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This is the instruction that God has given unto the saint: ***“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”***

Ephesians 6:11. The Christian who fails to recognize the power, subtlety, devices, and wiles, of Satan will suffer defeat at his hands.

The Apostle Paul said concerning Satan, ***“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices”*** 2 Cor. 2:11. He

wrote to this same congregation these words,

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”

2 Cor. 11:3.

The Apostle Peter wrote: ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith”*** 1 Peter 4:8.

The same Holy Spirit, who dictated to these two servants when they wrote, also used the Apostle James to say these words: ***“Submit yourself therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”*** James 4:7.

Years ago I heard an evangelist pray to God in these words, ***“O Lord, rebuke and defeat for us his satanic majesty.”*** Then after I

had studied the Scriptures I realized why he used the title. I could then understand what Paul meant when he said

“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness”

2 Cor. 11:13-15.

Jude records the fact that ***“Michael the archangel when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke thee’*** Jude 9.

The Lord Jesus Christ, of course, could say with authority, ***“Get thee behind me, Satan”*** Luke 4:8.

Get thee hence Satan”

Matthew 4:10. But every human being UNLESS equipped with the spiritual armour of God and protected by the power that is in Christ Jesus, is just as helpless in the hand of Satan as is a little mouse in the claws of a cat.

If Michael could not rebuke and defeat Satan, surely no human being can.

A while back I spoke to a group concerning Satan one evening and the pastor’s six-year-old girl was on the front seat. Much of the message went into her little heart. The next morning when her mother went to the door to call her from bed, she saw the little girl shaking her fist and mumbling with a very serious expression on her face. After the mother had stood for a moment she said, “What was mama’s little girl saying?” The little girl replied, “Mama, I was just saying, if the devil bothers me today, I am going to knock the ‘stuffin’ out of him.” Some poor Christians are trying to do this, but he is too much for any of us. The task is too great. Only Divine power can defeat the supernatural power of ***“that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world”***

Revelation 12:9.

The whole world lieth in this one. 1 John 5:19

The Lord Jesus Christ spoke of the sinner as being the house of the strong man (Satan), and said that He alone could bind the strong man and take his house. Matthew 12:26-33. The moment the Word is preached to the sinner, Satan tries to cause the seed to fall by the way side and then he devours the seed. Mark 4:15. It is Satan, as the prince of the power of the air, that controls the motives, desires, thoughts, acts, and words of the unsaved of this world, make NO mistake about that, and learn to recognize it. Ephesians 2:2-3.

It is Satan, as the god of this age, that blinds the minds of the poor unbelieving lost sinners, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine into their hearts. 2 Cor. 4:4.

Now pay attention, Satan has RELIGIOUS children, and sows them as tares among the wheat, the Children of God. Matthew 13:38. John 8:44. It is quite often difficult to tell a cultured, moral, religious, agent of Satan, tare in the congregation FROM the wheat.

When the LORD Jesus Christ died on the cross he destroyed Satan's power of death. Hebrews 2:14. But his final defeat will not come until this same Jesus binds Satan and puts him into the bottomless pit for one thousand years and ultimately casts him into the lake of fire. Revelation 20. **The everlasting fire was originally prepared for the devil and his angels.** Matthew: 25:41.

Satan can even now cause a saint to lie to the Holy Ghost. Saints, for sins in the flesh, were delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh. Acts 5:3. 1 Corinthians 5:5. Satan can hinder the most consecrated saint. 1 Thessalonians 2:18. Satan can make a church officer fall through pride, especially if a novice is appointed to this office. 1 Timothy 3:6. Many of these cases have come under our observation. We see this all the time.

Notice the language used in this verse, "Lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil." 1 Timothy 3:6

If you will read carefully the twenty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel, beginning with the fourteenth verse, and the fourteenth chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the twelfth verse, you will learn that Satan was the anointed cherub of God, perfect in the day he was created, until he fell through pride. **All sin began with the "I will's" of Satan.**

There is no use trying to understand or explain the "Why" of Satan. It is a mystery, but it will all work out to the glory of the Son of God. We DO know that Satan is a person, that he was a perfect creature of God, and that he fell from heaven because of his revolt against his Creator. Christ said: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" Luke 10:18. However, currently, Satan still does have access to Heaven. THAT will be resolved later. Revelation 12:7.

There was something besides any evil influence from within that tempted The LORD Jesus Christ in the wilderness and offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. Luke 4. Matthew 4. Christ had NO evil within to tempt Him. He was holy, harmless and undefiled. The LORD Jesus Christ made no mistake when He acknowledged Satan as the prince of the world. John 12:31.

Now this is important, The Satan of the Scriptures is quite different from the devil of tradition. Satan is more than evil. He is a person with mighty power. He is the enemy of God and His holiness, of The LORD Jesus Christ and His disciples. As the accuser of the brethren he accuses them night and day. Revelation 12:10. The saints overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Revelation 12:13.

Satan afflicts with sickness. Luke 13:16. Job 2:6-7. Satan is directly or indirectly responsible for all of the sin, sickness, sorrow, crime, poverty, and death in the world.

He, as the “serpent”, beguiled Eve. He was the first to challenge and criticize the Word of God and to corrupt it, and make NO mistake about it, EVERY destructive critic of this age, in and out of the pulpit, is his agent and servant, as ALL of them down through the ages have been.

Satan entered into Judas, the son of perdition, to betray the Lord Jesus Christ. And he will also enter again the son of perdition, the Antichrist, or man of sin, who is to be Satan’s man. 2 Thessalonians 2:4-9.

Nothing but the Shield of Faith will enable the Christian to quench the fiery darts of this evil one who is playing havoc with the sleeping saints and the worldly churches of this day, to say nothing of the millions who are lying in heathen darkness. He has struck, with a terrible blow, many of the most useful servants of God in the Body of Christ.

The pastor’s little girl who heard the story of Satan and the story of The LORD Jesus Christ, said to her mother when saying her prayer, *“Mother, from now on when Satan knocks at my heart’s door, I’m going to say, Lord Jesus, you open the door.”*

Only in Christ is there victory over this constant and relentless enemy. So let us read carefully over and over concerning the armour that God has provided for us and

let us put it on

. Ephesians 6:10-18.

Satan wanted to sift Simon as wheat. Luke 22:31. Satan bound with an infirmity for many years a daughter of Abraham. Luke 13:16. He was on hand when the sons of God went forth to worship God. Job 1:4-6. He afflicted Job. Job 2:7. Satan has led many of God's children into his religious healing schemes in these last days. And let's never forget, the Antichrist is coming with the power of Satan performing miracles. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-13.

The Son of God, The LORD Jesus Christ, was manifested to destroy the works of Satan. Let Christ be our refuge, our strength, our Conqueror. He is altogether able to assure victory.

Take a moment and read what is yet to take place on this earth when Satan comes down to reign with the beast and in the antichrist. Revelation 12:7-15. But now read, and note, Colossians 2:15 and what Christ did to principalities and powers.

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle NOT (a regular mistake for most Christians is looking at the person and NOT the evil spirit behind that person) against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the WHOLE armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day (the day that the moment of temptation is on you), and having done all, to stand”
Ephesians 6:11-13.

In Ephesians 1:13 the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul declares that men are saved and sealed by hearing and BELIEVING the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation. Therefore, here, now, is declared unto you the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: ***“that Christ***

died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"

1 Corinthians 15:3-4. BELIEVE today.

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