

# Casting out the Devil

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John 12:27-32

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JESUS makes this STATEMENT.

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## Who is SATAN?

- He was created as one of the highest of the ANGELS.
- He was called the "Day Star" or the "Shining one."
- Lucifer – in Latin... one who bears LIGHT.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 – [14] *...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

Ezekiel 28 gives us a picture, I think of Lucifer's creation.

- See Ezek 28:11-17.
- Satan was thrown down because of HIS PRIDE.
  - PRIDE – *"He may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil."* (1 Tim 3:6)
  - Isaiah 14:12-14 – [12] *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! [13] You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."*
  - This happened VERY early-on. The first days of CREATION. because John says in 1 John 3:8 – [8] *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

He immediately appears in the GARDEN of EDEN. Opposing God's Kingdom. Seeking to establish his OWN KINGDOM. Genesis 3 – as a talking serpent.

- And he comes questioning the WORD of GOD. "Did God really say."
  - Jesus says in John 8:44 that Satan is a *"liar and the father of lies."*
  - Genesis 3:4, 5 – [4] *But the serpent said to the woman, "you will not surely die. [5] For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*
    - And he asserts autonomy. That you can function as your own God.
  - Ephesians 2:1, 2 – [1] *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience*
  - In order to be saved, Paul says in Colossians 1:13 that Christ must *"deliver us from the domain of darkness."*
  - SIN causes you to be MASTERED by the DEVIL.
  - If fact if you are disciplined by the church. 1 Corinthians 5:5 – [5] *you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh...*

Jesus says that SATAN is the Leader of DEMONS.

- When he fell, John says in Revelation 12:4 – [4] *His tail swept a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth...*
- Matthew 25:41 – the eternal fire is prepared “*for the devil and his angels.*”
- Paul tells us in Eph 6:12 – [12] *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*
  - Essentially there is a rank and hierarchy of DEMONS. Some are RULERS, some are AUTHORITIES, others COSMIC POWERS.
  - In fact the word Demon – comes from the Greek word “daimon” which means “a deity”
  - 1 Corinthians 10:20 – [20] *No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.*

Demons can only POSSESS those who are part of Satan’s KINGDOM.

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 – [16] *Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s spirit dwells in you?*
- If you belong to God and your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit, then you cannot be possessed by a demon.
- An EXORCISM can only HAPPEN to someone who is in SATAN’S KINGDOM.
- Jesus said in Matthew 12:43-45 – [43] *“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. [44] Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. [45] Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the also state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”*

## Two great ERRORS in regards to the DEVIL

### 1) Overestimate his Powers

- Satan is a created being. He is infinitely below God. He is NOT omniscient (he cannot read minds). Omnipotent. Omnipresent.
  - The Devil cannot thwart a single plan of God.
  - Spurgeon who said, “The devil is God’s devil.” – He is under the sovereign hand of God.
  - Christ has already achieved a great victory over SATAN.
  - If you a CHRISTIAN, no one can take you out of Christ’s hand.

### 2) Underestimate his Powers

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones – “Our age is one that has largely ceased to believe in the supernatural at all. This is partly due to the advance of science in its various branches. Man is regarded as the master of his own fate and the determiner of everything... It is my belief, as I have tried to show in my exposition of the Apostle’s warnings, that the modern world, and especially the history of the present century, can only be understood in terms of the unusual activity of the devil and the ‘principalities and powers’ of darkness.”
- Peter says in 1 Peter 5:8 – [8] *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [9] Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

- We must as Paul says in 2 Cor 2:11 *“not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*

### Context

JESUS has come into JERUSALEM as the REIGNING KING.

- GREEK GOD-FEARERS have approached him. Phillip then told Andrew. And they then came to JESUS.

Jesus utters this word. John 12:27 – [27] *“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.*

- The PRESENCE of these GREEKS reminded him for the PURPOSE of which he had come.
- He has come to this hour for the PURPOSE of the cross.
- He will die, not just for the JEW but for the GENTILE.
- This troubled his soul. In his humanity he was troubled... he had always lived in PERFECT harmony with the FATHER.
- HE REMINDS HIMSELF, that for this PURPOSE he has come into the WORLD.

This is the LORD’s heartbeat. [28] *“Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”*

- This is the objective of God in the CROSS and of CHRIST in the CROSS.
- The GLORY of GOD.
- Christ will be humiliated... but through the humiliation comes the CROWN. The eternal GLORY of our LORD. Where he will reign.
- And through the CROSS, GOD will receive the GLORY of REDEMPTION.

And GOD the FATHER validates this desire with a voice from HEAVEN.

[29] *Then the crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”*

[30] *Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.*

- Incidentally, God’s VOICE thunders from Heaven three times in JESUS’s ministry.
  - 1) At his Baptism, as he inaugurates his PROPHETIC MINISTRY.
  - 2) At the Transfiguration, as he inaugurates his PRIESTLY MINISTRY.
  - 3) At his Triumphal Entry, as he inaugurates his KINGLY MINISTRY.
  - Thus EMPHASIZING that Christ is the ultimate PROPHET, PRIEST, and KING!

What WILL the CROSS accomplish in terms of SATAN’s DOMINION?

#### **1) Christ Judges Satan’s World**

[31] *Now is the judgment of this world;*

- “World” can mean different things in John’s gospel.
  - It can refer to the actual Earth.
  - It can refer to the people of the Earth.
  - Sometimes, It can refer to the evil world systems which are in opposition to Christ. The godless entities which oppose God.
  - *The political powers and sinful systems and industries that stand opposed to God and the people who operate in those systems.*
- In a very real sense the “world” belongs to Satan.
- For example In John 14:30 – Jesus calls Satan, *“the ruler of the world”*

- Matthew 4:8 – [8] *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”*
- In 2 Cor 4:6, Satan is called, “*the god of this world*”
- 1 John 3:15 – [15] *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but from the world.*

All of these SYSTEMS and PEOPLE opposed GOD and the Word of God.

- This included ROME and the JEWS at the TIME.
- The entire SANHEDRIN had come under the control of demons.
- John 8:44 – [44] *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.*
- So the WORLD is any group, system, or people who reject CHRIST.
- The WORLD thought that it was JUDGING CHRIST. IN REALITY CHRIST was JUDGING THE WORLD.
- The CROSS creates a CRISIS for all mankind.
  - John 3:18 – [18] *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*
  - John 3:19 – [19] *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*
- The CRISIS... is that you are accountable to JESUS. And everything outside of JESUS is ultimately condemned already.
- Judgment has already been visited on Satan’s WORLD.

## 2) Christ Casts Satan Out

*now will the ruler of this world be cast out.*

- At the CROSS, Satan, the “ruler of the world” is in a sense judged and condemned.
- This is foreshadowed in JESUS’s ministry of conquering DEMONS wherever he went.
- When he sent out the seventy-two. They came back and said “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name.”
- Luke 10:18 – [18] *And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*
- Satan’s TIME was coming to an END... at the CROSS.
- See Revelation 12:7-12.
- The DEVIL is thrown out of Heaven.
- His WORK of ACCUSATION has been completely taken AWAY.
- Colossians 2:14 – [14] *by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*
- One writer, “Satan was robbed of his power to intimidate and control people through the threat of death and eternal separation from God.”

## 3) Christ Raids Satan’s Domain

[32] *And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”*

When I am lifted up – clearly refers to the ATONEMENT. (See next verse)

- He says he WILL draw ALL PEOPLE to HIMSELF.
- Remember this is in the CONTEXT of the GREEKS coming to see Jesus.

- This doesn't mean every person without EXCEPTION.
- It means all types of people. The NATIONS!

Since the FALL, SATAN and his DEMONIC forces of EVIL deceived the NATIONS. The DEMONS posed as false gods.

- Before the FLOOD he deceived everyone with the exception of one FAMILY.
- After the Tower of BABEL. Satan deceived the NATIONS of the WORLD.
- Ashteroth – the goddess of the Sidonians
- Chemosh – the god of Moab
- Milcom – the god of the Ammonites
- Dagon – the god of the Philistines
- Isis and Horus – the gods of the Egyptians

The NATIONS were under the CONTROL of SATAN. The Gentiles. The People of the different countries.

- The CROSS ransomed a people from every NATION.
- Revelation 5:9 – [9] *for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.*
- And so Satan's STRONGHOLD to deceive the NATIONS is ENDED!
- Revelation 20:2 – [2] *And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.*
- Satan's deception of the NATIONS at the CROSS was ended. SATAN is bound so that he can no longer deceive the NATIONS.
- He will DRAW all people to HIMSELF. (helkuo)
- That is why he sends out the disciples. "All authority and heaven on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."
- God has accomplished the SALVATION of the NATIONS. People from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- Matthew 24:14 – [14] *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*
- SATAN's ULTIMATE and FINAL DEFEAT will occur at the LORD's COMING when he will be thrown INTO the LAKE of FIRE.