



Satan, the Deceiver

Introduction: As a Christian, we must be determined to avoid the sinful practices of the world. This may not be as easy as you had hoped. In fact, Satan is trying harder to deceive you into believing that a little bit of worldliness (when you have so much spirituality, after all!) is not so dangerous. He is lying! There are many things others practice which amount to “walking the line too closely”. There is a great story of a very wealthy man who wanted to hire a chauffeur. He selected three of the applicants and ask each to drive him down a treacherous road along a steep ravine near his home. The first driver drove within a couple of inches of the edge to demonstrate what a good driver he was. Upon observing the first driver’s skills, the second driver drove so close to the edge that part of the tire actually hung off the edge of the mountainous road. However, the third driver drove close to the *mountain* side as far away from the edge of the road as possible so as not to endanger his potential employer. Is it any surprise that the third driver got the job? Shouldn’t we be just as careful with our own soul when it comes to living in a world with a raging war between the flesh and spirit?

1) His NATURE:

According to W.E. Vine, his name “Satan” means: _____.

His other name “Devil” means: _____.

Explain from the following passages: who is being slandered (or, who is being accused of what)...

Genesis 3.4-13

Job. 1.6-11; 2.1-5

Hence these passages certainly tell us about his fundamental nature, what it has been and what it continues to be: John 8.44 says he is a _____. But not only that but the _____.

Is it any wonder we are often warned to avoid being deceived? We will discuss this in more detail toward the end of the lesson.

2) His GREATEST DECEPTION:



In eastern religions, this symbol is used to represent good and evil. Its shape and symmetry suggests that these two forces are equal except for one being **dark** (evil), and the other being **white** (good). What a deception!

There is an interesting lesson taught in Jude 9. Though we may not be able to know everything about the events recorded there, we CAN know some things. Here are some points worthy of consideration: 1) “Michael” is a Hebrew name which forms a rhetorical question, “who is like unto God?” The answer is, of course, NO ONE! 2) God did not have to use HIS power to overcome Satan but sent a messenger (Michael) who was sufficiently powerful to win. 3) The rest of the context shows how pitifully hopeless Satan is in his attempts to war with good. He will lose! Lk. 10.18; Rev. 20.10

3) His DEVICES:

In I Peter 5.8 we are admonished that Satan is a vicious lion seeking victims to devour. We must be on guard against him and this can only happen when we are “not ignorant of his devices.” II Cor. 2.11

Deut. 11.13-17 **Be not deceived,** _____

Luke 21.8-9 **Be not deceived,** _____

I Cor. 6.9-10 **Be not deceived,** _____

I Cor. 15.33 **Be not deceived,** _____

Gal. 6.7 **Be not deceived,** _____

deceived: “to be led astray”, syn. err, lead, seduce, wander...



REMEMBER THIS:

These two great promises must never be minimized, trivialized, or forgotten:

I Cor. 10.12-13

I John 4.4