

Armor of God Part 2

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History of Spiritual Warfare, where did our enemy come from?

- Double Fulfillment/Double Reference — two or more prophecies may be grouped together in one passage although they reference different people, events and times. The comparisons aren't exact but are general descriptions with imagistic overtones.
- **2 Matthew 2:14-15**

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

 - originally in Hosea 11:1 referred to children of Israel leaving Egypt
 - in Matthew, refers to Joseph taking Mary and young child Jesus to live in Egypt
- like princes and kings of Persia and Greece, Kings of Babylon and Tyre, but not just them, double fulfillment,
 - last week we studied the spiritual warfare that went on when the angel of the Lord was trying to reach Daniel; how the names of the earthly places represented the names of the spiritual rulers of those places
- **Double Reference — History of Satan himself and his fall from heaven**
- **Isaiah 14:9-15**

"Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.'"

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."
- Five "I will" statements of Lucifer
 - I will ascend into heaven
 - I will exalt my throne above the stars of God
 - I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north
 - I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
 - I will be like the Most High

Unrestrained pride was the source of Satan's fall from heaven! Pride before fall!

- **Ezekiel 28:12-19**

“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 in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. 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. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.”

- seal of perfection, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty
 - timbrels and pipes prepared for you upon your creation
 - anointed cherub who covers, perfect in your ways
- iniquity was found in you
 - abundance of trading, peddling, filled with violence, unjust gain
 - you sinned and were cast out as a profane thing, destroyed
- heart was lifted up because of beauty
 - corrupted your wisdom for sake of splendor
 - defiled your dwelling by multitude of iniquity, peddling yourself
 - you have become a horror, shall be utterly destroyed

Garden of Eden after the fall

- **Genesis 3:1-5**

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.”

Remember... *“serpent” is Satan, not merely an animal*

Observations of his character and tactics... KNOW YOUR ENEMY!

- **cunning** — deceptive, scheming
- **talks** — includes persuading individuals to embrace lies about themselves, so that they will appease and quite the voices (His voice) that have been telling them lies
- **challenges/creates doubt in God's Word** — “Did God really say?”
- **lies** — “You shall not die.”
- **assaults God's character** — “you'll be like Him, He's withholding, doesn't want anyone else like him”
- **verses 6-10**— ate, shared, opened, knew, sewed, hid, afraid
 - sewing and hiding, self effort to cover own mistakes
- **Genesis 3:11**
And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Satan condemns after he's successful in tempting you.

When we fail... the Holy Spirit brings us to the throne of grace for mercy; draw near

- **Genesis 3:12**
Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”
 - initial byproduct of first sin; blame another; not recognize source
 - NOT flesh and blood, Satan is behind it
- **Genesis 3:13**
And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Devil who deceives is the ultimate problem!

- **Genesis 3:14-15**
So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

**“enmity,” conflict, warfare between Satan and humans...
victory proclaimed!**

Names of Satan — help us understand his workings...

Abaddon, Apollyon — Revelation 9:11, “Destruction”

Angel of Bottomless Pit — Revelation 9:11, “Abode”

Accuser — Revelation 12:10, “Berates”

Adversary — 1 Peter 5:8, “Enemy Combatant”

Angel of Light — 2 Corinthians 11:14, “Impersonator”

Antichrist — 1 John 4:3, “Against Christ”

Beast — Revelation 14:9-10, “Rager”

Beelzebub — Matthew 12:24, “Lord of the Flies, Ruler of the Unclean”

Belial — 2 Corinthians 6:15, “Worthless”

Deceiver, Devil, Dragon — Revelation 12:9

Enemy — Matthew 13:39, “Steal Word of God out of People’s Hearts”

Evil One — John 17:15

Father of Lies — John 8:44, “Source of Lies”

God of this Age — 2 Corinthians 4:4, “Ruler of Worldly System”

Lawless One — 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10, “Utterly rejects God's Law”

Lucifer — Isaiah 14:12, “Light-bearer”

Man of Sin — 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, “Source of Sin”

Murderer — John 8:44, “Satanic Spirit that Murders”

Prince of the Power of the Air — Ephesians 2:1-2, “Ruler of Demonic Atmosphere”

Roaring Lion — 1 Peter 5:8, “Intimidator”

Ruler of this World — John 12:31-32, “Ruler of Worldly System”

Satan — Mark 1:13, “Tempter, Accuser”

Serpent of Old — Revelation 12:9, “Garden Serpent”

Son of Perdition — 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, “Source of Destruction”

Tempter — Matthew 4:3, “Beguiler, Seducer”

Thief — John 10:10, “Steal, Kill, Destroy”

Wicked One — Ephesians 6:16, “Derelict, Vicious, Malicious”

What we must KNOW, DECLARE and APPROPRIATE

- **1 John 3:8**

...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

- **Acts 10:38**

...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- **James 4:7**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to understand “double-fulfillment / double reference”?
2. Satan fell from heaven because of his unstrained pride. We all have such great pride. What do we have that Satan did not have, which can save us from his fate?
3. Which schemes that the enemy uses have been particularly effective in your life?
4. Which of the names of Satan do you have a particular aversion to? Why?
5. In James 4:7, what do you, as a Doer of the Word, have to DO, before God fulfills his promise that the devil will flee?