



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
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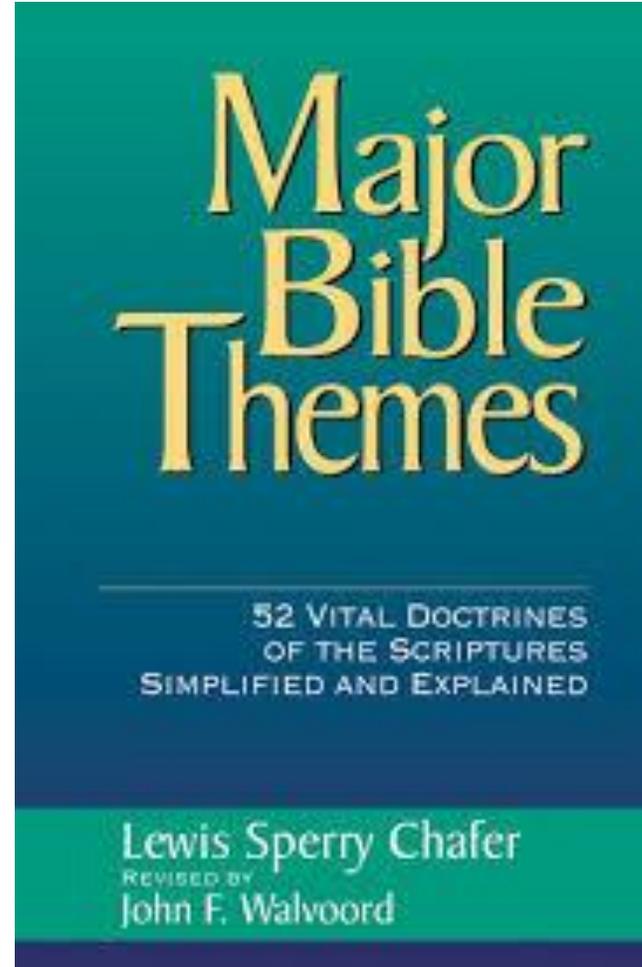
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Chapter Twenty three : Satan

His Personality and Power

Step # One Chapter Twenty Three : Satan: His Personality and Power

Find the Outline



Chapter Twenty Three : Satan: His Personality and Power

A. Personality of Satan

1. Created as a Person
- 2 Exercises the functions of a person.

B. Power of Satan

1. Power cannot be estimated
2. Power aided by Demons

MBT Chapter Twenty Three Outline



Satan was originally created as the **highest being** above all the moral creatures of God, although an immeasurable gulf exists between him and the Godhead. As will be presented in the next chapter, Satan, although originally a holy angel, fell from his holy estate and became the enemy of God and the leader of other fallen angels.

A. **Personality** of Satan

It is important to understand that Satan is **not just a force**, but has the attributes of personhood like any other created being. He has a body, he has emotions.

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1. Created as a Person

All things are created by God that are in heaven and in earth, Colossians 1:16 states that **Christ created all things** "visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers,". In that he is created, Satan is not a force, but was created with elements of personality.



In Ezekiel 28:11-19 we see that Satan has a body like a person. Scriptures teach that there are bodies terrestrial and bodies celestial but created beings have bodies and Satan is no exception. The book of Revelation gives us more detail of his bodily appearance.

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In Isaiah 14:12-17 We see that he has the name of a person "Lucifer, son of the morning" as well as having numerous other names



2 Exercises the **functions** of a person.

- He has a will like a person and is guilty of opposing his own will against the will of God.
- In Genesis 3:1-15 His personhood is seen in his heart to deceive and methods of deception.
- In the temptation of Christ Satan came as a person who for instance took Christ personally to the pinnacle of the temple.

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- In Ephesians 6:10-12 his strategies and warfare against the children of God reveal his personhood

B. **Power** of Satan

Though morally fallen and now judged in the Cross Satan has not lost his position, and he has lost but little of his power

1. Power **cannot be estimated**

- He is the prince and ruler of this world.
- He has the power of death.
- He has the power over sickness.



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- Against the power of Satan even Michael the archangel dare not contend
- Satan's power and authority are exercised always and only within the permissive will of God.

2. Power **aided by Demons**

Satan's power is increased by the innumerable host of demons who do his will and serve him. Though he is not omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient, through Demons he is in touch with the whole world

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- They are capable of indwelling and controlling animals as well as men
- Desire to be possessed of physical bodies
- Sometimes demons merely influence men and in other cases actually possess them so that men's physical bodies as well as their speech are controlled by the demons
- Like Satan, they are totally evil and malicious and affect those they control in this way
 - They show that they know Jesus Christ to be God
 - Aware that they are destined for eternal punishment

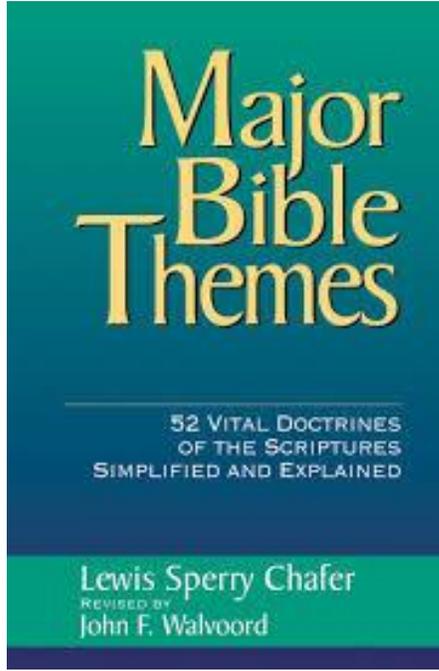


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- They are capable of bringing on physical disorders as well as insanity
- Demons can influence Christians

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible teach about Satan's Personality and power?

**Chapter 23 : Satan
His Personality and
Power**

**Using Major Bible Themes
write a study explaining
Satan's Personality and
Power**

Chapter Twenty Three : Satan: His Personality and Power

Memorize it

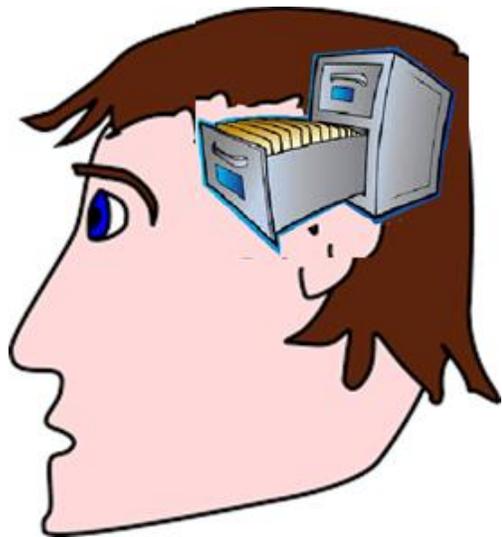


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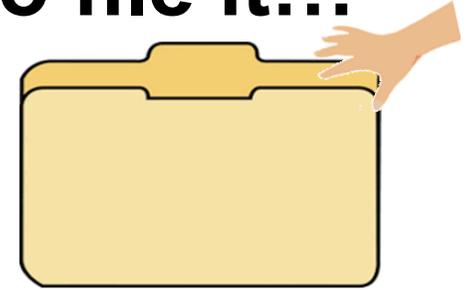
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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



A. **Personality** of Satan

1. **Created** as a Person

Christ created all things

Col 1:16 *For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

He has a body

Eze 28:13 *Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes , the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: was **prepared in thee in the day that thou was created.***

Rev. 12:3 *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a **great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns**, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

He has a name

Isa 14:12 *How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

2 Exercises the **functions** of a person.

- He has a will like a person and is guilty of opposing his own will against the will of God.

Isa 14:13-14 *For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.*

- In Genesis 3:1-15 His personhood is seen in his heart to deceive and methods of deception.

Rev 12:9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceives** the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

2Co 11:3 *But I fear, lest by any means, as the **serpent beguiled** Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

2Co 11:13 *For such are false apostles, **deceitful** workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.*

2Co 11:14 *And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***

Joh 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.***

1Jn 5:19 *And we know that we are of God, and the **whole world lieth in the wicked one.***

- In the temptation of Christ Satan came as a person who for instance took Christ personally to the pinnacle of the temple.

Luke 4:5 *And the **devil**, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

- Has access to God

Job 1:6 *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan came also** among them.*

Luke 22:31 *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you**, that he may sift you as wheat:*

Rev 12:9-10 *And the **great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which **accused them before our God day and night.***

- In Ephesians 6:10-12 his strategies and warfare against the children of God reveal his personhood

Eph 6:11-12 *Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

- Against the power of Satan even Michael the archangel dare not contend

Jud 1:9 *Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, **dare not bring against him a railing accusation**, but said, *The Lord rebuke thee.**

- Satan's power and authority are exercised always and only within the permissive will of God.

1Jn 4:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.***

B. Power of Satan

2Th 2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan **with all power and signs and lying wonders,***

- Judged at the Cross.

Joh 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world be cast out.***

Joh 16:11 *Of judgment, because the **prince of this world is judged.***

Col 2:15 *And having **spoiled principalities and powers,** he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

1. Power **cannot be estimated**

- He is the prince and ruler of this world.

Eph2:2 *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

- He has the power of death.

Heb 2:14 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***

Rev 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the **keys of hell and of death.***

- He has the power over sickness.

Job 2:7 *So went **Satan forth** from the presence of the LORD, and **smote Job with sore boils** from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*

- He desires to sift Christians.

Luke 22:31 *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you**, that he may sift you as wheat:*

1Co 5:5 *To deliver such an one unto **Satan for the destruction of the flesh**, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

2. Power aided by Demons

Mark 5:9 *And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: **for we are many.***

- They are capable of indwelling and controlling animals as well as men

Mark 5:2 *And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit** who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:*

Mark 5:12-13 *And all the devils besought him, saying, **Send us into the swine**, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea*

- Desire to be possessed of physical bodies

Mat 12:43-45 *When the **unclean spirit is gone out of a man**, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will **return into my house** from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself **seven other spirits more wicked than himself**, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

Sometimes demons merely influence men and in other cases actually possess them so that men's physical bodies as well as their speech are controlled by the demons

Mat 4:24 *And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which **were possessed with devils**, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

Mat 8:16 *When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were **possessed with devils**: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

Mat 8:28 *And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him **two possessed with devils**, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.*

Mat 9:32 *As they went out, behold, they brought to him a **dumb man possessed with a devil**.*

Act 8:7 *For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that **were possessed** with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

Act 16:16 *And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a **spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:*

- Like Satan, they are totally evil and malicious and affect those they control in this way

Mar 9:17-22 *And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which **hath a dumb spirit**; And wheresoever he taketh him, he **teareth** him: and **he foameth**, and gnasheth with his teeth, **and pineth** away: ...And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway **the spirit tare him**; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it **hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him**: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.*

- They show that they know Jesus Christ to be God

Mar 5:7 *And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, **Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?** I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.*

Jas 2:19 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.***

- Aware that they are destined for eternal punishment

Mat8:29 *And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to **torment us before the time?***

- They are capable of bringing on physical disorders as well as insanity

Mat 17:15 *Lord, have mercy on my son: **for he is lunatic**, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

- Demons can influence Christians

1Tim 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;*

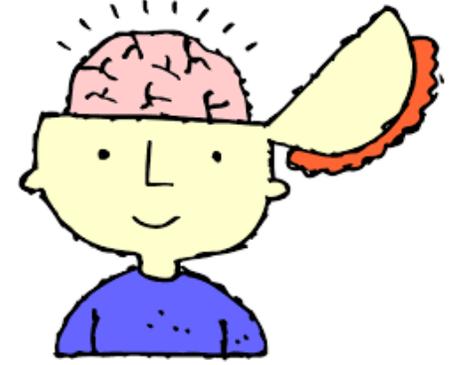
Mat16:23 *But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** thou art an offence unto me: for thou savor not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter Twenty Three : Satan: His Personality and Power

1. What place did Satan originally have in God's creation?

Anointed Cherubim. Crown of Creation

2. What is some of the evidence that Satan was created as a person, and what qualities did he possess before he fell?

Christ created all things including Satan. He has a will, emotions and a body as a person. He was the crown of God's creation. He was a cherubim with access to God. He has great power

3. How does Satan exercise the function of a person? Illustrate this from his dealings with Adam and Eve, Job, and Christ.

He has a will, emotions and body like a person . He plotted to deceive Adam and Eve. He wanted to destroy Job. He wanted to cause Christ to sin.

4. How is the personality of Satan revealed in his conflict with Christians?

His personality is revealed in his desire for deceiving and sifting Christians

5. Summarize the evidence of the great power of Satan.

· He is prince of this world, has the power of death and sickness, Michael doesn't contend with him, and has a host of demons to assist him.

6. How do demons aid Satan?

Demons are innumerable and Satan is the prince of demons

7. Illustrate the extent of the demonic influence on men and to what extent man can be controlled by demons.

Demons can bring both physical and mental illness, give great strength, can both possess and influence men

8. How are demons related to physical and mental disorders of men?

Demons can bring both physical and mental illness. Not all mental illness is demonic

9. How can demonic influence be related to false religion and religious practices?

Demons and those they influence can be “Ministers of Righteousness” to deceive . They can be “seducing spirits”to draw men from faith and blind men to prevent faith

10. What difference seems to exist between the power and influence of demons over unsaved people as contrasted with those who are saved?

Demons can influence Christians as in the case of Peter and Ananias and Saphira, but cannot possess Christians because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

11. How does the indwelling Holy Spirit aid a Christian in his conflict with Satan and demons?

Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world