



Genesis 3:1-5 – The Devil and his Schemes

His Person (Ezekiel 28:12-15; Isaiah 14:12-15)

- 1) He is a created being and was created "good". (Gen. 1:31)
- 3) He is an angel of a high order, possibly the highest order.
- 4) His name was Lucifer, the "bearer or bringer of light" before the fall.
- 5) In his ***pride***, he sought God's glory and rebelled against God. (Isaiah 14:12-15)
- 6) After his fall he is called Satan (adversary) or the devil (disrupter).
- 7) He rebelled against God between Gen. 1:31 & 3:1. (Luke 10:18)
- 8) A third of the angels fell with him (Rev. 12:4) and they are without hope of redemption. (Matthew 25:41 & Jude 6)
- 9) He was the serpent in the garden. (Rev. 12:9)
- 10) He is powerful yet not God – not ***omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient***.
- 11) He is subject to ***God's*** sovereign will. (Job 1-2, Luke 22:31-32)

His Works

- 1) He is a deceiver (Rev. 20:3), a liar (John 8:44), and a tempter. (Matthew 4:30)
- 2) He rules this present physical world. (John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- 3) He fights against God and God's people. (Eph. 6:11-12)
- 4) He controls or "owns" the unsaved. (John 8:44)
- 5) He executes the power of ***death***. (Hebrews 2:14)

His Methods

- 1) He attacks God's ***word***. (vs. 1)
- 2) He attacks God's ***goodness***. (vs. 5)

His End

- 1) He will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire ***forever***. (Rev. 20:7-10, read also Rev. 19)

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little *Word* shall fell him. (Capital and italics added.)
(Martin Luther, 1529 – "A Mighty Fortress is our God")

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32 Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins (Rom. 3:24 Eph. 1:7), and accepts us as righteous in His sight (2Co 5:21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us (Rom. 5:19), and received by faith alone (Gal. 2:16 Phil. 3:9).

A Puritan Catechism with Proofs, C.H. Spurgeon 1855