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10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13 (ESV)

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring[a] and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

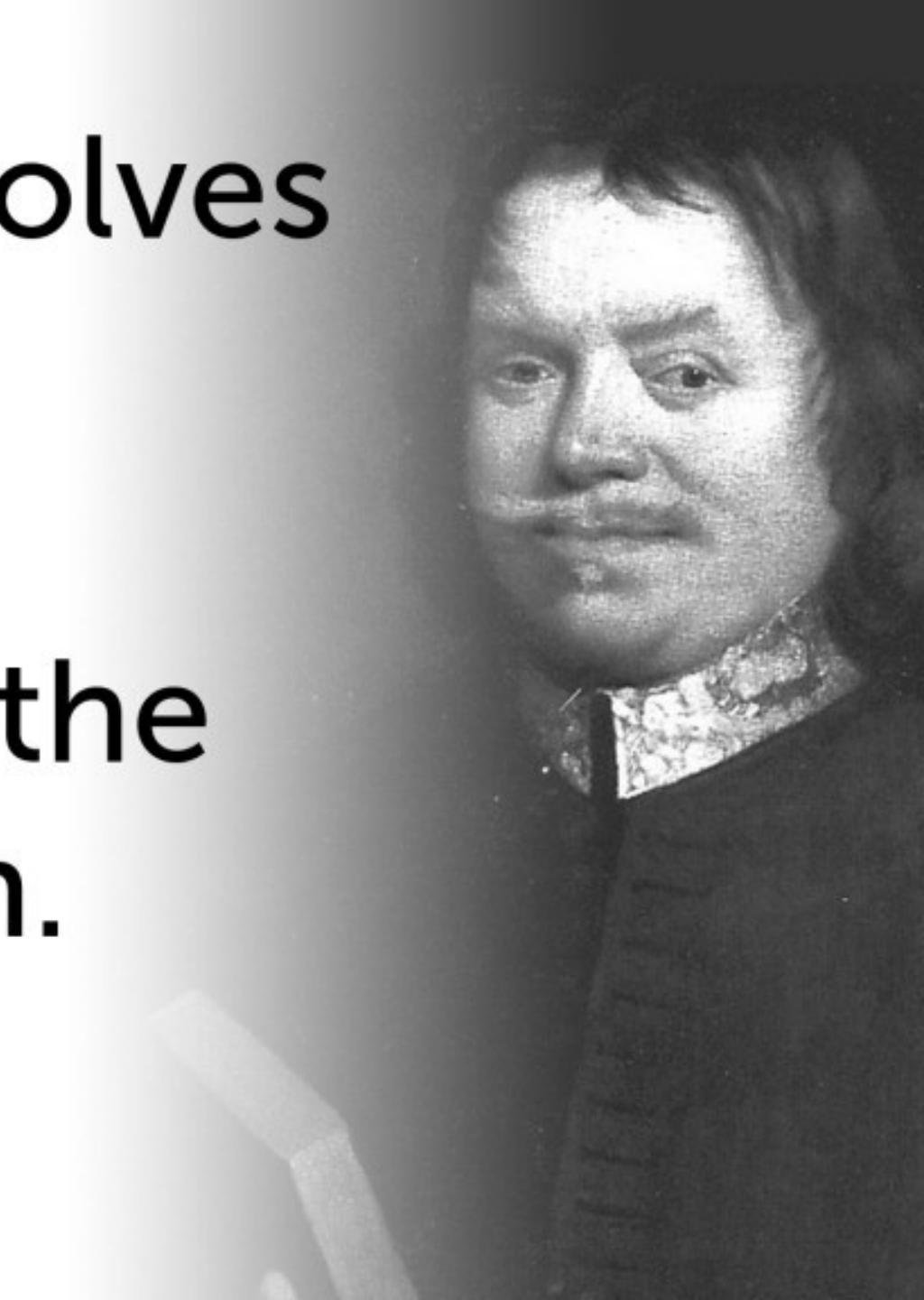
Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:7 (ESV)

A Holy War that involves
a perpetual battle
against three great
enemies: the devil, the
world, and the flesh.

JOHN BUNYAN



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- A Fierce Battle
- A Spiritual Battle
- A Necessary Battle

Exposing the Enemy

Satan is a Hebrew word that means ‘an accuser or adversary, one who resists’. His existence is attested in nine Old Testament books (Genesis, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 1 Chronicles, Job, Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah) and every New Testament writer.

*2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining
stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise
the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were
created.*

Psalms 148:2-5 (ESV)

*7 Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”*

*14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve
for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

Hebrews 1:7,14 (ESV)

12 “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;

every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

Ezekiel 28:12-13 (ESV)

14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

Ezekiel 12:14-15 (ESV)

“Satan awoke in the first moment of his existence in the full-orbed beauty and power of his exalted position surrounded by all the magnificence which God gave him. He saw himself as above all the hosts in power, wisdom, and beauty. Only at the throne of God itself did he see more than he himself possessed.” He “occupied the role of prime minister for God, ruling possibly over the universe but certainly over this world” Invisible War, pp. 26-27

Donald Grey Barnhouse

Satan Techniques on Eve

- Put God's command in a negative light.
- Impugned God's motive and character.
- Said man could be like God.
- Made sin look good.

Satan's Influence throughout the Old Testament

- Cain and Abel
- Ishmael and Isaac
- Esau and Jacob
- Egypt and Israel
- Haman's plot against Esther and her people

Satan's Influence throughout the Old Testament

- Satan's relation to Saul in 1 Samuel 16:14-23
- Satan's dealings with Job in Job 1
- Incited David to number the people 1 Chronicles 21:1
- Accused Joshua the High Priest of sin Zachariah 3:1

Satan's Influence throughout the Old Testament

- Practices associated with orgiastic rites 1 Kings 18:28
- Practices associated with witchcraft 2 Kings 9:22
- Practices associated with occultism 2 Kings 21:6-7
- Practices associated with soothsaying Micah 5:12

Satan is Under God's Control

Satan remained under the control of God throughout the entire Old Testament era. Satan could not act beyond the limits fixed by God in his sovereign power as the Creator. Without God's permissive will, he 'cannot so much as move'.

“Even the devil
is God’s devil.”

MARTIN LUTHER



Intertestamental literature affirms the existence of Satan. Though referred to by various names he is described as the chief of an army of demons that war against God and His angels

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Satan in the New Testament

- “the devil” (diabolos)
- slanderer is used sixty times
- forty times in the Gospels
- Satan occurs thirty-four times

Three Titles in the Scripture

- A dragon – to note malice
- A serpent – to note subtlety
- A lion – to note strength

Personality, Army, and Subjects

- Intellect – 2 Corinthians 11:3
- Emotion – Revelation 12:17
- Will – 2 Timothy 2:26

Personality, Army, and Subjects

- Personal Pronouns are used of him – Matthew 4:1-12
- Held morally accountable by the Lord – Matthew 25:41

Personality, Army, and Subjects

- Proud
- Rebellious
- Lawless
- Slanderous
- Liar
- Deceiver
- Distorter
- Imitator

Personality, Army, and Subjects

- ‘the children of the wicked one’ – Matthew 13:38
- ‘his ministers’ – 2 Corinthians 11:15
- ‘the children of the devil’ – 1 John 3:10

*The New Testament reveals
Satan as the ruler of a host
of fallen angels, and as the
head of a well-organized
army of spiritual agents.*

*Satan and his demons carry
out their evil, devilish
activity among people in
the world who do not
acknowledge Christ as
Lord.*

Demon-possession
*Satan and his demons, in
some cases, enter into and
control their followers so
fully that they engage in
'demon-possession'.*

*God permitted that power,
in part, so that people
might deeply know their
need for a deliverer, and
that the power of Christ to
deliver them would be
prominently displayed.*

Demon-possession

- Blindness
- Paralysis
- Convulsions
- Paroxysms
- Self-destruction
- Super Strength
- Multiple Personality
- Special knowledge
- Insanity

Satan bitterly opposes the plans and purposes of God; hence Satan wages intense war against the followers of Christ.

Since every true believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and belongs to Jesus, no believer can be demon-possessed.

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