

Satan—The Enemy

- I. Lucifer ruled from a place prepared by God (Ez. 28:11-19).
 1. God prepared an ideal setting for him to rule.
 2. After his fall his wisdom was corrupted and he became a “workaholic.”
 3. He has been judged but his entire sentence has not yet been carried out.
 4. Christians are to be aware of how he can outwit us and affect our minds (2 Cor. 2:11).
- II. Satan had his sphere of authority limited:
 1. He is limited to the earth’s atmosphere (Eph. 2:2).
 2. He has only 1/3 of the angels (Rev. 12:4 *cf.* 1 Tim. 5:21).
 3. He rules most of mankind (Lu. 4:5-6 *cf.* Jn. 15:18-19).
 4. He has a moveable throne (Rev. 2:13).
 5. He is optimistic till Mid-Tribulation (Rev. 12:12).
- III. To resist Satan God provides the Christian armor.
 1. Before the Christian is able to put on the armor from God, he must already be relatively victorious over the sin nature (Eph. 6:10).
 2. Three words for power:
 - 1) KJV “strong” = empowerment, inherent strength.
 - 2) KJV “power” = manifest might, action.
 - 3) KJV “might” = provided power, enduement.
 - 4) Translation of Ephesians 6:10: ***Finally, my brothers you empower yourselves in the Lord and by the manifest power (action) by the ability He provides.***
Interpretation: Use your position in Christ as Lord and have it be seen in action by the ability He provides (*cf.* Phil. 3:10). Then put on the armor.
- IV. The progression in maturity (1 Jn. 2:12-14).
 1. The young children who under instruction experientially, through action, have in the past and are knowing the Father (v. 13; Rom. 6:11).
 2. The young men have and still are overcoming the malignantly evil one (vv. 13-14).
 - 1) They have an enduement of power.
 - 2) The word concerning God is at ease in them.