

ABATT
 Intro to Satan
 Christian Life Assembly
 Jim Hoffman

Intro to Satan

- Who made the devil sin, or what caused the devil to sin?
- This is a great question because no sin had ever existed before, there was nothing corrupt in him, and there were no corrupting influences outside of him.

2

Intro to Satan

What do you know about
 Satan?

3

Intro to Satan

• Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you." NASB

4

Intro to Satan

• Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from

Satan successfully incited (perhaps even caused) one group of humans to attack and kill another group.

The fact that we are privy to the conversation between God and Satan allows us to know that it was Satan's work.

corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you." NASB

5

Intro to Satan

• Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed

Satan is capable, when allowed, of sending what is described as "the fire of God" from heaven.

This fire killed Job's livestock and shepherds.

6

Intro to Satan

Again, we see Satan being able to incite robbery and murder as he sends the Chaldeans against Job's herd of camels and his servants.

heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you." NASB

7

Intro to Satan

• Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were

Finally, we see that Satan is quite capable of sending what was evidently a tornado that would take aim at and kill Job's sons and daughters.

three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you." NASB

8

Intro to Satan

- Deception is perhaps the chief strategy of the devil It is said that the devil is most dangerous when he is thought to be a myth.
- Elves, leprechauns, bigfoot, demons, and Satan are assumed to be figments of our imaginations.
- It is no accident that the world's picture of the devil is as some innocent little cherub with horns.

9

Intro to Satan



10

Intro to Satan

- Don't be preoccupied with him, but do not be unaware either.
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. NASB
- James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. NASB

11

Intro to Satan

- Do demons have the same power as Satan himself?
- There is no evidence that demons are as powerful as their leader, but they are not to be underestimated.
- Acts 19:14 Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" 16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. NASB


12

Intro to Satan

- God’s grace upon us makes us a target of the devil. (Ephesians 6)
- His attacks upon us are proof of the new birth so understand that while we may not appreciate the enemy’s attacks, we would rather have them. ☺
- Eph 6:16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. NASB

13

Intro to Satan

- Have you ever wondered where a  thought comes from when you are praying, reading our bibles, or worshipping?
- We think, “what!, where did that come from?, I don’t want that!” and yet there it is right in the middle of your fellowship with God.
- No wonder – Satan wants what you are giving to God; worship!

14

Intro to Satan

- God has ordained there would be a devil and it is a good thing He did.
- It is good because all that God is and does is good.
- It is the best of all possible avenues for history whether we understand it or not.

15

Intro to Satan

- Perhaps God created Lucifer to show His own goodness and righteousness by comparison.
- One of the ways we understand good is by comparing it to evil.
- Evil is not good, but it is good that evil exists – it is one of those contrasts in the universe that serve exalt God!

16

Intro to Satan

- Romans 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. NASB
- Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? NASB
- Not that sin is good, but sin helps us to see grace!

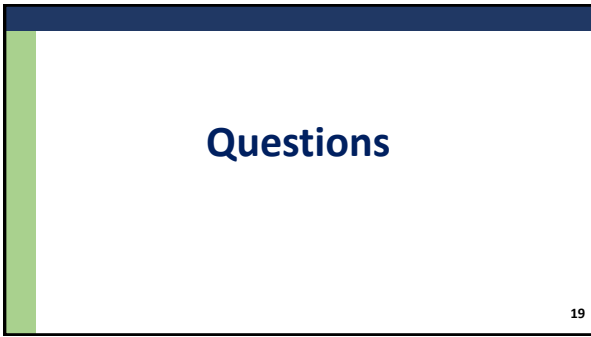
17

Intro to Satan



Why Does God Allow Satan to Live?

18



Questions

19
