

DEFEATED KINGDOM OF SATAN

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Satan

Satan is described in different ways in the Bible. He is called, among other things, the snake, angel of light, morning star, lucifer, and ruler of the air.

Satan is also called a fallen angel. This means that he is no longer in heaven but is at work on earth.

Satan was a beautiful and very powerful created angel. He wanted to be like God in pride and rebellion and so he was banished from heaven. Jes 14:12-15

Satan has a kingdom on earth.

Matt 12:26 tells us that satan has a kingdom.

In that kingdom he has the power. When satan was banished from heaven he came to earth with his followers. We call these followers or beings demons. They try to deceive people and control them.

Satan wants to be worshipped and have power in the world, because he wants to be like God.

Does satan have power over Jesus?

John 14:30

John 12:31

Satan does not have any power over believers now. When Jesus returns to earth satan will be condemned and will eventually lose his power over the world.

How did Jesus defeat satan's power?

Satan tested Jesus and tried to tempt him to listen to him.

- 1) **Identity.** Do not listen to satan but only listen to God. Jesus applied the Word in practice.
- 2) **Authority.** Only worship God
- 3) **Responsibility.** Do not test God *Luk 4:1-13*

Jesus did not do anything which satan asked of him or tried to tempt him to do in disobedience to God. Jesus continually spoke the Word of God to satan. Jesus defeated satan by doing what the Father asked of him.

Do you remember that Adam and Eve did listen to satan? Because Jesus trusted God the Father and listened to Him, satan had no power over Jesus. Jesus knew His identity, authority and responsibility.

What is the Father's task for Jesus?

John 10:17,18

Eph 1:20,21,22

Eph 2:1-5

And now what are the consequences for you?

Col 1:13,14



EXERCISE:

You have just read that your good deeds cannot help you to earn anything with God; neither can you defeat satan with them. But you can by believing the good news. Jesus has defeated satan in your life.

Are there areas in your life over which satan has power? In order to find this out, take another look at the three texts in Luke 4:1-13. Do you recognize areas in your life where you have responded differently than Jesus did?

You can see how Jesus defeated satan. Each time he spoke the Word of God and was obedient to His Father. You can defeat satan by trusting in God and living completely dependent upon Him. Choose, just like Jesus did, to live close to the Father.

Discuss the previous study with your mentor. What has truly changed if you have made Jesus King of your life?

Discuss the areas in your life where you feel you are being controlled. Which things are leading you instead of you leading them? Are there specific fears, nightmares or other things you really don't like which are oppressing you? Talk together about this.

Are you able to choose to give the things you have discussed over to God? Write your own prayer telling God what you believe about the power of Jesus in your life. Tell satan that his power in your life has been demolished by Jesus. Discuss this with your mentor and pray it through together. Keep this prayer and take another look at it in the next lesson and see what God has done.

PRINCIPLE 4

Jesus came to earth to defeat satan. You too can be released from the power of satan by following Jesus.



Isaiah 14:12-14

12 "How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.
14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Matt 12:26

²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?

John 14:30

³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me.

John 12:31

³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Luke 4:1-13

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

John 10:17,18

17 "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Eph 1:20-22

²⁰ Which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

Eph 2:1-5

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh¹ and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Col 1:13,14

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.