

## **What the Bible Teaches about Satan and Demons**

### **A. Facts about Satan (the devil, Lucifer)**

- 1. He is a being with a personal name. Job 1:7**
- 2. Satan fell from his position as an anointed cherub through pride over his own beauty. Ezk. 28:11-17; I Tim. 3:16; and trying to exalt himself above God. Is. 14:12-14**
- 3. He deceived Eve in the garden. Gen. 3:1-6**
- 4. God put enmity between Satan and man. Gen 3:15**
- 5. He has access to heaven. Rev. 12:9-12**
- 6. He is the accuser of the brethren. Rev. 12:10**
- 7. He roams the earth seeking whom he can devour. I Peter 5:8**
- 8. He hates good men. Job 2:3-6**
- 9. He seeks to destroy fellowship between God and His children. Job.2: 4-6**
- 10. He seeks to cause men to curse God and deny Him. Job 2:5**
- 11. He is limited by God in touching His children. Job 2:6**
- 12. He destroys to the limit of this ability through the permission of God. Job 1:12-19**
- 13. He has many agents on earth who do his bidding. Job 1:15, 17**
- 14. He can control the elements and cause storms when God permits. Job 1:18, 19**
- 15. He is the propagator of disease in the bodies of men. Job 2:7; Acts 10:38**
- 16. Satan's ultimate abode is the "lake of fire" prepared for him, the demons, and those humans who do not believe on Christ. Rev. 20:10**

**B. Facts about the demons (fallen angels)**

- 1. A third of God's angels rebelled with Satan and now compose his demon horde. Rev. 12:4**
- 2. They are subject to Christ and to believers by the atonement, the Name of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Matt. 8:16-17**
- 3. Demons have a hierarchy of rank with Satan as their commander and chief. Eph. 6:12**
- 4. Thousands of them can enter into and take possession of one man at the same time. Mark 5:9**
- 5. They have more than ordinary intelligence. Matt. 8:29**
- 6. Their rightful place at present is in the abyss. Luke 8:26-33**
- 7. They can enter into and control both men and beasts, and they seek embodiment. Mark 5:1-8; Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 8:32**
- 8. Demons know their fate (Matt. 8:31-32) and recognize those who have power over them. Acts 19:13-17**
- 9. They inflict physical maladies. Matt. 12:22**
- 10. They wage war on the saints. Eph. 6:10-18**
- 11. Our resources against them are prayer, bodily control, and the whole armor of God. Matt. 17:21; Eph. 6:10-18**

**Review Is. 14:12-15 and Ezk. 28:11-19**

*James 4:7 NIV*

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*1 John 4:4 NIV*

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

