



BIBLICAL CLARITY

THINKING CORRECTLY
ON BIBLICAL TOPICS



C.S. Lewis, Screwtape Letters

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors...

Common Misconceptions

Too Much

- Everything adverse is demonic
- Too Powerful, Omnipresent

Too Little

- All Natural
- No Power, Out of site out of mind

Satan's Names in Scripture

- Beelzebub (Matt. 12:24)
- The Wicked one (Matt. 13:19)
- Devil “slanderer/false accuser” (Luke 4:13)
- Liar, Murderer (John 8:44)
- Ruler of this world (John 21:31)
- The god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Belial (2 Cor. 6:15)
- Prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Enemy, Evil one (Matt. 13:28)
- Satan (Acts 26:18)
- The Tempter (1 Thess. 3:5)
- Lawless one (2 Thess. 2:18)
- Adversary, lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Great dragon (Rev. 12:9)
- Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
- Deceiver (Rev. 12:9)

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- Too Powerful, Omnipresent
- No one understands your oppression

Too Little

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- No Power, Out of site out of mind
- My experience *should be* everyone else's



Too Much

Reality

Too Little

The History of Satan

The Mission of Satan

The Methods of Satan

The Solution to Satan

The History of Satan

- Revelation 12, 20, and 21:1-5
- The Past, The Future, The Present
- Satan: The Originator of Evil
- Victory
- The Battle



The Mission of Satan

- Devour the Child (Rev. 12:4)
- Persecute the Woman (Rev. 12:13)
- Make war with the rest of the offspring (Rev. 12:17)

The Mission of Satan

Kill God, Kill the Church, Kill the Individuals that make up the church

Gen 3 – The Serpent deceives, lies to Eve and Adam

Deut. 32:16-17 Israel provokes God to anger by worshiping demons

Job 1-2 - Satan brings severe suffering to Job tempting him to renounce God – Satan accuses Job of honoring God for personal gain

1 Chron. 21:1-22:1 – enticed David to number Israel resulting in 70K deaths

Matt. 4 Satan attacks Christ capitalizing on weakness (1,2,3) tired, hungry, lonely

Matt. 16:23 get behind me Satan – stopping God's purposes is Satanic activity

John 13:27 Satan enters Judas to kill Jesus (But Jesus resurrects!!!)

Rev 20:10 dragon, deceiver, destroys followers with him

The Mission of Satan

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- Turning to God is rebellion against Satan
- Satan's will is that all **would** perish and that none **would** come to repentance
- Master deceiver
- You don't have to worship God, just be a good person
- You see redemption Satan sees treason
- Incite rebellion at all costs

The Methods of Satan

*And the dragon was enraged with the woman and he went to **make war** with the rest of her offspring who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Revelation 12:17

The Methods of Satan

*And you, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this **world**, according to the **prince** of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lust of our **flesh** and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

Ephesians 2:1-3

The World

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-is not of the Father but is of the world.

- 1 John 2:15-16

The World

Genesis 3:6

Eve

Saw that the tree was **good for food**,

It was pleasant to the **eyes**,

And a tree desirable to make one **wise**

She took of its fruit and ate.

1 John 4:16

Beloved

The lust of the **flesh**

The lust of the **eyes**

And the **pride** of life.

Is not of the Father but is of the world

The World

Practical Questionnaire: Am I permitting the world to mold me into its shape?

Symptoms of worldly influence:

- Political Idolatry
- Entertainment Idolatry
- Given up on God to help you
- Worldly Values and Ideas
- Eisegesis to support worldly ideas

The Devil

Each one is tempted when he is drawn away from his own lust and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when its full grown, brings forth death.

- James 1:14

The Methods of Satan: The Demonic Realm and the Christian

What Demons *Cannot* Do

- Demonic Control/Ownership (Col. 1:13)
- Go beyond God's preset limits (Job 1:12)

What Demons Do

- Occupation (2 Cor. 11:3-4)
- Oppression (Luke 13:10)
- Restoration (1 Cor. 5:5)
- Hinder Ministry (1 Thess. 2:18)

Demonic Occupation

*But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or **if you receive a different spirit** which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted-you may well put up with it!*

- 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

Demonic Oppression

*...there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up... “woman you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God... So ought not this woman, being a **daughter of Abraham**, whom **Satan has bound**-think of it-for eighteen years be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?*

- Luke 13:10 - 17

Restoration Via Demonic Affliction

...Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

- 1 Corinthians 5:5

The Methods of Satan: Demonic Realm

Practical Questionnaire: Am I opening myself up to demonic influence?

Signs of demonic interaction:

- Occult Practices
- Chronic Sin
- Believing in lies
- Lies in third person
- Degrading Self-Talk
- “Losing it”
- Feelings of Worthlessness

The Flesh

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The Flesh

- Sin's purpose is to kill you
- Designed to be dependent on God
- Sin strives for independence of God
- Don't rule out demonic influence on habitual sin

The Flesh

Practical Questionnaire: Am I allowing myself to be dominated by my flesh?

Signs of fleshly influence:

- Pride
- Lack of fruit of the Spirit
- Abundance of works of the flesh

The Solution to Satan

“And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the lamb, and the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to death.” Rev. 12:11

The Solution to Satan

World

➤ Renew your mind

Demonic

Flesh

Solution to Worldly Influence

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- Romans 12:2

Prayer Against Worldly Influence

God, I pray that you help me to continually make my mind new again through Word, prayer, fellowship, worship, etc. Help me to persist in Godliness and not be influenced by the world to rebel against you to any degree. Give me the wisdom to find answers in you.

Prayer Against Demonic Influence

God, if there are any evil spirits working in me because of my sin I repent of this, and ask that you forgive me of my sin. Please lead me by your Spirit and show me the error in my ways that I would no longer grieve Your Spirit, and give the enemy a foothold in my life. (Confess, cutoff, Change, counsel).

By the blood and power of Jesus I command that you take your afflictions and all your evil spirits with you directly to hell, and depart from me by the blood of Jesus Christ. Father, fill me with your truth and with your Spirit in Jesus name, and give me continued watchfulness to not allow the enemy any foothold in my life in Jesus name.

The Solution to Satan

World

- Renew your mind

Demonic

- No Footholds
- Rule it out

Flesh

- Walk in the Spirit

Prayer Against Fleshly Influence

God, I pray that your Spirit search areas in my life that I am not seeking the Spirit's moment by moment dependence on in Jesus name. Search me and show me the fleshly desires hindering me from walking in your Spirit. Give me strength to give more of myself over to your Spirit's rule in my life. That my life would overflow with the fruit of your Spirit in Jesus name.



Closing Thoughts

Be aware in the middle

Take your hinderances seriously

Live in Victory

Don't be deceived

Overcoming starts now!