

Learning to Resist Satan Ezekiel 28:11-19

Satan's Beginning Ezekiel 28:11-15

- He was a beautiful and wise angel (v.12)
- He lived in Eden, garden of God (v.13)
- He was created sinless by God (v.13, 15)
- He was a guardian cherub angel before God (v.14)

Satan's Fall and Strategy Today Ezekiel 28:16-18

"By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God." (v.16)

Trade = "to go about from one to another." I Peter 5:8, I Timothy 3:6

- **Be alert and know his strategy against believers**
 - For Truth, Bible - causes doubt, distortion, and deception. Genesis 3:1; II Corinthians 11:3, 13-15; Acts 5:1-9
 - For Morality - offers tempting sinful options to destroy marriages. I Corinthians 7:5
 - For Materialism, Finances - enticed with the world's values, never satisfied, wanting more. I John 2:15-17, 5:19
 - For attack on believers:
 - Emotionally - I Peter 5:6-11
 - Physically - II Corinthians 12:7-10
 - Spiritually - Revelation 12:10, Luke 22:31-34
- **Know his strategy against nonbelievers**
 - To blind them to the gospel - II Corinthians 4:4
 - To take away biblical truth - Luke 8:11-12
- **You can overcome Satan**
 - Evaluate if any of his strategies are at work in your life.
 - Humbly confess any sin and submit to God's power - James 4:6-8
 - Resist the devil and he will flee from you - James 4:7
 - Grow in your faith - I Peter 5:8-9; I John 4:4-6; Ephesians 6:10-17

Satan's Future Demise Ezekiel 28:18-19

- Presently, limited access to God - Job 1, Zechariah 3:1-2
- Permanently cast from heaven in future Tribulation period - Revelation 12:7-13
- Placed in a bottomless pit in the Millennium kingdom as Christ reigns - Revelation 20:1-3
- Finally, cast into the lake of fire forever - Revelation 20:10

DIGGING DEEPER:

Our new series, Supernatural, will open to us the unseen world. Today we learn about Satan, a fallen angel that is behind all sin and destruction. Learn more about this series at calvarylife.org/series

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Discuss the four strategies (listed on the front side in the outline) on how Satan will oppose believers. Where have you seen evidence of these in your life or in the church?

To help people who do not believe in Jesus

- Pray for nonbelievers who are blinded by Satan as II Corinthians 4:4 teaches.
- Consider ways you can love and care for them.
- Keep giving nonbelievers the truth of the Word of God. Based on Luke 8:12, why is this important?

Satan is known by a number of names and titles

- Satan means adversary - Revelation 12:9
- Devil means slanderer - Revelation 12:9
- Dragon - Revelation 12:9
- Evil one - I John 5:19
- Tempter - I Thessalonians 3:5
- Prince of this world - John 12:31
- God of this world - II Corinthians 4:4
- Prince of the power of the air - Ephesians 2:2
- Serpent - Revelation 12:9
- Angel of light - II Corinthians 11:14

Satan is a fallen angel with personality, not a mythical or allegorical figure

- He has intellect - II Corinthians 11:3
- He has emotions - Revelation 12:17
- He has a will - II Timothy 2:26

Satan is created by God with limitations

- He is not all powerful and everywhere at once, but does have power over this world - I John 5:19
- God limits where he may go and what he may do to people - Job 1-2
- But Satan can still deceive nations to carry out his destruction - Revelation 20:1-3

Believers can overcome Satan. In prayer, ask for these areas of victory in your life

- Jesus judged him on the cross - John 12:31
- Jesus rendered him powerless through His sacrifice - Hebrews 2:14-15
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit in us are more powerful than the evil one - I John 4:4-6
- Believers can resist his power causing him to flee - James 4:7
- Jesus modeled how to overcome his temptations in Matthew 4:1-11 -
How did Jesus respond to Satan? How should you respond?

NEXT STEPS:

1. Explore the foundational elements of discipleship, strengthen your knowledge of the Bible and learn to overcome temptation and spiritual struggles. Join us for the 'Discover Jesus' class on Wednesday evenings through June 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Worship Center Lobby. Learn more about Discover Classes at calvarylife.org/discover
2. Join a LifeGroup for support and accountability. LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. There are many LifeGroups available on Calvary's campus and in homes across Orange County. Learn more at calvarylife.org/lifegroups



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