

## Some Facts about Satan

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Him. (Eze. 28:13) The idea that Satan is an ugly, red, pitchfork-wielding, six winged, and tailed creature is not from the Bible. Those images were created from older literature such as Dante Alighieri's Italian poem, *Divine Comedy* written between 1308 - 1321. The 14,233 lined poem has little biblical teaching and mostly incorporates Catholic doctrine, which greatly influenced the writer.

☼ He was perfect until he sinned. (Eze. 28:15)

☼ He was proud and thought himself God. (Isa. 14:13-15, Eze. 28:13)

☼ He was thrown out of heaven. (Isa. 14:12, Eze. 28:16, Rev. 12:9)

☼ He has appeared before God. (Job 1:6-8)

☼ He can provoke nations, as he provoked Israel. (I Chron. 21:1, Isa. 14:12)

☼ He could tempt even Jesus: (Luke 4:1-13)

☼ He can fill one's heart with the wrong ideas, if we let him. (Acts 5:3, Mat. 13:19)

☼ He can transform himself into an angel of light. (II Cor. 11:14-

**"The devil has power to suggest evil, but he was not given the power to compel you against your will." — Cyril**

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☼ He is behind many of the false, unbiblical religions. (Rev. 2:9)

☼ He attempts to destroy whomever he can. (I Pet. 5:8)

☼ He has free rein to travel throughout the world. (Job 2:2)

☼ He is the accuser of the brethren. (Rev. 12:10)

☼ He can influence Christians, if they are weakened by sin, and if God gives him permission to do so. (Job 1, Luke 22:3)

☼ He is a murderer and liar. (John 8:44)

☼ He will temporarily be bound during the millennial reign of Christ. (Rev. 20:2-3)

☼ He will eventually end up in Hell and the Lake of Fire.

(Isa. 14:15)

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**"He (the devil) can make men dance upon the brink of Hell as though they were on the verge of heaven" — C. H. Spurgeon**

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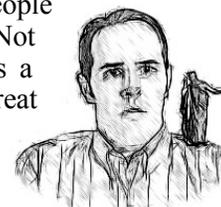


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## What Can the Devil Do?

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The devil is real and is a threat to saved and to unsaved people alike. Not everyone is a spiritual threat to Satan and his earthly domain, but he is still the enemy to all people.



Sometimes it is not Satan that is intervening in one's life but the devils, Satan's imps, that also attempt to hamper the works of God and this earth's people. However, most of the time we get into sin all by ourselves without any intervention from Satan or the "devils." It is often our own sinful flesh that sins without any supernatural involvement.

There is no Scripture that indicates that Satan can make a saved person lose his salvation and send him to Hell, but the enemy of God and His people

can make lives miserable and ruin any testimony one may have for the Lord Jesus Christ. This world is unfortunately full of saved people that fell for the enemy's tricks, and are no longer good Christian examples. Their tarnished testimony leaves a bad taste in many mouths for the cause of Christ because of their lack of resistance to temptations.

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☼ His other names include: Abaddon, Apollyon, Beelzebub, Belial, Satan, Lucifer, prince of devils (Mat. 12:24), devil, prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2), prince of this world (John 15:30), son of the morning (Isa. 14:12).

☼ He is a cherub. (Eze. 28:14)

☼ He was in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. (Eze. 28:13)

☼ He knows the Word of God. (Gen. 3:1)

☼ He was a beautiful creature created by God to make music for

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Although some would like to blame Satan's interference for every bad event that happens in their lives, he is not responsible for all the trauma and trials. Here is some of what the Bible tells us about what Satan can and has done to different people, both the righteous and the unrighteous, in the biblical past:

**He can take the word out of hearts and minds, which can keep one from being saved.**

*"Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."* Luke 8:12 Also: Mat. 13:19.

**He can blind unbelievers from seeing the truth.**

*"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* II Cor. 4:3-4

**He can tempt you, as he did God's only son, Jesus, while He was in the wilderness.**

*"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil ...."*

*Mat. 4:1-10*

*"And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the*

*heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;"* John 13:2

**He can be used to test you, with God's permission, as he did Job.**

*"And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD."*

*Job 1:12*

**He can fight against the saved.**

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* Eph. 6:12

**He can tempt us to disobey God.**

*"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."* Gen. 3:4-5 Satan tempted Eve to disobey God's commandments. Also: I Chron. 21:1, Eph. 2:2 Mat. 16:23.

**He can oppose and hinder God's people.**

*"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."* I Thes. 2:18

Also: Zech. 3:1.

**He can encourage doubt and tell lies against believers.**

*"Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."* Job 1:9-11

**He can bring about disease, with God's permission.**

*"So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown."*

*Job 2:7*

**He, and the "devils," can be allowed to hurt one's body.**

*"And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."* Luke 9:42

**He will lie.**

*"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44

**He can cause trials in our lives, destroy lives, and testimonies.**

*"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you*

*into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."* Rev. 2:10

**He can control an unsaved person.**

*"And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him."* Luke 9:39 All demon possessed people in the Bible were unsaved.

As dangerous and hateful as Satan and the devils are to God's people, Christians have nothing to fear. If we are saved, and close to Him, we will have God's protection. The danger, however, is present when we stray out of God's fellowship by being involved in sin.

Trust Christ as your Saviour. Read His word faithfully, and obey all that God shows you (Eph. 2:2), and He will protect you from sin and the enemy's wiles.

*"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."* John 10:29

*"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."*

*I John 4:4* Also: I John 5:4

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**"The Devil's best ruse is to persuade us that he does not exist." — Baudelaire**