

Who is Satan?

Introduction:

1. What picture immediately comes to mind when you hear the word "Satan"?

Discussion:

I. The Origin of Satan

- A. Some have questioned whether he was part of the Deity.
- B. If Satan were Deity, that means he was not a created being and would always have been in existence like God.
 1. Satan therefore, would have had just as much power as God and we know that isn't the case.
 2. Satan is a created being (Nehemiah 9:6).
- C. If God created Satan, which side is He really on?
 1. We must never forget the nature of God (James 1:13-14).
 2. He is on our side!
- D. We must also understand that Satan is not flesh and blood (I Cor. 15:50).
- E. Satan was part of the angelic host.
 1. Hebrews 1:14
 2. Everything God made was very good (Gen. 1:31).

II. The nature and reputation of Satan.

- A. The fall of Satan (II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; I Tim. 3:6).
- B. Satan's names are an indication of his nature.
 1. Matt. 4:3; 13:19, 39
 2. II Cor. 4:4

III. What this should mean for every Christian.

- A. Satan is real and he is constantly present (I Pet. 5:8).
- B. As Christians, we need to prepare ourselves to fight Satan (Eph. 4:27; 6:12-18).
- C. We must prepare to resist the Devil (James 4:7).

Conclusion:

1. Satan is real and not a fictitious being.
 - a. Before we battle our enemy, we need to know what we are up against.
 - b. As long as we stand beside God in battle, He will help us overcome Satan (I Cor. 10:13).
2. Next week: "Satan's works and how to recognize him".