

# What Job Teaches Us About Satan

## Introduction

1. Since those who sin are of the devil (1 John 3:8), we must:
  - a. Not give place to him. (Eph. 4:27)
  - b. Resist him. (Jas. 4:7)
2. Satan is determined to get people to serve him.
  - a. He walks about as a roaring lion. (1 Pet. 5:8)
  - b. He uses “wiles” —schemings. (Eph. 6:11)
  - c. We must not be ignorant of his devices. (2 Cor. 2:11)
3. To properly resist Satan we must be knowledgeable of him and the threat he poses to us.
  - a. We must go to God’s word to find out what he is and what he does.
  - b. The book of Job especially is helpful in enlightening us about Satan and his workings.

## I. Who and What Is Satan?

- A. The supreme evil spirit.
- B. The adversary. (“Satan,” by definition means “adversary.”)
- C. The serpent. (Rev. 12:9; 20:2)
- D. Lucifer. (Isa. 14:12)
- E. Dragon. (Rev. 12:7)
- F. The god of this world. (2 Cor. 4:4)
- G. The prince of this world. (John 12:31)
- H. The prince of darkness. (Eph. 6:12)
- I. The accuser. (Rev. 12:10)
- J. The devil. (“Slanderer.”)
- K. A liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)
- L. A roaring, devouring lion. (1 Pet. 5:8)

## II. Satan and His Work as Seen in Job (1:6-12)

- A. He is accountable before God. (v. 6; 2:1)
  1. However unwilling he may be, like all created beings he is subject to divine authority.
  2. He is compelled to render account to God.

- B. God knows his mind. (v. 8)
  - 1. God is not provoking him here but rather he already knew what was on Satan's mind.
  - 2. God already knew that Job was on the mind of Satan because there was no one like Job.
- C. He is behind the evils of the earth. (v. 7; 2:2)
  - 1. His is an unceasing activity.
  - 2. Consider 1 Peter 5:8.
- D. He is not omniscient.
  - 1. He cannot see into the mind of man.
    - a. He could not see into the mind of Job. (vv. 9-11; 2:10b)
    - b. He thought he knew what was in Job's mind but he was mistaken and then defeated.
  - 2. God can see into the mind of man but He is divine, Satan is not.
- E. He can do nothing without divine approval.
  - 1. See Luke 22:31-32.
  - 2. Sometimes permission is granted (Job, Peter) and sometimes it is refused.
- F. With approval there is limitation.
  - 1. Satan was twice limited in regard to Job.
  - 2. He is limited in regard to you and me. (1 Cor. 10:13)
  - 3. Satan has absolutely no power against anyone beyond that which God allows much in the same way Pilate's power over Christ was only what God allowed. (John 19:11)
- G. In spite of what Satan may do or how we may suffer because of it, God still cares.

## **Conclusion**

We must constantly be on guard against our adversary Satan but at the same time we must realize we can, with the help of God, overcome him.