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Dedication

William Patterson
A Senior Saint who is young at heart.

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Preface

I've written this booklet about Satan and how to deal with satanic forces because Satan has tricked many people into believing he isn't as powerful as he is. He wants to stay under the radar so that he can continue to deceive the world and Christians. However, this in no way implies that he is omnipotent, omniscient, or worthy of our worship or adoration.

Hopefully you will read this with an open mind and do as the Bereans did.

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. (Acts 17:11 ESV)

If you will examine the Scriptures to see if what I have provided makes biblical sense, you will have a much greater understanding of the spiritual realm and most importantly, you will know your enemy better. I would say that when we know our enemy we are able to defeat him. However, with Satan that is not our job. That belongs to Jesus. What we will be able to do is more effectively resist him, and our lives as Christians will be much more victorious.

The Battle

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:10-12 KJV)

We are in a battle whether we want to admit it or not. On the largest scale, this battle is for the souls of men and women throughout the world and through the ages. It is a cosmic battle that has been raging since the dawn of time. We don't know when time began so we don't know when the battle started. What we do know is that God had the overall battle plan laid out before the earth was created.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (Matt 25:34 KJV)

The Father knows the end of the war and the reward He has for the souls who will be conquerors when the final battle has been fought.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev 13:8 KJV)

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Even before the earth was created, the Father planned how the war would be won. The plan included that the Lamb, Jesus, would have to be killed as a sacrifice to take the penalty for our sins. He planned this before Adam and Eve had been created.

It appears that God knew before He created the universe and started time, that Adam and Eve would sin. He knew that Satan would turn from being a glorious created angel to the most vile and evil being. Yet, He still went through with creation.

Satan's Fall

You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. (Ezek 28:14-17 NIV)

Satan wasn't created to be an evil being. He was one of the highest, if not the highest-ranking angel in heaven. He was beautiful and wise. It is hard to imagine what he may have looked like, but that beauty was part of his downfall.

However, his wisdom is what makes him so dangerous today. He lived in the presences of the Lord. He observed the creation of the heavens and earth (Job 38:6-7). He knows the physics of the universe and uses that to manipulate the laws of nature to his advantage.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be

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brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (Isa 14:12-15 KJV)

His position, beauty, wisdom, and power made him proud. He had enough power to weaken nations and enough power to think he could be as powerful as God. He wasn't satisfied with being second in command; he wanted to be first. It was when he set his eyes on being a god instead of an angel that God cast him out of heaven.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev 12:7-9 KJV)

When Satan rebelled, he convinced a third of the other angels to follow him (Rev 12:4). When he lost his position as the number one angel, he and all who joined him were cast out of heaven. How this works exactly is a mystery because it is also evident that Satan and other evil spirits still have access to heaven. More details of this will be discussed later.

These followers of Satan are now the demonic forces that have been tormenting people for ages. Some have been locked up so that they can't do anything at this time but will be released later (Rev 9:1-2, 11). Others will not be released but will be kept for the judgment (2 Peter 2:4). The ones that are free to roam the earth until they will be locked up forever (Matt 8:29) are the ones that we have to be concerned with while waging spiritual battles.