

## **Satan**

### A Spiritual Enemy of the Christian

- Satan is the highest being in God's creative scale; a finite person.
- Satan fell wanting to be like God: unanswerable to no one.
- Satan brought sin into the universe.
- Satan's names reflect his character:
  - Dragon—fierce, aggressive.
  - Serpent—subtlety.
  - Devil—accuser, slanderer, traitor.
  - Satan—enemy.
- Satan has the ability to disrupt the mind as it works towards a conclusion. (τα νόημα) Literally means "*the results of the workings of the mind, or the things resulting from the workings of the mind.*"
- Satan attacks the Christian through the human spirit in contrast to the flesh which attacks through the soul (2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Pet. 2:11).
- Satan cannot incite man's sin nature; however, he does take advantage of the sin nature's activity.

### **Satan's Current Mission and Abilities**

- A.** Satan is the father of his own spiritual family (1 Jn. 3:9-10; Jn. 8:33-44).
- B.** Satan's authority is limited to earth's atmosphere (Eph. 2:2).
- C.** Satan is the god of this evil age (2 Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4).
- D.** Satan is the ruler of this world system (Mt. 4:8; Lu.4:5-7; Jn. 14:30).
- E.** Satan can manipulate circumstances (Job 1:10-17).
- F.** Satan can control climatic elements (Job 1:18-19).
- G.** Satan can create sickness and life (Job 2:7; Rev. 13:14-15).
- H.** Satan is not allowed to touch Christians (1 Jn. 5:18; cf. Eph. 6:18, 12).