

## SATAN'S DECEPTION

### I Peter 5:8

**II Corinthians 2:11** The more we know what we are up against, the more likely we are to recognize how and when we are being attacked and how we can resist him. Satan is an adversary who is clever, crafty, deceptive and very dangerous. He knows our weaknesses (**Hebrews 12:1**) and exploits them to his advantage. He uses lies, clever wiles, and devices against us.

## THE NATURE OF SATAN

The names of a person often reveal the nature, the characteristics, the activity and mission of that person. Satan is known in scripture by several different names that reveal his character.

**II Corinthians 4:4** Satan is called “the god of this world” because he has the power to blind people spiritually from the true gospel. It was pride that changed Lucifer to Satan and pride still rules him.

**II Corinthians 11:14-15; Ephesians 2:1-3** These scriptures show that Satan is in charge (the prince of the power) of the lost people of the world and also controls millions of believers through lies, deception, and desiring the things world, the flesh, and the Devil.

**Revelation 12:10; Job 1:6-12** Satan is known as “the accuser of the brethren” and is constantly telling God of our sins and is forever reminding believers of their past and present sins.

**Matthew 13:22; II Timothy 4:10** Satan is the great tempter who continues to put the things of the world, the lust of the flesh, and the love for money and power in the way of the lost and the saved.

**Revelation 12:9; II Thessalonians 2:8-10** Probably the greatest and meanest character trait that Satan is known for is that of deception. He is the worlds greatest deceiver of truth and righteousness.

## THE OBJECTIVES OF SATAN

**Ephesians 4:17-18; Genesis 3:1-6** Satan wants to cause people to be deceived regarding their sin and to doubt that God's word has the truth and answers we need to resist sin and be right with God.

**I Kings 19:10; Matthew 26:73-75** Satan wants to use our failures and shortcomings to destroy our testimony and to discourage us to the point of stopping our spiritual growth.

**Matthew 25:24-28; I Timothy 1:5-7** Satan is trying every day to render believers unfruitful in our service for Christ and his greatest wish is for believers to throw in the towel and quit serving God.

**I Corinthians 3:1-3** Satan is a member of every church that is a bible believing church, every church that is seeking to serve God, win souls, and grow up believers. Satan's desire is to divide every church.

## THE BEST WEAPON OF SATAN

**Mark 13:5-6; Acts 20:29-30; II Cor. 11:14-15** Satan's greatest attribute is his ability to deceive people into believing false doctrine. When we do not know the truth we can be deceived.

**Secular Humanism** – A non-Christian religion based on self, science, tolerance and reason.

**New Age** – A collection of Eastern-influence theology, philosophies and mysticism. This includes Contemplative prayer, (centering), meditation, situation ethics, universal tolerance, Global unity and a strong belief that Christianity is wrong in their doctrine of only one way to heaven through Christ.

**Galatians 6:7** Satan tricks and deceives us by by using our pride against us -(**Gal. 6:3**).

**I Corinthians 3:18-19** We deceive ourselves when we put the world's wisdom above God's word.

## GOD'S WEAPON AGAINST SATAN

**II Tim. 2:15; Rm. 12:1-2; Ja. 4:7** Submit 100% to God and study bible doctrine to discern truth.