



Are Demons Real?

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Demons - what are they - who are they? Are they associated with Satan or are they figments of very fertile imaginations, brought to life through very real special effects and computer technology? Demons are real and are the minions of Satan. Believe it or not, we have become comfortable with demons being among us, because they are so often portrayed as misunderstood and even likeable beings. Are we in trouble? Yes!

Whose Mission Statement is this?

The mission of _____ is to encourage benevolence and empathy among all people, reject tyrannical authority, advocate practical common sense and justice, and be directed by the human conscience to undertake noble pursuits guided by the individual will. Civic-minded, _____ has been involved in a number of good works including taking a stand against the controversial and extremist Westboro Baptist Church, working on behalf of children in public school who have been subject to corporal punishment and more.

Here is an organization very involved in encouraging benevolence and empathy. Whose mission statement is this...?

There is a difference between a devil worshipper and a Satanist. Apparently, Satanists generally do not believe in an actual entity named Satan.

 **Man is a carnal beast, *churchofsatan***

- *(Narrator) The church of Satan, located in New York City, reports to have several hundred thousand members worldwide.*
- *(Follower) The attraction of Satanism is it is the first religion in the history of the Western world to accept man as he really is. He's a carnal animal, a beast, and is something to be exercised not exorcised.*
- *(Narrator) To its followers, Satanism is about celebrating man, not worshipping the devil.*
- *(Follower) Satan. Life strength is mine.*

The Mission Statement we first read was from a different group based in Michigan, called The Satanic Temple. They are a recognized religious organization. Just as there are different brands of Christianity, there are different brands of Satanism. In researching for this program, we learned that Satanists do not actually believe in Satan.

(Source: thesatanictemple.com) There are seven fundamental tenets:

1. One should strive to act with compassion and empathy towards all creatures in accordance with reason.
2. The struggle for justice is an ongoing and necessary pursuit that should prevail over laws and institutions.



3. One's body is inviolable (an adjective meaning "never to be broken, infringed or dishonored"), subject to one's own will alone.
4. The freedoms of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend. To willfully and unjustly encroach upon the freedoms of another is to forgo your own.
5. Beliefs should conform to our best scientific understanding of the world. We should take care never to distort scientific facts to fit our beliefs.
6. People are fallible. If we make a mistake, we should do our best to rectify it and resolve any harm that may have been caused.
7. Every tenet is a guiding principle designed to inspire nobility in action and thought. The spirit of compassion, wisdom and justice should always prevail over the written or spoken word.

 Moral progress, *Five Things You Didn't Know About Satanists, CNN*

- (Reporter) When you hear that someone is a self-proclaimed Satanist it raises a lot of eyebrows - devil worshipers, people who sacrifice animals. But I found something really different in this group of people who call themselves Satanists. One of the reasons why the Satanic Temple chose Satan as their representative is they perceived Satan as being the ultimate rebel. Do they actually believe in the devil and believe in this deity called Satan? No. In what way is the Satanic Temple a religion?
- (Michael, a Satanic follower) Religion helps define who you are. As Satanists, we are fighting for moral progress. We see how much encroachment there is of religion in public affairs, and I think it's the only responsible thing to do to fight for your own deeply-held beliefs.

Satan the ultimate rebel:

Ezekiel 28:13-17: (RVIC) (These verses were prophetically spoken to the King of Tyre but were a prophecy about Satan.) ¹³Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering...¹⁴Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee...thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground...

Satan, then known as Lucifer, was a cherubim positioned on somewhat of a permanent basis to protect or cover. He was originally a magnificent, powerful and beautiful *morning star*. Lucifer was respected in the heavenly realm but then chose a different path.





Is it only about being a rebel? Isn't there more to it than that?



Lucifer leads to knowledge, *Five Things You Didn't Know About Satanists*, CNN

- (Reporter) As a skilled artist, Michael is now using his craft to stand with the Temple and their fight for religious freedom. When the Michigan state capitol put a nativity scene during Christmastime, the Satanic Temple placed their own symbol of faith on the state capitol lawn, and Michael helped design it.
- (Michael) The snake itself is to be representative of Lucifer when he chose to lead man to knowledge in the Garden of Eden. We support the idea of Lucifer as a metaphorical figure and his influence on man.

This group took what they believe to be a fable of the Garden of Eden and made it the basis for their belief system.

But *did* Lucifer bring man to knowledge? As with anything deceptive, a good deception has a lot of truth sprinkled into it.

We already know how Satan was bursting with ego as he was given charge as the "covering" in the Garden:

Genesis 2:15-17: (NASB) ¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. ¹⁶The LORD God commanded the man, saying, from any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

God gave Adam the knowledge necessary to perpetuate life. God gave Adam what he needed to know at the time he needed to know it.

Satan saw this as not enough - they should stretch themselves further - higher - like he did:

Genesis 3:4-7: (NASB) ⁴The serpent said to the woman, you surely will not die! (This was an outright lie! Is this how to get knowledge?) ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. (This was truth but built upon a lie!) ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.



Their eyes were immediately opened to things they had not seen before - things which they now knew prematurely. The Tree was there for a test of obedience but also for future use when the time was right. You would not give a small child all knowledge about everything; they are fed as they are helped to grow.

Yet even after sinning, Adam and Eve were allowed to maintain their dominion over the earth.

CONSEQUENCE

The protections of perfection would be removed:

Genesis 3:16-19:(NASB) ¹⁶To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children;



The equality of perfection was skewed:

Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.

Satan also was subject to the loss of perfection's protection and his high rank.

The earth itself would now be a part of the suffering of death, just as it had been a part of the perpetuation and blessing of life:

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, you shall not eat from it; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

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Effort would now become toil as the cursed earth would no longer produce to its formerly blessed capacity:

¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Here God reminds them about dying. Satan lied and covered his lie with truth. That is not the way to get to knowledge.



A caller from Connecticut suggests: When I think of demons it has nothing to do with the devil. My demons are when family or friends hurt me. You have to let it go in order to live your life.

Satan is a real, influential and powerful spirit being. Sometimes people say, "I'm not religious, but I'm spiritual." This can be dangerous, because spirituality is not necessarily a good thing if one is "in tune with" dark spiritual beings. This is different from the personal demons referred to by our last caller.

CONSEQUENCE

Satan also was relegated to life in the context of a God-forsaken sinful earth. His pursuit of personal glory and his giving "knowledge" resulted in a wholesale destruction of unity, perfection and peace.

 **Opposers to man as spiritual, churchof Satan**

- (Follower) Drink in honor of your true nature.
- (Narrator) Satanists claim they don't even believe in the devil, per se.
- (Follower) Satan as a word has significance in many different contexts. In a Christian context, it's one of absolute evil and opposition to their God who represents absolute good. To a Satanist, Satan means "adversary" or "opposer" which is the original meaning of the word, and we're the opposers of all who would try to make man spiritual rather than carnal.

Man is a carnal being, but one created in the image of God, not like the other animals. We are different.



We know about Satan, but where did the demons come from?

Once the example was set and the precedent made, it was only a matter of opportunity for others to fall, for Satan was glorious, powerful and lofty. He was a respected example and an influence that would have been hard to avoid.

Satan influenced other *sons of God* towards rebellion:

Genesis 6:1-5: (ASV) ¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose.



Notice, the *sons of God* (not *angels*) were dabbling in the lives of mankind of their own accord and following their own desires, as Satan did, and were *not* acting as *angels* or messengers of God.

For more on this subject, please refer to the program from December 6, 2015, "Do Angels Protect You?"

³And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he also is flesh: yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. ⁴The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

These spiritual *sons of God* acted against the will of God and the design of God, mixing spirit with flesh. They bore a hybrid race that did not belong. Satan also acted against the will and design of God, essentially developing a race of spirit beings to follow *him*.

There is a pattern evident: Evil gets a hold and ego takes over. This skews what one sees as true and valuable.

CONSEQUENCE

The result of rebellion: The bringing of knowledge and the exalting of a being who was not God:

⁵And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

This action brought the permeation of evil throughout humankind - an evil founded in not only disobedience but also in defiance of the God-ordained order of creation, bringing their dismissal. The Flood was the result of that judgment.

In the Garden, Satan created the suggestion to sin by lying. Adam and Eve followed that suggestion. Satan was cast out of heaven down to a prison (more on this later) and mankind is cast out of the Garden to the unfinished earth. A new dimension of sin occurred when the *sons of God* who followed Satan mated with humans to create an unauthorized hybrid race who were destroyed in the Flood. It is interesting to note the lifespan of humankind was drastically reduced after that time.



Human rights, *Five Things You Didn't Know About Satanists, CNN*
(This interview is from a woman whose gay son committed suicide, on which she blames Christianity and its limitations for causing him to take his own life.)

- *Satanists...they understand my pain and my anger. When I read the tenets for the Satanic Temple, it all worked for me. I am passionately religious about civil rights and humanity. I don't know why that can't be a religion. I don't know why people have a problem with that. I just want to protect the rights of future generations so that they will have a brighter future without this type of ridiculous discrimination that should not even exist. There's a lot of work to be done yet.*

The consequence to the spirit beings that followed in rebellion:

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2 Peter 2:4: (RVIC) *For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to **tartaroo <5020>**, and committed them to chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

This word *tartaroo* is used once in the Bible, in the text above. More on this shortly.

Those who sinned were cast down and out of the light. They were limited in both power and freedom. Why weren't they just destroyed? The rebellion of Satan and his followers, with all the darkness and evil, was allowed by God to perpetuate for a limited time as an eternal example to both mankind and the spirit realm.

Our theme Scripture:

Ephesians 6:12: (KJV) *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.*

How can we possibly win against beings so much more powerful than us? We have to be fighting on the correct side, be fighting with the right armor and have the right general in front of us. We cannot win on our own. But the army of God and protection of Jesus can. That is the key to overcoming evil.

We as a society have gone dangerously close to (and in many cases over) the line of welcoming and accepting satanic influence. Look at our movies, television programs, music and more. We have made damaging darkness all very commonplace and "user friendly." That is dangerous!

So, what is this *tartaroo*, sometimes translated *tartarus*? Is it a place? A condition? Is it where demons live?

Tartaroo is often translated *hell*. The Scriptures actually describe what it is:

The word is a verb; therefore it is NOT a place, but rather an action.



A word used to describe an action...



Observations about what we know about *tartaroo* and what leads to it:

- 2 Peter 2:4 - This was for sinful angels involving *chains of darkness* and they are to be reserved for judgment.

Jude 1:6-7: (Rotherham) ⁶Messengers also, even them who had not kept their own principality, but had forsaken their proper dwelling, unto the judgment of the great day in *perpetual bonds* under thick gloom, hath he reserved. ⁷As, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having in like manner to these given themselves over to fornication, and gone away after other kind of flesh, lie exposed as an example, a penalty of age-abiding fire, undergoing.

- Jude 1:6 - Sinful angels forsook their proper rank and are now in *perpetual bonds of darkness*.

Tartaroo is the action of God removing the sinful spirit beings from heaven and bringing them to a captive darkness - out of the realm of God. The consequence of spirit beings sinning was casting of them out of God's light and God's heavenly abode into a condition of darkness and limitation.

1 Peter 3:18-20: (NASB) ¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in **prison <5438>**, ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

Prison: Strongs #5438 phulake (foo-lak-ay'); a guarding

When we think of prison, we think of thick gates of confinement, but it actually means "being guarded." These fallen angels have movement but are apparently no longer allowed to do what they previously were able to do. What is their prison? Unfortunately it is around this earth. They have limitations but also have great influence. Satan is referred to as *the prince of the power of the air* in Ephesians 2:2 and *the god of this world* in 2 Corinthians 4:4. Just as Adam and Eve were allowed to retain their dominion over the earth, so was Satan allowed (temporary) dominion over the earth as well, but subject to certain limitations.

With great sin we see God allows the experience to develop to its full fruition for the purpose of using it for eternal lessons.

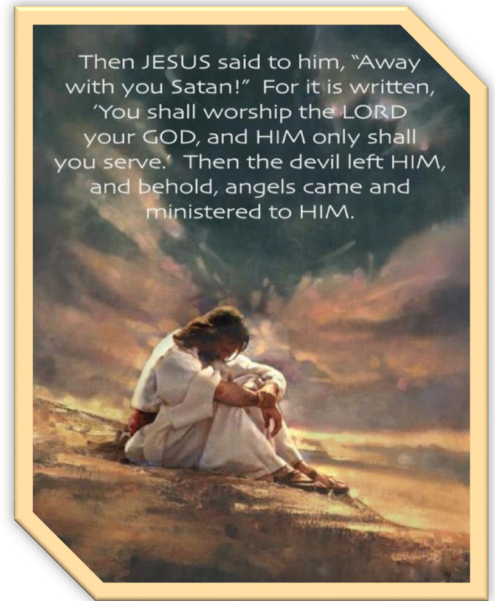
These once bright and shining sons of God are now followers of Satan, relegated to the shadows of earth but are still powerful and influential. What do they want with us? What do we have that they want?



We know Satan is the god of this world:

Matthew 4:8-10: (NASB) ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to him, all these things I will give you, if you fall down and worship me. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it is written, you shall worship the LORD your God, and serve Him only.

Why would God allow Satan to be *the god of this world*? Perhaps it is for the same reason that God allowed man to maintain dominion over the earth after sinning - both of these experiences will have eternal impact and eternal consequences. The best way for children to learn from their mistakes is both by making mistakes and observing others. How much more wisdom does our Heavenly Father have than an earthly parent?



Being the ruler of this world, Satan poses as something he is not:

2 Corinthians 11:14: (NASB) *No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

He has to "put on a show," because he knows people are drawn to light.

We also know that all who serve him (both human and spirit) will also pose as angels of light:

2 Corinthians 11:15: (NASB) *Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.*

Even Christianity is not immune to this influence; they can assume certain satanic principles.

We see the first three things Satan and his demons want are 1) to look good, 2) the power to rule and 3) obedience from those they have authority over. The bottom line is they want to mimic God!

How do Satan and his demons try to get what they want?

One of Satan's most frequently used deceptions is the notion that the commandments of God are meant to restrict freedom and limit happiness. – Ezra Taft Benson

We know God bestows His Spirit (His power and influence) upon His chosen followers:

1 John 4:12-13: (NASB) ¹²No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

The gift of God's Spirit working in the lives of God's chosen was evident throughout Old and New Testament times. The gift of begetting Jesus' true followers with God's Spirit was evident and is still evident in this age of the Gospel. Satan and his demons seek to mimic this. They possess - they mimic - the workings of God in our lives.



DEMONS ENTER:

Luke 22:3-4: (NRSV) ³Then Satan **entered <1525>**, into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them.

Entered: Strongs #1525 eisercomai eiserchomai ice-er'-khom-ahee
1) to go out or come in: to enter 2) metaph. 2a) of entrance into any condition, state of things, society, employment 2a1) to arise, come into existence, begin to be, 2a2) of men, to come before the public 2a3) to come into life 2b) of thoughts that come into the mind

We do not believe that Judas was possessed, but rather he allowed himself to be under the influence of Satan. The lesson? Satan's mere influence can lead to our betraying our Lord! Beware!

DEMONS POSSESS/CONTROL:

This is something that they seem to crave and do well at:

Matthew 4:24: (KJV) *And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils <1139>*,

Matthew 15:22: (KJV) *And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil <1139>*.

Demon/devil: Strongs #1139 daimonizomai (dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahee);
to be exercised by a demon, to be under the power of a demon

We do not believe the actual demon is in the individual, but their power and influence is, and they use that power to manipulate the individual. We can liken this to when you see a small boy and notice his mannerisms are mirror images of his dad. We say, "That's his father in him," meaning his father's influence is guiding him.

Demons are not satisfied unless they are able to control:

Matthew 12:43-45: (NASB) ⁴³Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. (This again indicates their limited power.) ⁴⁴Then it says, I will return to my house from which I came; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.

Jesus describes something very unsettling. When the influence of a demon leaves a person, it continues to seek to do damage. It finds its *house*, (the person it just controlled) but finds it *unoccupied, swept and put in order*. In other words, nothing new took its place. When the demonic evil influence is not replaced with a God-centered influence, we leave an open door to bring it back.

"Permission to enter" is possible when we do not have godly righteousness occupying our minds.



Satan and his demons are looking for places to plant and flourish their influence. This is a war! What do you allow to influence your mind?

The fact that these demons are *restrained in chains of darkness* and their power and influence are under constant guard indicates that they have absolutely no power for good, for they are locked out of the source of all good - God Himself!



If you find your influences and time are being spent driven by a glorification of demonic influence and actions, darkness, the "undead" and more, then more and more darkness comes in. Your mind becomes skewed towards the darkness and not the light.

Being protected from Satan is a monumental task - how do we get it done?

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How can one escape all of this? Subscribe to [Spiritual Identity Protection!](#) Go ahead - take a SIP! Use the acronym to remind yourself.

It is not good practice to become intrigued by Satan and his mysteries. No good can come from getting close to evil. — James E. Faust

Realize the source of what we pay attention to: My thoughts, my feelings, the experiences of others - vs - The Holy Bible - a book of history, science, prophecy, direction and God's will.

What are the drivers in your life?

1 John 4:1: (NASB) *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits (influences) to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

Take a "SIP" and see if you are adequately protecting yourself. Just because something LOOKS good does not mean it IS good.

Realize the demons know the power and might of God the Creator:

James 2:19: (NASB) *You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.*

Apparently they do not like to be near the true source of light and righteousness. They do not want to be a part of that. So, they cannot or will not follow you if you are truly full of light and truth. You are in a safe place! Take a "SIP" - know they know and they are afraid. They are vulnerable under the protection of the hand of God.



Accept the power and might that God has given to the name of Jesus!

Philippians 2:9-11: (NASB) *⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



Jesus' name has great power in the spirit realm as well. If you want to find protection, find it in the right name and in the right place. This is great "SIP."

Remember that prayer brings peace and protection!

Philippians 4:6-7: (NASB) *⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Living a protected life gives us strength.

Know that Satan's reign of terror is temporary!

Hebrews 2:14: (NASB) *Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death he might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

Be inspired by the fact that evil can't win. We are told Satan will be bound during the 1,000 years of Christ's reign...

Revelation 20:1-3: (KJV) *¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

... and then destroyed:

Revelation 20:10: (RVIC - Revised Version Improved and Corrected) *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be put to the test day and night for ever and ever.*



This is a symbol of utter, complete destruction. This is the destiny of Satan and his demons, as well as any who will not comply with living a righteous, godly way of life.

Find the light through Scripture and do not be afraid.

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A striking example of the BOLD attempts Satan makes to try and undo God's plan:

Matthew 4:2-4: (NASB) ²And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he then became hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. ⁴But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Satan and his followers tempt!

Matthew 4:5-7: (NASB) ⁵Then the devil took him into the holy city and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will command His angels concerning You; and On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone. (He uses scripture!) ⁷Jesus said to him, on the other hand, it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.

Satan and his followers mislead!

Matthew 4:8-11: (NASB) ⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only. ¹¹Then the devil left him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to him.

Satan and his followers usurp that which is not theirs.



A few more "SIPS" to stand firm against Satan and his followers in this evil day:

Set your mind to firm and final resistance:

1 Peter 5:8-9: (NKJV) ⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Arm yourself:

Ephesians 6:13-18: (NKJV) ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,
- having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation,
- and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
- ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Claim the promises of protection:

Psalms 91:3-5: (NASB) ³For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. ⁵You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day;



Live convicted by your faith:

Romans 8:38-39: (NASB) ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A few more lines regarding *tartaroo*, used only once in the New Testament:

(Source: The Truth About Hell)

This word very closely resembles "tartarus," a word used in Grecian mythology as the name for a dark abyss or prison. But "tartaroo" seems to refer more to an act than to a place. The fall of the angels who sinned was from honor and dignity, into dishonor and condemnation, and the thought seems to be: "God spared not the angels who sinned, but degraded them."

(Source: Life-rlbible.com)

In comparing spiritual revealment with spiritual revealment (1 Corinthians 2:13), we conclude that the apostle Peter uses the verb tartaroo to tell us that God imprisoned the angels that sinned (Genesis 6:2-4; 1 Peter 3:19,20), and he adds that they were delivered "into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment"; and since the apostle Jude (Jude 1:6,7) tells us that such imprisonment lasts until the judgment of the great day, and since these fallen angels are said to be the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12, margin), are active among humans, e.g., in demonizing people, appearing in séances and other occult practices, we conclude that earth's atmosphere is their prison (Matthew 8:28-32; 12:22-28). Without the mythology added the word apparently simply means degraded or imprisoned.

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