

What Satan Doesn't Want You To Know

Satan the devil is a very clever, powerful spirit being, “*full of wisdom.*”

Ezekiel 28:12, 14-15 [New King James] “*Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”’*” ... “*You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.*”

When Satan rebelled against God’s government, [verse 17] this wisdom became perverted, it became tricky and deceitful.

This is one of the reasons that Satan has been able to deceive the whole of humanity, [Revelation 12:9].

Starting with Eve and through her, Adam, Satan has fooled all humanity in every generation.

How does Satan do this?

Satan does not have to appear personally as he did to Eve [Genesis 3:1-6].

Satan has found a more effective method of deception.

All humanity deceived

It was not long after the development of radio broadcasting that the governments of various nations discovered what a powerful tool radio could be to spread propaganda to influence, confuse or even deceive their own or enemy populations.

Television has also been used effectively to the same end, to promulgate blatant lies, as well as what is called “*disinformation.*”

Disinformation is a mixture of truth and error, enough truth to make it sound authentic, but enough error to render the whole misleading and deceptive.

Satan long ago realised the potential of media propaganda.

Satan is the first and most effective minister of propaganda ever.

John 8:44 [New King James] “*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*”

In the same way the media has been used by human propagandists, Satan “broadcasts” his deceptive message.

Ephesians 2:2 [New King James] “*in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*”

Satan is the “*prince of the power of the air.*” **He emits an attitude of rebellion.**

Satan personally radiates a spirit of defiance and disobedience, he does **not** need the physical media of radio and television, but uses them in the same way he uses human beings.

Originally Satan was a spirit being named “*Lucifer*” [Isaiah 14:12], meaning the morning star or the bringer of light, as the morning star heralds the rising of the sun.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 [New King James] *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

Satan’s human servants can deceive us by appearing to be attractive, good and moral.

Many unsuspecting people follow the smooth-talking, Bible-quoting leaders into cults that alienate them from their families and lead them into the practice of immorality and deceit.

Don’t be fooled by external appearances. This includes dress of religious leaders and the grand appearance of the buildings in which they invite people to worship their god.

The Christian Church met in people’s homes until Rome infiltrated the Christian Church and constructed buildings grand enough to attract the pagan worshippers away from their pagan temples.

These pagan worshippers brought with them pagan practices that the Roman Church adopted.

This is an example of how Satan presents a mixture of truth and lies to deceive millions of people.

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Satan’s fall

When Satan was still a created archangel named Lucifer, God gave him rulership over the earth, well before the creation of human beings.

Genesis 1:26-27 [New King James] *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

Note the statement of rulership being given to Adam and Eve of the earth.

Why the new appointment of humans to rule what had been originally given to Satan and other angels under him?

God in His perfect wisdom always gives a person any position of authority a trial period before confirmation of that appointment.

In the God-inspired conditions that Paul gave to Timothy we see this principle, [1 Timothy 3:1-13]. Note the important condition in verse 10, a trial period was essential.

Satan failed this trial period, [Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-15].

Lucifer’s rebellion, combined with all the other angels under him, against God’s throne in heaven, was defeated and he and the angels were cast back down to earth, after a galactic battle, the results of which are still visible on the moon and other planets within our solar system, all with giant craters and other signs of destruction.

Genesis 1:1 [New King James] *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

As with everything that God creates is perfect.

Genesis 1:2 [New King James] *“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

“The earth became without form and void.”

“Became” is a better translation of the Hebrew word “*hâyâh*” meaning became or came to pass.

Same Hebrew word translated “became” in **Genesis 19:26**, also we are told that God “renewed” the face of the earth, [**Psalms 104:30**].

Also the same Hebrew word is translated “became” in **1 Chronicles 17:22; Ezekiel 16:8**.

Luke 10:18 [New King James] *“And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.’”*

Though Satan has fallen, God has **not** yet removed him from his position of being the ruler of the world, [**Luke 4:5-6; John 14:30**].

Revelation 20:1-5 [New King James] *“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”*

Jesus Christ and true Christians will take up the rulership of this world at His Second Coming and Satan’s deceiving work will be eradicated for 1,000 years.

The whole world deceived

Many people will agree that Satan has deceived many people.

Certain people openly claim to be devil-worshippers. There are individual people in every nation who are just plain evil.

What about churches that teach and believe and do what they think is right?

They would never knowingly choose to have anything to do with Satan.

Many are, by the world’s standards, exceptionally “good” people, can they be deceived?

There are sincere theologians who teach against the works of the devil and his demons, some of them eloquently, even going so far as to try casting out demons.

Is it possible for such people to be deluded by the very devil that they are preaching against?

If you are among those who have, spiritually speaking, come out of Satan’s world, as all true Christians have, can you still be misled by Satan’s evil influence?

2 Corinthians 2:11 [New King James] *“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*

It is vital that we are **not** ignorant of Satan’s devices.

Satan compromises

This is something that Satan does **not** want us to know.

Compromise is one of Satan’s most important devices.

Satan is flexible, he will bend, he is a compromiser.

Satan will engage in give and take as long as he gets his way in the end. This is the ultra-important point to remember.

That is to say, as long as those Satan is dealing with stop short of fully submitting to God’s government, His commandments, Satan has accomplished his goal.

Satan has something for everybody.

The broad highway that leads to destruction, [**Matthew 7:13-14**] the highway humanity is following, is broader than perhaps we realised. It is divided into innumerable lanes and everyone is sure to find one of these lanes appealing, but they all lead to the same end, eternal death.

If Satan had his preference, he no doubt would want every human to be God-hating, atheistic anarchists bent on doing evil, just like himself.

But Satan has **not** succeeded to bring about this condition.

There are few people who are like this, but Satan doesn’t really care, as long as a person doesn’t fully obey the Creator God.

If people want to poke fun at the ridiculous portrayal of Satan, think of him as a superstition, a fable, it makes no difference to him as long as he has them going in his direction in life.

Satan is even willing to allow you to obey many of God’s commandments, as long as there is one point of the law you refuse to keep!

James 2:10 [New King James] *“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”*

Anyone guilty of such an attitude of rebellion obviously is **not** totally submitting to God.

Luke 14:25-26 [New King James] *“Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.’”*

The Greek word translated “hate” is “*misēō*” meaning to love less by comparison. To be a true Christian that is a disciple of Jesus Christ we have to be fully committed, [**verse 33**] there can be **no** compromises.

Romans 12:1 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

Paul tells us we have to become a “*living sacrifice*” if we are to worship God in spirit and in truth [**John 4:23**] showing our deep gratitude for God’s mercy.

No compromise in such a surrender to our Creator God.

God's commandments in force

There are those who preach powerfully against Satan and his evil works.

They may accurately show how Satan gets into minds to control them through today's music and entertainments.

They may say we should resist Satan.

They may urge acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

Believe it or not, all of the above can also fit into the parameters of Satan's scheme for total human destruction. How?

It can be possible if church denominations, however eloquent the sermons may be, stop short of teaching that we must obey all of God's holy commands.

If they say instead that God's laws have been done away with, that they are no longer binding on Christians.

Matthew 5:17-20 [New King James] *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

The Greek word translated “fulfil” is “plērōō” has various meanings according to context.

The law and the prophets are an example of two different meanings and context.

The prophets – Jesus Christ came and lived a life, death and resurrection that “*verified what was predicted*” [“plērōō”].

The law – ceremonial law, which pointed towards the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, Jesus Christ fulfilled this with His personal sacrifice on the cross.

The civil law – this applied to daily living in Ancient Israel who had a culture that was radically different to today, so only the principles involved are to be applied today and obeyed.

The moral law – such as the Ten Commandments, is a direct command of God and requires strict obedience. This moral law reveals the nature and will of God, and it still applies today.

Jesus Christ obeyed this moral law completely and levelled up [“plērōō”] this by preaching fully [“plērōō”] the spiritual intent of each law, [Matthew 5:21-48].

James 2:8-12 [New King James] *“If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.”*

There is **no** compromise or ignoring the law in this inspired statement of Jesus Christ's younger brother.

Total submission to God's law is what makes the difference between Satan's broad, all-encompassing way that leads to destruction and God's narrow way that leads to eternal life.

James 2:13-16 [New King James] *"For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?"*

James tells us exactly what happens when we allow ourselves to be deceived by Satan.

Satan does not want us to know this.

Satan wants you to think that what makes the difference is whether or not your church fellowship *"preaches Christ"* and believes Christ is the Saviour.

Satan does not want you to know that you can believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour, even believe you are worshipping Him by attending church services, all in vain!

Matthew 7:21-23 [New King James] *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

Even if you and your Christian fellowship are accomplishing all this, Jesus Christ still sees you as sinning law-breakers.

1 John 3:4 [New King James] *"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."*

Sin is the breaking of God's law.

1 John 3:8 [New King James] *"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."*

When we break God's law we become children of Satan.

Jesus Christ came and perfectly fulfilled God's law so that He could destroy the deceptive work of Satan, by being the example we should all follow.

Mark 7:5-7, 9 [New King James] *"Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, 'Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?' He answered and said to them, 'Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: "This people honours Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."'" ... "He said to them, 'All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.'"*

There are still religious leaders today who add rules and regulations to God's law causing much confusion among believers.

It is idolatry to claim that your interpretation of God's Word, the Christian Bible, is as important as God's Word itself.

It is especially dangerous to set up unbiblical standards for others to follow.

Instead we all need to look directly to Jesus Christ for guidance about our own behaviour, and let Him, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, lead others in the details of their lives and their relationship with God, [John 16:13].

Don't trust appearances

Matthew 7:15 [New King James] *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”*

Satan is an expert in making evil look good.

By compromising, Satan can take something that is evil and combine it with enough good to make it look perfectly innocent.

Genesis 3:1-6 [New King James] *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”*

Satan's strategy is to use disguise. **The Hebrew word translated “serpent” is “nâchâsh” meaning enchanter.**

As we know, **Satan's original name was Lucifer, the Hebrew word “hêylêl” meaning brightness from root word meaning shining colour.**

Such a display of brightness and colour would have caused Eve to be attracted towards it.

For such an attractive, enchanting being to assure her that the fruit was good for her must have been irresistible.

“You will be like God” – had God already told Adam and Eve the reason for their existence was to be in His “likeness”?

Here was this attractive being telling her of a short-cut to that goal!

When Satan tried to get Jesus Christ to disobey God the Father, Satan misquoted valid scriptures, [Matthew 4:6].

Satan is very deceitful, our only hope of not being fooled by him is to study and believe God's Word and obey God's laws.

Matthew 4:8-11 [New King James] *“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.”’ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”*

Jesus Christ knew that eventually if He remained faithful to His Father He would rule over all of the world's kingdoms, [Revelation 11:15] but Satan was offering instant rulership without having to face the horror of scourging and crucifixion.

Jesus Christ defeated Satan's attack by quoting scriptures that tell us to worship only the One true God, and serve Him only.

James 4:7 [New King James] *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

If we surrender our lives to God and His Word the Christian Bible, Satan will flee from our presence.

Remember this surrendering our lives to God must be a total sacrifice of our body, mind and human spirit, [**Romans 12:1**].