

Satanology in Job 1:1 - 2:10

- A. Satan's existence is assumed (1:6)
- B. Satan's work is that of an accuser or adversary (1:6)
- C. Satan is a real person
 - 1. Emotion – antagonistic to God (2:4)
 - 2. Intellect – knows humans (1:9-10)
 - 3. Will – roams where he will (1:7)
- D. Satan's character...
 - 1. Persistent (1:7-2:3)
 - 2. Devoid of true love (1:11)
 - 3. Does not learn from experience – thinks all are selfish like him (1:11)
 - 4. Warped in thinking – still equates contentment with position (1:10)
 - 5. A liar – not consistent in accusation (2:3-5)
- E. Satan's purposes...
 - 1. To prove God a liar (1:9ff)
 - 2. To prove that God's rule is ineffective (1:10)
 - 3. To prove that all believers doubt God (1:11)
 - 4. To cast doubt on God's character and actions (1:10; 2:4)
 - 5. To draw men away from God and unto himself (2:3)
- F. Satan's work...
 - 1. In relation to God...
 - a. God regulates him (1:12)
 - (1) He has immense power (1:13ff)
NOTE: He operates with a realization of his inferiority to God, but always wants to be higher.
 - (2) He is not omnipresent (1:6,7)
 - (3) He is not omniscient – Job was faithful (1:9)
 - b. He has access to God (1:6)
 - c. He can talk with God (1:7ff)
 - d. He can roam earth and possesses power (1:7, 13)
 - e. He must have permission by God (1:12)
 - f. He is antagonistic toward God (1:9)
 - g. He thinks that God strives for human allegiance as he does (1:10; 2:4)
 - 2. In Relation to Man...
 - a. He is envious of man's worship of God (1:8,9)
 - b. He knows all about men (1:10)
 - c. He has goals and stratagems (1:13-19; 2:7)
 - d. He can work through means: *nature* (1:19); *disease* (2:7); *people* (1:13-18)
 - e. He cannot act against man without God's permission (1:12)