

Satan

Before his fall

- I.** Your spiritual enemy is a formidable, ferocious foe.
 1. Satan rules his earthly kingdoms through demons—fallen angels.
 2. He has supernatural powers.
 3. He cannot touch the Christian; however he can put thoughts in your mind.
 4. He can manipulate circumstances.
 5. He can control the weather.
 6. He can use the unsaved and carnal Christians in his plan to thwart those who desire to serve God.
 7. His methods are generally misunderstood.
- II.** How Satan is addressed in Scripture.
 1. Satan’s manipulation of humans is addressed by God through that third person—a foil (Mt. 16:20-23).
 2. Satan rules the world system (Mt. 4:8-9; Lu. 4:5-6).
 3. He was the authority behind the King of Tyre (Ez. 28:11-19).
 - 1) A cherub (v. 14).
 - 2) Created (vv. 13, 15).
 - 3) Perfect—sum total (vv. 12, 15).
 - 4) Brightness (v. 17 cf. Is. 14:12; 2 Cor. 11:14).
- III.** Lucifer before he changed to the enemy of God (Ez. 28:11-19).
 1. God prepared a special place for Lucifer, bright-star, to rule the universe: Eden the Garden of God (v. 13-14).
 - 1) The Garden had precious stones (v. 13).
 - 2) Lucifer was “a setting” for the stones (v. 13).
 - 3) The stones interacted with Lucifer v. 14).
 2. Lucifer was the sum total of “well arranged” (v. 12).
 3. He was perfect in his activities of life—his governing (v. 15).
 - 1) Holy mountain belonging to God (v. 14, 16).
 - 2) “Covereth,” overshadowed all in in the kingdom.
 4. He was full of wisdom—used information correctly (v. 12).
 5. He was created the sum total of beauty (vv. 12, 17).
 6. He was the articular head of the government (V. 14, 16).
 7. He was anointed—special relationship to the Holy Spirit (v.14).