

# SATAN & DEMONS

## Satan

*Who is he?* Fallen angel; created, finite being; limited power, presence & knowledge; fate is determine – eternal torment in hell (Is 14:12-15; Ez 28: 11-19; Rev 12; Lk 10:18; Rev 20: 7-10; Mt 25:41)

*What are his primary present activities?*

- 1) Accuses Christians before God (Rev 12:10; Job 1; Zech 3)
- 2) Roams/prowls the earth attacking people, especially Christians (Rev 12; I Pet 5:8; Job 1)

## Demons

*Who are they?* Other fall angels; 1/3 of angels fell with Satan (Rev 12)

*What are they doing now?* Some are bound awaiting their final judgement (Jude 6; 2 Pet 2:4); most are free to assist Satan in doing evil (Eph 6:12).

*What is their fate?* Eternal torment in hell (Mt 25:41; Rev 20)

## Relationship w/ Believers

*Can a true believer be possessed/owned by Satan/demon?* NO (2 Cor 6:15-16, 2:14; 5:17; Col 1:13, Rm 8:37-39; I Jn 2:13, 4:4, 5:18; I Pet 1:5, 17-19, 2:9; I Cor 15:57)

*Can a true believer be demonized/inhabited by Satan/demon?* MAYBE (Crippled Women – Lk 13:10-16; King Saul - I Sam 10:6-12, 16:14)

*Can Satan/demon plant thoughts in a believer's mind?* MAYBE (e.g., David – I Chron 21:1; Ananias – Acts 5:3; Peter – Mt 16:22-23)

*Can a true believer be externally afflicted by Satan/demon?* YES

- 1) Sometimes allowed by God for our ultimate good (e.g., Job; Paul's thorn – 2 Cor 12:7-9; Sifting of Peter – Lk 22:31-32)
  
- 2) Sometimes allowed by God as punishment (e.g., King Saul – I Sam 16; Incestuous Corinthian – I Cor 5; Hymenaeus & Alexandra – I Tim 1:18-20; Ananias & Sapphira – Acts 5).