

## QUESTIONS YOU HOPE THEY DON'T ASK

### *"Is the Devil Real and If So, Where Did He Come From?"*

(1 Peter 5:8)

- Introduction:**
1. We live in a time in which many people don't believe in a real Devil.
  2. Barna did a survey over a decade ago in which 60% of professing Christians did not believe Satan was a real being, but only a symbol of evil.
  3. Whereas Peter warned us about Satan (1 Peter 5:8) many today have dismissed his warning a treat Satan as a humorous, benign, fictional character.
  4. When I think of the public relations makeover of Satan, I am reminded of what Paul said (2 Corinthians 11:4).
  5. So, let's look at what the Bible says.

#### I. Is Satan Real

- A. If the normal sense makes good sense, seek no other sense, lest it result in non-sense.
- B. I know of no compelling evidence in Scripture that would lead me to believe he was anything less than a real personality.
  1. He was the deceiver of Eve (Genesis 3:13).
  2. The tormenter of Job (Job 1:12).
  3. The tempter of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11).
  4. The sifter of Peter (Luke 22:31).
  5. The adversary of all (1 Peter 5:8).

#### II. What is the Origin of Satan?

- A. We Know He Was Created.
  1. (John 1:1-3).
  2. (Colossians 1:16-17).
  3. (Psalm 148:1-6).
  4. (1 Timothy 6:16).
- B. We Know He Was Not Created Evil
  1. God is Holy (1 Peter 1:15-16) and hates evil (Psalm 5:4-5).
  2. After his creation he said that it was very good (Genesis 1:31).
- C. Then What Happened to Satan?
  1. Paul said he fell because of his pride (1 Timothy 3:7).
  2. We're also told that angels fell (2 Peter 2:4,9; Jude 6).
  3. It seems that Satan has a place of leadership among the angels who fell (Matthew 25:41).

4. Putting all of this together, we learn that because of pride, some angels sinned in leaving their own habitation, and because of their fall, they are under God's punishment.
- D. Is Satan Lucifer?
1. (Isaiah 14:1-23).
  2. This passage addresses the king of Babylon.
  3. Lucifer is Latin and means "morning star," and is not a proper name.
  4. Lucifer, as a name of Satan was popularized by John Milton's "Paradise Lost."
  5. Jesus is called the "morning star" (Revelation 22:16).
- E. Ezekiel's Description of Satan
1. (Ezekiel 28:11-19).
  2. This is a prophecy against the king of Tyre, however it clearly reaches beyond him.
    - a. He was in Eden, the garden of God (v. 13).
    - b. He was the anointed cherub (v. 14).
    - c. He was perfect from his creation till iniquity was found in him (v. 15).
    - d. He was cast out of the mountain of God (v. 16).

- Conclusion:**
1. According to the Bible, Satan is real.
  2. He was created perfect by God, but fell because of his pride.
  3. Today, he seeks to destroy us, so that we will share in his fate and misery.