

THIS WEEK AT THF

Wednesday

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMING
COMING SOON

Thursday

6:30-7:30am ▶ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING

MAY 28
ONE SERVICE ONLY
9:30am

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to weekly activities
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Week of 5/14/23	Year to Date
Budget Giving	\$16,908.00	\$321,151.24
Budget Needs	\$17,106.00	\$325,014.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.



ALIAS!

We don't want Satan to win any victory here, and well we know his methods!
2 Corinthians 2:11 php

Barna Stats -

- 9 out of 10 adults in the US have a BIBLE
- 8 out of 10 adults in the US consider themselves 'Christian'
- 6 out of 10 adults in the US **REJECT** the idea the Devil is **REAL**

EVIDENCE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A PERSONAL DEVIL

Outside the Bible

- the absence of **HARMONY** in the world
- the absence of **PERFECTION** in the world
- the resistance to **COMPLIANCE** to God's design

Creation before Creation

- Everything finds its **source** in the **SELF EXISTENT GOD**
- When the world was created, the angels were **already** there Job 28:4-7
- Angels were called **ministering spirits** to **GOD** Heb 1:4
- Something went **wrong** - it's called the 'Fall of the Angels' Rev 12:7-9
- God has prepared **HELL** for these **angels** Matt 25:41

Inside the Bible

- ✓ **JESUS** believed in the Devil - by **EXPERIENCE** Matt 4
- In His **TEACHING** Matt 13:39; Lk 10:18, 11:18
- by His **COMMENTS** Jn 8:44, 12:31, 14:30, 16:11
- ✓ **BIBLE PEOPLE** knew of him
- **PAUL** 1 Cor 5:5; 2 Cor 2:11; Eph 2:2
- **JOHN** 1 John 3:8, 5:19
- **JAMES** Jas 4:7
- **PETER** 1 Pet 5:8
- ✓ **God intended from the beginning that we be ON GUARD** against him Gen 2:15
- 'KEEP' MEANS TO GUARD - ADAM DIDN'T 'PROTECT THE HOUSE.'

WHO IS THE DEVIL?

1. He is a **PERSON**, not a **FORCE** 2 Cor 11:3
 - He has an **INTELLECT** 2 Cor 11:3
 - He possesses a **WILL** 2 Tim 2:26
 - He is a master **COMMUNICATOR** Gen 3:1-6; Matt 4:1-11
 - But He is **ACCOUNTABLE** to God Rom 16:20; Gen 3:15

HE IS A CREATED BEING...BUT NOT A HUMAN BEING - LIKE ALL ANGELS HE IS A SPIRIT

- The Bible uses **PERSONAL PRONOUNS** to describe him...
 - Job 1,2; Ez 28; 2 Cor 11:14-15

- He also has a number of **PROPER** names in the Bible

Lucifer = **LIGHT BRINGER** (this is his original name) Isaiah 14:12

Satan = **ADVERSARY**

Beelzebub = **Lord of the Flies**

Belial = **worthlessness**

Devil = **SLANDERER**

- He also has a number of **ALIASES** attributed to him

- 'anointed cherub' Ezekiel 28:14 His rank as the highest angel
- 'evil one' 1 John 5:18 **poneeros** means departed virtue
- 'prince of this world' John 12:31, 16:11 ruler of world culture of unbleivers
- 'god of this age' 2 Cor 4:4 source of false **religion, -ologies, -isms**
- 'prince of power of air' Eph 2:2 dominion over current earth
- 'tempter' 1 Thess 3:5 tester to cause to stumble
- 'accuser of the brethren' Rev 12:10 legal accuser

2. He is a **SPIRIT**

Like other angels, he is **IMMATERIAL** Heb 1:14; Luke 4:36, 8:2

Like all angels, he is an **IMMORTAL** being

With other angels, he possesses the ability to **MATERIALIZE** Gen 6; 19

He is **NOT DIVINE** (e.g. he is **spatially** limited) Dan 9:21; 10:12-14, 20-21

3. He is a **FALLEN** angel

Highest ranking of the **CHERUBIM** class of angels Ez 28:14

Cherubim focused on the **HOLINESS** and **GLORY** of God

THE MAKING OF A MADMAN Ezekiel 28

- He was created **PERFECT IN HIS BEAUTY** v12
- He was in on the **GROUND FLOOR** at creation v13
- He was the **SUPREME MUSICIAN** of heaven (**worship**) v13
- He had **EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE** in God's presence v14
- He took it all **FOR GRANTED** vv15-18

And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth... And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:4,9

Battle of Wills... Isaiah 14

- 'I will ascend to heaven' v13
- 'I will raise my **THRONE**' v13
- 'I will sit upon the mount of assembly' v13
- 'I will ascend above the clouds' v14
- 'I will make myself like the **MOST HIGH**' v14

What it all means -

Satan is neither **EQUAL** nor **ETERNAL** like God

Satan is a **DEFEATED FOE**

The **CONFLICT** is real! It is at **EVERY LEVEL** in creation

We only win by trusting **JESUS!**

THF LIFENotes
Week of May 21

1. Consider the evolution of your religious understanding of Satan/the Devil. How has it changed through the years? How has God's Word, the Bible, aided you in changing your perspective? Share with your group.
2. What scriptural evidence from the New Testament did Mike share of the existence of a personal devil? Discuss with your group.
3. The fallen angel, Lucifer, embodies characteristics of a person. Name and discuss these characteristics in relation to his strategies and schemes as an enemy.
4. Read Ezekiel 28:11-19. What unique privileges were Satan's prior to his fall, and what judgments were pronounced upon him because of his rebellion? Discuss with your group.