

YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL — PART 1

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1 PETER 5:8-9

English Standard Version (ESV)

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.

REVIEW & CONTEXT:

- 1) The Apostle Peter writes to churches scattered across the Mediterranean world who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus.
- 2) Peter calls Christians to hopeful perseverance in their suffering.
1 Peter 1:6–7; 2:19–25; 3:13–17; 4:12–19; 5:10
- 3) Peter calls Christians to holy living in their daily lives.
1 Peter 1:13–16; 2:9–12; 2:13–3:7; 4:1–5
- 4) Peter calls Christians to remember Christ and His redemptive sacrifice.
1 Peter 1:3; 1:18–21; 2:21–25; 3:18–22
- 5) Peter is wrapping up his letter with final exhortations.
 - Humble yourselves — before God and others.
 - Be vigilant because the devil is real and terrible.

THE REALITY OF THE ADVERSARY (THE DEVIL):

1) The Devil is real. vs 8

Various NAMES of the Devil in Holy Scripture:

<u>Satan</u>	Job 1–2; Zech. 3:1–2; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 12:9
<u>The Devil</u>	Matt. 4:1; John 8:44; Eph. 6:11; Rev. 20:2
<u>The Serpent</u>	Gen. 3:1–15; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9
<u>The Dragon</u>	Rev. 12:3–17; 13:2; 20:2
<u>The Evil One</u>	Matt. 6:13; 13:19; John 17:15; 1 John 5:19
<u>The Tempter</u>	Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5
<u>The Accuser</u>	Zech. 3:1–2; Rev. 12:10
<u>The Father of Lies</u>	John 8:44
<u>Murderer from the Beginning</u>	John 8:44; Gen. 3
<u>Ruler of This World</u>	John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
<u>God of This Age</u>	2 Cor. 4:4
<u>Prince of the Power of the Air</u>	Eph. 2:2
<u>Beelzebub</u>	Matt. 12:24–27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15
<u>Belial</u>	2 Cor. 6:15
<u>Apollyon</u>	Rev. 9:11

Realities about the Devil's Origin from Scripture:

1) Satan is a created being, not eternal.

Only God is eternal, uncreated, sovereign Creator. Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16

2) Satan was originally good, because God's creation was good. Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

3) Satan fell through pride/rebellion.

1 Timothy 3:6; Isaiah 14

4) Satan sinned before human sin entered the world.

The serpent is already evil and deceptive in Genesis 3

5) Some angels sinned and are under judgment.

2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6,

6) Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 appears to refer to two earthly kings AND to Satan.

Isaiah 14 directly addresses the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 28 directly addresses the king of Tyre.

MAJOR ACTIONS of the Devil in the OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 3	<u>Deceives Eve</u> , contradicts God's word, introduces suspicion toward God
Job 1–2	<u>Accuses Job</u> , challenges Job's integrity, receives limited permission to afflict
1 Chronicles 21:1	<u>Incites David</u> to number Israel
Zechariah 3:1–2	<u>Accuses Joshua</u> the high priest; the Lord rebukes Satan
Isaiah 14; Ezk 28	<u>Pride, attempted exaltation, fall from high position—</u> double prophecy... earthly kings but grander meaning pointing to <u>Satan</u> .

Major OT themes: deception, accusation, affliction, pride, opposition to God's people, and attempts to corrupt worship and trust.

MAJOR ACTIONS of the Devil in the NEW TESTAMENT:

Matthew 4; Luke 4	<u>Tempts Jesus</u> in the wilderness
Matt. 13:19, 38–39	Snatches <u>the word</u> ; sows weeds among the wheat
Luke 22:3; Jn 13	Enters <u>Judas</u>
Luke 22:31–32	Demands to sift <u>Peter</u> like wheat
John 8:44	<u>Liar</u> , murderer, father of lies
Acts 5:3	Fills Ananias's heart <u>to lie</u>
2 Corinthians 2:11	Has schemes/designs
2 Corinthians 4:4	Blinds <u>unbelievers</u> to the gospel
2 Cor 11:3, 14	Deceives; disguises himself as an <u>angel of light</u>
Eph 2:2	Works in the sons of disobedience
Eph 6:11–12	Leads spiritual forces of evil
1 Thess. 2:18	Hinders <u>gospel ministry</u>
1 Peter 5:8	Prowls like a roaring lion
Revelation 12	<u>Accuses believers</u> and persecutes the church
Revelation 20	Ultimately bound, judged, and thrown into <u>the lake of fire</u> .

The Devil's Opposition to God Himself: *How does Satan oppose God?*

1) Satan contradicts what God has said (His Word).

Genesis 3:1-5

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

2) Satan slanders God's character.

Genesis 3:5

3) Satan seeks worship for himself .

Matthew 4:8-10 (When Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness.)

4) Satan opposes Christ's mission to rescue God's people from their sin.

Matthew 4; Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 22:3

5) Satan blinds people to God's glory in Christ .

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

6) Satan counterfeits truth and righteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

7) Satan makes war against God's people.

Revelation 12:17 [the heart of Revelation: conflict between God and Satan]

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

- Thru Christ, God calls us not to be a casualty of this satanic war.
- The eternal victor in this conflict is Christ Jesus.
- Our Rescue, our Fortress, our Deliverer is the Lamb **slain** by the will of God and **raised** by the power of God **ALL** for the people of God and the glory of God.

1 JOHN 3:8

***The reason the Son of God appeared was
to destroy the works of the devil.***

