



Unmasking the
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Luke 10:18-20

Walk with us on the path to Easter as we dive deeper into who our enemy is, and how our need for a Savior was imminent in taking this enemy down.



NOTES

“Dónde el diablo puso la mano, queda huella para rato.”

“Where the devil places his hand, there’s an imprint for a while.”

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

M. Scott Peck -

“Road Less Traveled”

“People of the Lie”

“Glimpses of the Devil: a psychiatrist’s personal accounts of exorcism, possession and redemption”

“The Son of God came for this purpose: to destroy the devil’s work.”

1 John 3:8



Where did he come from?

When we enter the Garden of Eden in Genesis we discover a serpent tempter's already there.

"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Luke 10:18

"How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations."

Isaiah 14:12

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."

Ezekiel 28:12

"You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones."

Ezekiel 28:14

"You were blameless in your ways..."

Ezekiel 28:15



He's not co-equal with God. He's on par with other high angels like the archangel, Michael.

He led a revolt against God.

“Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor...”

Ezekiel 28:17

“You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.’”

Isaiah 14:13

“I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”

Isaiah 14:14

Self-awareness gave way to self-absorption and self-worship.



Lucifer compels one third of the angels to join the rebellion. But then the forces that archangel Michael leads overcame them.

“That great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth and his angels with him.”

Revelation 12:9

Scripture teaches that human beings are created as image-bearers of Almighty God. It never says that about angels. They are supernatural spirit-beings created to serve God.

God made him, but God didn't make him evil. Lucifer, in pride of his brilliance, beauty and capacity felt entitled to the throne of the Most High – “I will make myself like the Most High.”

When free choice is abused, evil results.

What is he like?



Jesus told us angels aren't male or female like us. Being male and female is part of being human image-bearers of God.

Fallen angel, non-material, non-sexual, supernatural spirit beings, personal evil, Satan, demonic, adversary, slanderer, original sinner, murderer, liar, thief, diabolos, blames and shames, evil one, deceiver, king of demons, prince of this world, roaring lion, wolf in sheep's clothes.

God has him on a leash but Satan has taken the spoiler role in this world. He is defeated but still able to do damage.

No wonder the devil hates us. He wanted that throne and rebelled to get it.

God created you to share it with Him as the bride of Christ and rule with Him in eternity.

“To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

Revelation 3:21



“Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows his time is short.”

Revelation 12:12

How does he work?

- Perverts God’s Word
- Twists thoughts
- Plants doubts, suspicions, aspersions on God’s character:

“He’s holding out on you. Making you a victim. He can’t be trusted.”

“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light”

2 Corinthians 11:14

How?

- He disguises his treachery and wickedness in moral superiority
- His temptations come with thoughts like: *that's not fair, that's not right.*
- He wraps his lies in *half* truths that feel *all* true



It's like how bait on a hook looks real - moves like the real thing, smells and feels like the real thing - but when you take the bait you discover something is not right.

Satan knows that we rationalize and can be tricked into doing something wrong if we believe it is for the right reason.

He sets traps, he blindsides and mugs us, he takes the good God has given and makes it bad, ugly and ungodly.

That's his goal – to make God's image-bearers live without God.

- To hurt God by hurting his image-bearers whom he loves.
- To keep us from the saving power of the gospel.
- To deceive and mislead us to abuse our free will the way he did.

How are we to respond?

In Christ!

- Find and follow Jesus.
- Receive his forgiveness and freedom from sin.



- Invite him to live inside us and empower us with his victory in our battles.

“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”

Luke 10:18-19

Jesus' victory is ours!

“Greater is he who is in you than he that is in the world.”

1 John 4:4

We follow Jesus who came to destroy the works of the devil.

- We walk in his victory.
- We war from his victory.
- We use his weapons in his way, not the world's.
- We demolish strongholds by keeping our thoughts obedient to Christ.

“This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.”

1 John 5:4

