

Remnant Life Church  
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**Angels – pt. 6**  
**The One-Third: satan**  
Job 1:1-5; 13-19

Last week:

- Lucifer was the anointed cherub of heaven
- Indescribable power and beauty at the very throne of God
- Pride rose up and he desired to be like God - the 5 “I will” statements – (Isa 14)
- He was cast out of heaven with one third of the angels who followed him (Rev 12:4,9)

This morning we will look at who and what Lucifer became – satan, the great adversary of every Christian

What’s in a Name?

- A person’s name in the Bible was very important
  - More than just a moniker to identify you
  - It was a statement of your purpose, your character and even who or what you would become
    - Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of a multitude) – Gen 17:5
    - Sarai (quarrelsome; or a local name) to Sarah (princess; or a global name) – Gen 17:15
    - Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Hebrew names) to Shadrach, Mishach, Abednego (Babylonian names) – Dan 1:7
    - Jacob (deceiver) to Israel (one who struggles with God) – Gen 32:28
    - Saul (perhaps named for the Benjamite first king of Israel) to Paul (his Roman name to aide in his ministry and set himself apart from his old life before conversion) – Acts 13:9
    - Simon (Greek) to the Aramaic Cephas (translate literally to Petros/Peter meaning Rock) – Matt 16:18
    - Lucifer (morning star or shining one) to satan (adversary and accuser) – Job 1:6
  - This reference in Job is the first appearance of the name satan
    - His only and on-going ambition is to replace God and have others worship Him
      - *...I will sit enthroned, ...I will ascend - (Isa 14:13-14)*
      - *...if You will bow down and worship me. – (Matt 4:9)*
    - His activities, however, are centered around tempting and enticing God’s creation into sin
      - He is called the tempter (I Thess 3:5)
  - He goes by many names in the Scripture which further identifies his nature and character
    - Beelzebub – ruler or prince of demons (Matt 12:24)

- Belial – wickedness, ungodliness (Duet 15:9, Ps 41:8, Prov 19:28, 2 Cor 6:15)
- The wicked one (Matt 13:19)
- The enemy (Matt 13:39)
- Murderer and liar (John 8:44)
- Ruler of this world (John 12:31; 14:30)
- god of this age (2 Cor 4:4)
- A roaring lion and adversary (1 Peter 5:8)
- In Revelation...
  - Abaddon – destruction (Rev 9:11)
  - Apollyon – destroyer (Rev 9:11)
  - The dragon (Rev 12:7)
  - Accuser of our brethren (Rev 12:10)
  - Serpent of old (Rev 20:2)
  - The deceiver (Rev 20:10)
- Consider the words you speak – especially to your children!
  - *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, (Js 3:9)*
  - Never tear down your children with the words you say
  - There is never a valid reason to do this!
    - Guide them – yes
    - Discipline them – absolutely
    - But encourage them every opportunity you are given
    - You will be held accountable before God!

### What is his nature?

1. He is a liar
  - a. Not only a liar but the father of lies
    - i. *...for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)*
    - ii. EVERYTHING that satan tells us is a lie!
2. He was the first murderer
  - a. He is a taker of life
  - b. He convinced Adam and Eve to commit sin (Rom 5:12)
  - c. They died not only spiritually (separation from God) but physical death is now a reality for the entire human race
  - d. That sin of murder repeated itself almost immediately when Cain murdered Abel (Gen 4:8)
3. He is in opposition to and attempts to oppose God in all things
  - a. His first opposition was in heaven – he failed and was cast out with the 1/3
  - b. His second, on-going opposition is against the creation of God
    - i. Specifically, he opposes the redemptive work of a forgiving God
    - ii. How? – by resisting the ministry and work of Jesus Christ in each of us

- iii. That resistance will come in the form of daily attacks on our lives

### How Does he Attack?

#### **READ – Job 1:1-5**

- This passage refutes those who believe that difficulties and trials are always a punishment from God for sinful behavior
  - **John 9:2** - “*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*”

5 ways that satan attacked Job that he is still using to attack us today

#### **1. He attacks through our faith**

- a. **Job 1:8-11** - *Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”*
- b. He accuses Job of only having faith because of the blessings of God
- c. In other words, if his life gets difficult, he will curse God
- d. The liar wants to blind you to the truth of God
  - i. He wants you to believe that God does not really care about you
  - ii. He wants you to believe that you don’t need God in your life
  - iii. And when things become difficult he wants you to become angry and bitter and blame God
- e. Remember – everything satan tells you is a lie
  - i. God does love and care about you
  - ii. You do need God in your life
  - iii. God does not make things difficult for you but wants the best for you
    - 1. **Jer 29:11** - *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

#### **2. He attacks through our finances**

- a. **Job 1:14-17** - *...a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”*
- b. God permitted satan to take everything Job had of worldly value
  - i. **IMPORTANT** - What happened was only because God allowed it

- ii. The enemy can do nothing without God's permission
- iii. **I Cor 10:13** - *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*
  - 1. This verse of comfort becomes even more profound and powerful when you know that the enemy cannot do anything of his own will
- c. What is his attempt with Christians today regarding money and material things?
  - i. If you don't have much in the way of material things he tries to get you to make that your primary, over-riding goal; to accumulate as much as possible; keep it all for yourself
  - ii. If you do have a great amount, then you don't need God, you become proud of all your material accomplishments, still desiring even more
- d. We live in a very unstable time
  - i. Businesses, fortunes, careers, ministries have all come tumbling down literally overnight
  - ii. How would you respond if your financial status suddenly changed?
    - 1. Would you blame God?
    - 2. Would you be obedient with your tithes no matter what you have?

### 3. He attacks through our families

- a. **Job 1:18-19** - *While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"*
- b. Losing a child, at any age, is for me unimaginable
- c. Job lost all of them in one, horrifying moment
  - i. His wife's response was the most common – *curse God and die* – **Job 2:9**
  - ii. But Job refused to do that
- d. There are few elements of our lives that are more targeted by Satan than our families
  - i. Divorce rates continue to remain at between 40 and 45%
  - ii. More and more people within the church believe that living together is permissible
  - iii. Since 6.26.15 same-sex marriage is legal in every state
  - iv. Today the number of single-parent homes outnumber two-parent homes
- e. The reason he is so intent on its destruction is that the family is at the very core of the fabric of Christian life
  - i. The first interpersonal relationship structure created by God
  - ii. **Gen 2:24** - *a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*
- f. God is able to heal the broken family but, make no mistake, it is the enemy's greatest desire to destroy the family – especially the Christian family

#### 4. He attacks through the flesh

- a. *Job 2:3-8* - Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.
- b. We live in a culture that values beauty (along with wealth) more than anything else
  - i. Quest and for beauty is a multi-billion dollar industry
  - ii. Between all of the beauty products, work-out clubs, and even surgeries available you can literally transform yourself from head to toe
  - iii. See pictures of some celebrities to know that it does not always improve
- c. Job was stricken by what is most likely the worst case of boils ever seen
  - i. A skin infection that begins in a hair follicle
  - ii. It is a puss-filled eruption that is extremely painful to the touch
    1. They covered Job's entire body
  - iii. Not only a physical pain but a social embarrassment given the perception of skin disease at that time
  - iv. *Leviticus 13* calls this a defiling skin disease
    1. That person was now ceremonially unclean (cannot participate in worship)
    2. Had to live outside the village and away from their family for 7 days
  - v. satan's plots to attack us always involve isolation in some way
    1. Danger of distancing yourself from family, friends, and your church
    2. If you isolate yourself you are right where he wants you to be
- d. The fact is our health, our beauty, our strength will all be gone one day
  - i. It can happen in a moment
  - ii. It is, because of sin, declining through the course of our lives
    1. How do you respond?
    2. Like Job's wife? Or like Job?

#### 5. He attacks through our friends

- a. *Job 2:11-13* - When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven

*days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.*

- b. It would have been better if they would have gone home after the 7 days of silence
    - i. They started preaching at him
    - ii. Accusing him of sinning and God was punishing him
    - iii. Heaping emotional pain upon the physical
  - c. Even the best of our friends can bring negative words into our lives
    - i. It can damage our faith
    - ii. Bring doubt into our minds
    - iii. Discourage us
    - iv. Even turn us away from God
  - d. The words of a friend must never be taken over the words of God
- It is not a question of IF we will come under attack from satan, but WHEN
  - He is called the accuser of the brethren (**Rev 12:10**)
    - His greatest desire it is to take away and keep away as many as he can from acknowledging Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
    - Even better if he can make Christians ineffective and harmful