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GENESIS 3:1

Know Your Enemy

PAST: Satan is a _____, _____ and _____ angel who led an angelic rebellion against God.

GENESIS 3:1 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'*

REVELATION 12:9 *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

EZEKIEL 28:14-17a *"You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor."*

ISAIAH 14:12-14 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"*

JUDE 6 *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day ...*

2 PETER 2:4 *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment ...*

»» **Don't _____ his existence in our history! »» HE IS OUT THERE ...**

PRESENT: Satan is a _____, _____ and _____ angel who leads a human rebellion against God.

MATTHEW 4:8-9 *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."*

EPHESIANS 2:1-2 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ...*

EPHESIANS 6:11-12 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11 *... so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.*

2 CORINTHIANS 11:14 *... for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

1 PETER 5:8-9a *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him ...*

EPHESIANS 4:27 *... and give no opportunity to the devil.*

JAMES 4:7 *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

»» **Don't _____ his present activity in our era! »» HE IS OUT THERE ...**

FUTURE: Satan _____ and is _____ .

GENESIS 3:15 *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

COLOSSIANS 2:14b-15 *This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

1 JOHN 3:8b *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

REVELATION 20:10 *... and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

»» **Don't _____ him, for he is defeated! »» BUT HE IS STILL OUT THERE ...**

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Genesis 3:1, and also refer to the Scripture passages on the sermon notes. How would you describe Satan to someone unfamiliar with the Bible? Who is he? What does he want?

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 PETER 5:8

“As Christ has a Gospel, Satan has a gospel too; the latter being a clever counterfeit of the former. So closely does the gospel of Satan resemble that which it parades, multitudes of the unsaved are deceived by it. The method of Satan’s approach was the same then as it is now. ‘Yea hath God said?’ He begins by throwing doubt on the Divine Word! He questions its veracity. He suggests that God did not mean what He had said. So it is today. Every effort that is being made to deny the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures, every attempt put forward to set aside their absolute authority, every attack on the Bible which we now witness in the name of scholarship, is only a repetition of this ancient question, ‘Yea, hath God said?’”

A. W. PINK

“Christians are also frequently seduced by the power of the world. The powers that be, whether political, intellectual or economic, frequently oppose the truth of the Scriptures. In many conflicts, the gods of this age seem able to put more battalions onto the field than the God of the Bible. The temptation that faces the church in such situations is to attempt to fight power with power. In response to pagan political agendas, it is easy to get sucked into believing that the only correct response is a Christian political agenda. In response to the power of a consumer culture, many are persuaded that the answer is better marketing for the church.”

IAIN DUGUID

“The name Lucifer (‘morning star’) indicates that Satan tries to imitate Jesus Christ, who is ‘the bright and morning star.’ Satan is no pushover, and God’s people must be careful not to give him a foothold in their lives (Eph 4:27). That’s why we’re studying God’s Word and seeking to understand the strategy of Satan (2 Cor 2:11).”

WARREN WIERSBE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

2. What points from the sermon were helpful or especially insightful for you?
3. How does Satan wield influence in this world? How might we find him disguised today?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. We shouldn’t overestimate Satan’s influence in our daily life, and despair; we also shouldn’t underestimate his work, and ignore the danger. How do these verses instruct us?
5. Scottish minister Robert Murray M’Cheyne said, “I know well that when Christ is nearest, Satan also is busiest.” Why do you think that occurs? How have you experienced this phenomenon in your own life?
6. What are some specific steps you can take today to limit the influence of Satan and evil in your life?
Is there an area of sin in your life that might provide a foothold to our enemy? If so, what would the Lord have you do with respect to that sin?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

So you “are not ignorant of his designs” (1 Cor 2:11), read Job 1:1–2:10 for even more insight into the person and work of Satan.

ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE: *Daily Readings From The Christian in Complete Armour by William Gurnall*, edited by James S. Bell, Jr. (2015). Abridged from *The Christian in Complete Armour* published in three large volumes in 1655.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

CHRIST CHAPEL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW in observation of Presidents Day.

KINGDOM WORK IS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER, and you can be a part! Be a difference maker this summer and volunteer at KidsCamp from Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21. We’re carriers of the gospel to the parents and the kids who spend a week with us, and our prayer is that lives will continue to be changed when they hear that Jesus saves. So, let’s start reaching! Begin today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/kcserve.

CCBC POPS ORCHESTRA CONCERT Be swept to the seaside with this year’s CCBC Pops Concert, *Songs From the Sea!* Invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening hearing from our Traditional Music Orchestra as we go on a musical voyage with renditions of family favorite songs from the silver screen! It’s going to be an evening to remember for all of us. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/pops.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP One of our incredible ministry partners, DASH Network, provides food and shelter for those seeking refuge worldwide. On Friday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in The Den, we’ll be having a night of worship to rejoice in what God has continued to do through their ministry and to learn more about how we can step into the needs of those all over the globe. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/worshipnight to learn more.

SHAPE CLASS REIMAGINED Christ Chapel’s Shape class has been reimagined with new tools and new teaching to help you maximize your impact inside or outside the church walls. In this two-week class, you’ll explore God’s design in your life — and how that design connects to the “good works” he has prepared for you. Whether it’s your first time exploring your “shape” or you need some new inspiration for how to use your gifts, come be a part. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/shape.

HOME GROUPS Faith lived out in community is what a Home Group is all about, and we’re excited you are interested in joining one! We hope these groups are a space for you to do life with others as you lift the name of Jesus in community. While we do our best to find the perfect Home Group for you, keep in mind that beginning your own is also an excellent place to start! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/groups to start.

SERVE WITH OUR LIVE PRODUCTION TEAM It takes people like you to offer the best worship experiences during our services each weekend, and that’s why we’d love to have you be a part of our Live Production team! Whether you have previous experience or need some training, let’s start the conversation about you serving with them. Learn more by visiting their Instagram account @christchapelproduction.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.