

Enemy Knowledge

We are living our lives on a battlefield, and we have an enemy called Satan. He hates us and wants nothing less than our allegiance, which he secures through our disbelief in the truth of God or our disobedience to the will of God. A healthy spiritual life requires that we remain aware of this warfare. However, the Bible is clear: we are to fix our eyes on Jesus and stand firm against the lies and schemes of Satan. This resource helps us understand what our enemy is capable of and NOT capable of, so we don't ascribe any attribute or ability to him that actually belongs to God alone. *Ephesians 6:11; Hebrews 12:2*

Satan is our enemy:

The evil one	John 17:15
The prince of this world	John 12:31
A liar, the father of lies, and a murderer	John 8:44
The tempter	1 Thessalonians 3:5
The one who perverts Scripture	Matthew 4:6
The source of demonic possession	Matthew 12:24-26; Mark 3:22
A betrayer	Luke 22:3-5
The destroyer	John 10:10; Revelation 9:11
The producer of false miracles	Revelation 16:14
The deceiver, the dragon	Revelation 12:9
The serpent of old	Revelation 20:2
A thief	John 10:10
A devourer	1 Peter 5:8
A masquerader, appears as an angel of light	2 Corinthians 11:14
The accuser of the brethren	Revelation 12:10
The one who tries to outwit the Christian	Matthew 4:1
The one who blinds the minds of the unbelieving	2 Corinthians 4:4
The spirit of apostasy	1 Timothy 4:1
The one who snatches the Word of God from its hearers	Matthew 13:4, 19
The one who sows tares among the wheat	Matthew 13:25, 39

Satan is:

Created	Ezekiel 28:13, 15
Under authority	Luke 22:31-32; Job 1:6-12, 2:1
Not omnipresent	Job 1:7; John 13:27; Revelation 12:8
Not equal to God in power	1 John 4:4; Revelation 12:8
Defeated	Colossians 2:15; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:11



Satan's strategy to defeat us:

He tempts us to do the *exact opposite* of God's will by appealing to our desires, emotions, lusts, and fears.

He attacks our perception of God, which impacts our relationship to Him.

He destroys our relationships with other people by leading us to make selfish choices, to believe things about ourselves and others that are not true, and to disobey God's relational commands.

He offers us a trade:

The temporal (world) for the eternal (Kingdom of God)

Religious activities for true discipleship

Time for everything, but NO time to read the Word of God, pray, serve, or be in Christian community

We must operate from this reality: JESUS HAS ALREADY WON THE BATTLE BECAUSE HE HAS ALREADY DEFEATED SATAN! So, we fight on this battlefield with authority and from victory. Therefore, we ARE overcomers. Now we need to live like it! *Romans 8:37; Ephesians 1:21; Colossians 2:15; 1 John 3:8*

