

Overcoming Satan 1 Peter 5

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

Satan is Hostile to God Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28

“But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God...” Isaiah 14:13

- **Satan was blessed by God before his rebellion**
 - Worship leader, musically gifted (Isaiah 14:11)
 - Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty (Ezekiel 28:12)
 - Had fellowship with God (Ezekiel 28:14-15)
- **Satan’s pride led to his rebellion**
 - Satan wanted to be like God
“I will make myself like the Most High...” (Isaiah 14:14)
 - Satan’s blessings from God led to his pride and downfall
“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.” (Ezekiel 28:17)
- **Satan in his rebellion was cast out of God’s holy presence**
 - Satan’s sinful rebellion produced instant ejection from heaven
“Nevertheless, you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:15)
 - Satan’s sinful rebellion couldn’t coexist with God’s holiness
“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.” (Ezekiel 28:16)

Satan is Hostile to Jesus Revelation 12, Luke 4 and Matthew 16

- **Satan (Red Dragon) and his army of fallen angels wage war at the birth of Jesus**
“And his tail swept away a third of the stars from heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth he might devour the child.” Revelation 12:4
- **Satan goes after Jesus for 40 days in the Judean desert at the beginning of his ministry**
“And when the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.” (Luke 4:13)
- **Jesus rebukes Peter for being a temporary spokesperson for Satan (Matthew 16:23)**

Satan is Hostile to Us John 8, Genesis 3, Job 1, Luke 22, 1 Peter 5

- **Satan’s strategy: Turn you over to pride or pity through lies**
“...for he is a liar and the father of lies...” (John 8:44)
- **Satan used pride to tempt Adam and Eve into sin and pity after they fell into sin (Genesis 3)**
- **Satan asks God for permission to test people (Job 1:6-22 and Luke 22:31)**
- **Satan prowls around like roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9)**

Satan and Sin are Defeated by the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15; John 3:8; Revelation 20

“...the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8

Therefore, take courage, through Jesus Christ, you can overcome Satan and stand firm in your faith (1 Peter 5)

“Satan prowls, but he is a lion on a leash.” – Ann Voscamp

LifeGroup Discussion

1. Read Isaiah 14:10-15 and Ezekiel 28:1-19. In these passages the Old Testament, prophets address the Kings of Babylon and Tyre, but also reveal the larger story of Satan. What stands out to you about Satan's rebellion towards God?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. In your present day life with God, do you feel wobbly or strong in your ability to stand firm against the schemes and lies of Satan? What would help you strengthen your stand against Satan?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Standing firm was never meant to be done alone. How could you encourage others in their stand against Satan and how can you invite others to encourage you?
4. Read Colossians 2:13-15. Are you confident you have an advocate, Savior, Rescuer, Redeemer and Rock who stands with you in the person of Jesus Christ? How could you see Jesus more clearly in your day-to-day life as the Ultimate One who stands with you against Satan's schemes and lies?

Next Steps

1. Satan and sin have been defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you haven't placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and the Leader (Lord) of your life, use the booklet called "The Way to Connect with God" in the seat rack at your chair to guide you through a prayer of turning your life over to Jesus, the victor of Satan and sin.
2. Join us for the 'Discover Jesus' class on Wednesday evenings through June 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Worship Center Lobby. This 8-week course will encourage you as you resist the lies of Satan and look toward the truth of Jesus Christ. Explore the foundational elements of discipleship, strengthen your knowledge of the Bible and learn to overcome temptation and spiritual struggles. Learn more about Discover Classes at calvarylife.org/discover
3. Standing firm against the schemes of Satan is not just an individual effort, but a team sport. Join a LifeGroup at Calvary to surround yourself with other Christians that can encourage you and that you can encourage to resist Satan's lies. 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

Digging Deeper

Additional biblical references to Satan (taken from commentary by Merrill F. Unger, "The New Unger's Bible Handbook")

- Gen 3:1-14: Satan disguises himself as a serpent
- Isaiah 14:12: He was Lucifer, son of the morning fall
- 1 Chronicles 21:1: He energized David to evil
- Job 1:7-2:10: He accused and afflicted Job
- Matthew 4:3: He is the tempter
- Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:10-11: Perverts the Word of God
- Matthew 12:24 and Acts 10:38: He is the prince of demons
- Matthew 13:19: He snatches away the Word
- Matthew 13:38-39: He sows tares
- Matthew 13:38: He is the evil one
- Matthew 13:39: He is the enemy
- Matthew 25:11: He sends out false prophets
- Matthew 25:41: He is a fallen angel
- Luke 4:13: He is the devil, the slanderer
- John 8:44: He is a murderer
- John 12:31; 14:30: He is the prince of this world
- John 13:2, 27: He causes Judas to betray Christ
- Acts 5:3: He causes Ananias to lie
- 2 Corinthians 4:4: He blinds people spiritually
- Galatians 1:7-8: He proclaims a false gospel
- Ephesians 2:2: He indwells the unsaved
- Ephesians 6:11-12: Heads a celestial hierarchy of evil
- 1 Thessalonians 2:18: He hinders God's will in believers
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9: He works diabolical miracles
- 1 Timothy 4:1-6: He instigates false doctrine
- Revelation: He has a synagogue of legalists who deny God's grace
- Revelation 12:9: He is the deceiver
- Revelation 12:9; 20:2: He is the dragon, the old serpent

AND... He has been disarmed, disgraced and defeated by Jesus Christ!

6 Truths about Jesus' Defeat of Satan: (adapted from Scott Carson)

- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, Satan's head was crushed. (Genesis 3:15)
- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He destroyed the works of Satan. (1 John 3:8)
- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, Satan's power was broken forever. (Hebrews 2:14-15)
- When Jesus died and rose again, Satan's captives to sin were set free (Romans 8)
- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, Satan's demons were disarmed. (Colossians 2:15)
- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, Satan's doom was guaranteed (Revelation 20:10)



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