistance (Heb. 1:14)
- answer prayers (Ac. 12:7)
- encourage in danger (Ac. 27:23-24)
- caring for believers at death (Lk. 16:22; Ju. 9)

Fallen Angels (Satan & Demons)

Observations

- Christianity is not _____ (an eternal struggle between good and evil).
- All supernatural phenomena is not of _____.
- Satan's existence is taught from the beginning to the end of the Biblical story.
- Satan's existence is affirmed by _____ NT author.

Old Testament Key Passage regarding Satan

- **Satan's Five "I Will"'s** (Isaiah 14:13-14)

*¹³ You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.
¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."*

- **King of Tyre's Model** (Ezekiel 28:1-19)

▶ **The King of Tyre's Pride & Judgment (28:1-10)**

His Pride: I am God

His Arrogance: I am Wise

His Divine Judgment:

⁷ *I am going to bring foreigners against you,
the most ruthless of nations;
they will draw their swords against your beauty and wisdom
and pierce your shining splendor.*

⁸ *They will bring you down to the pit,
and you will die a violent death
in the heart of the seas.*

⁹ *Will you then say, "I am a god,"
in the presence of those who kill you?
You will be but a man, not a god,
in the hands of those who slay you.*

▶ **The King of Tyre's Model: Satan (28:11-19)**

*"You were the model of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*

¹³ *You were in Eden,
the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
ruby, topaz and emerald,
chrysolite, onyx and jasper,
sapphire, turquoise and beryl.*

*Your settings and mountings were made of gold;
on the day you were created they were prepared.*

¹⁴ *You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.*

*You were on the holy mount of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.*

¹⁵ *You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.*

¹⁶ *Through your widespread trade
you were filled with violence,
and you sinned.*

*So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,
and I expelled you, O guardian cherub,*

*from among the fiery stones.
17 Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.
18 By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.
19 All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.’”*

► **Satan’s Tempting of Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:1-6)**

*1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?**”*

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

*4 “**You will not surely die,**” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**”*

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Note: _____ and _____ this account of the temptation of Adam and Eve with the temptation of Jesus Christ. (Lk.4; Mt. 4)

Standing Firm in the Satanic Fight

- **Know Your Situation: *Spiritual Struggle***

“Mediums and Satanists and Wiccans, Oh My!”

[1] Witchcraft and magic (enchantment) are forbidden.
[Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-11; 2 Chron. 33:6.]

[2] Worship of other gods (goddesses) is forbidden.
[Ex. 20:3; 1 Ki. 11:4-5.]

[3] Esteeming nature above God is condemned.
[Ro. 1:21-25.]

[4] Satan and his evil influence is reality.
[Zech. 3:2; Mat. 4:1-11; Lk. 6:45.]

[5] Biblical revelation is the yardstick for truth and a sufficient guide for life.
[1 Jn. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Eph. 5:7-12]

- **Know Your Enemy: *Satan & Strategies***

- **Know Your Provisions: *The Whole Armor of God***

Eph 6:10-11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that **you will be able to stand firm** against the schemes of the devil.

