

The Journey

Satan's Dream Lesson 3 Outline

One Sentence Summary Statement Outline: Satan's Dream is to rob God of His glory.

a. Review

- i. The goal in this series is to discover Satan's dream so that we will be able to avoid becoming a part of it, and as a result, live for God's glory.
- ii. We have been looking at two key passages of the Bible that tell us about Satan and his fall. They were in Ezekiel and Isaiah.
- iii. We learned:
 1. Satan was created; therefore there has never been an eternal struggle between good and evil. When he was created he was perfect in beauty and wisdom.
 2. Satan started out as a good angel, a cherub, somehow in the government of God, in the very "inner circle" with God.
 3. In his role, he dealt with receiving worship and praise for beings underneath him and passing them on to God Himself.
 4. From the 5 "I Wills" in Isaiah, we discovered that at some time, Satan wanted to replace God and be the possessor of heaven and earth. Because of pride, Satan was confined to earth unless God called to heaven as indicated in the book of Job.
 5. Satan does have power on earth. 1 John 5:19 says, "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one."

b. Body

- i. Satan as well as other angels fell or joined him.
 1. Jude 1:5-6 ... The angels who did not keep their positions of authority and abandoned their own home- these God has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the Great Day.
 2. In Mark 5, when Jesus speaks to a man who is demon possessed, the demon says his "name is Legion, for we are many."
 - a. Legion is a Roman military term that could mean approximately 6,000 of the best soldiers. The word also carries with it the meaning "Great Strength" and "Oppression."
 - b. Therefore it could be 6,000 demons in one man.
 - c. Therefore it could be multitudes of legions of demons acting in groups as well as individually.
 3. The large number of fallen angels is called demons. According to Revelation 12:3-4 and John Milton in "Paradise Lost", a third of the angels sided with Satan and fell.
 4. The name "Legion" would imply rank and order with some of them more powerful than others or in charge of others.

- ii. The scriptures indicate that there is some sort of ranks in the heavenly and demonic realm.
 - a. Ephesians 1:21 Paul speaks of God manifesting power in Christ who is seated “far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.” Angels in heaven have rule, authority and therefore we would assume, rank. It would seem that Satan would imitate the heavenly order that he fell from.
 - b. Colossians 2:13-15 Christ disarmed the powers and authorities and triumphed over them by the cross.
 - c. Matthew 12:24 Beelzebub is referred to as the prince of demons.
 - d. Luke 11:18 Jesus was challenged to have had Beelzebub in Him to cast demons out. Jesus refers to him as Satan. Jesus is equating Beelzebub with Satan and refers to Satan’s kingdom.
- iii. Satan is the leader of the evil kingdom and he has given demons some territorial powers on the earth.
- iv. Daniel 10:12 talks about the prince of the Persian kingdom resisting the angel trying to answer Daniels’s prayer. This prince is one of the demons who followed Satan and is under Satan’s domain and has territorial rule. There are demons who are assigned certain territories.
- v. Revelation 12:7 confirms battles going on between angels and demons in the end times.
- vi. Ephesians 6:12 says, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We are fighting a battle that cannot be seen.
- vii. Revelation 20:10 The devil will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, with the beast and the false prophet and they will be tormented day and night forever.
- viii. Satan and his demons will not ultimately win against us but they can deceive us and we can believe him. We can also make bad decisions based on his deception that can cost us a lot.
- ix. According to Romans 8:38, nothing can separate us from God’s love. And I John 5:18 says that ...one born of God is kept safe and the evil one cannot harm him.
- x. Satan cannot harm us, though he can try to influence us or tempt us. This refers to the new nature that is in us, as believers, born of the Spirit of God, having God’s seed inside of us according to I John 3:9.
- xi. Satan’s goal is to challenge the kingdom of the One who rules, to tarnish that kingdom, to damage it, and to diminish it.
 - 1. In the best case scenario, he would try to get others to follow him, to worship him.
 - 2. In the worst case scenario, he would try to get others to not worship God; possibly worship themselves, possibly worship things,

possibly worship others, and worship anything or anyone , but God.

c. Conclusion

- i. Satan's Dream of fighting back at God is to rob God of His glory.
- ii. If Satan can't get you to worship him (as Satanist do), then He will get your eyes off of God and His glory!