

JUST WHO IS THE CHRISTIAN'S ACCUSER?

(Not entirely original with me)

Revelation 12:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:11-12

Introduction: Satan is the one who is constantly accusing the Christian before God and through the centuries people have tried to imagine what he looks like and have described him as being red, having horns, a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Obviously man's imaginative description of Satan is just that, imagination. Christians are warned to be alert for Satan is constantly attempting to draw them away from God.

I. THE ORIGIN OF SATAN

1. **Ezekiel 28:11-15**

- Satan (Lucifer) was created by God to be an angel.
- He was the most beautiful of all the angels.
- He was the most intelligent of all the angels.
- He was the most powerful of all the angels.
- He had the most authority of all the angels.
- Satan was God's chief angel.

II. THE FALL OF SATAN

1. **Isaiah 14:12-15**

- Satan (Lucifer) became jealous of God and decided to take God's place.
- Satan rebelled against God and drew thousands of angels away from God to join him.

III. THE WORK OF SATAN

1. God's Word says that all that Satan does is evil, as everything he does is against God.
2. To the "fallen" angels, those who rebelled with him against God, Satan is their god.
3. To the unsaved human being, Satan is his/her "father" whether he/she calls him that or not.
4. To Christians, Satan is their number one enemy because he seeks to keep them away from God in order to hurt God and render the Christian useless to God.

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan (the devil) is real, not someone in a red suit, etc.
2. Christians are in the middle of a battle between Satan and God.
3. ONLY GOD can defeat Satan.
4. Satan has NO problem with anybody who is out of God's will.
5. Satan is ruler (prince) of THIS world.
6. ONLY through prayer and God's Word can a believer survive Satan's attacks and remain in fellowship with God.
7. Satan wants to be God - sadly, he is god to most of our world.