



## Is Satan Real? Ephesians 6:10-13

The Bible tells the \_\_\_\_\_; and if we want to know what Satan is really like, let's go to the Bible. We don't want someone's imaginary \_\_\_\_\_ about Satan. We want what \_\_\_\_\_ has to say, and only the Bible gives us a true picture.

People who deny the supernatural usually regard Satan as merely a \_\_\_\_\_ of evil. For 13 percent of Americans \_\_\_\_\_ is just a symbol for a bad outcome after life is over. Many people regard Satan as the personification of an \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible describes Satan and demons as \_\_\_\_\_ beings during the days of Jesus, but churches that hold classical liberal views explain Satan away by saying the first century was pre-scientific and used the concepts of demons and Satan to \_\_\_\_\_ people into obedience and to account for events and diseases for which they had no other explanation. They regard belief in Satan and demons as a real being today as a view that was \_\_\_\_\_ from a pre-scientific day.

The word "Satan" appears in both Hebrew and Greek and means "\_\_\_\_\_." The word describes a person who lies in \_\_\_\_\_ as an enemy. Satan is commonly called "the \_\_\_\_\_," which points to one who engages in slander or accusing. In addition the Scriptures also call Satan the tempter (Matthew 4:5); Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24); the enemy (Matthew 13:39); Belial (2 Corinthians 6:15); an adversary (1 Peter 5:8); the deceiver (Revelation 12:9); and the father of lies and a murderer (John 8:44). The devil has "\_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning" (1 John 3:8). The Lord Jesus describes Satan as the "\_\_\_\_\_ one" (Matthew 13:19). The devil stands in stark \_\_\_\_\_ with God who is the "Holy One" (Isaiah 1:14).

The devil's \_\_\_\_\_ is very great in the world. He's a "roaring \_\_\_\_\_, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is the one who takes the \_\_\_\_\_ away from men (Mark 4:15). The Bible says that people are "taken \_\_\_\_\_ by him" (2 Timothy 2:26). And Paul warned Christians \_\_\_\_\_ his "devices" or his schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11). James called on Christians to "\_\_\_\_\_ the devil" (James 4:7).

The Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Satan when He was led into the wilderness to be tempted (Matthew 4). Satan tried to persuade Jesus three times to follow His desires and to \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. Jesus met each temptation by citing to the devil principles from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13). If Satan is merely an influence, this passage (Matthew 4) becomes \_\_\_\_\_. When Jesus told Satan to "go" He was not speaking to a symbol but to a \_\_\_\_\_.

That Paul regarded Satan as a \_\_\_\_\_ person may be seen in many of his statements in Scripture about Satan. When he wanted to visit the Thessalonians, Paul said that "Satan \_\_\_\_\_ us" (1 Thessalonians 2:18). Paul described Satan as one who had "schemes" and that's a \_\_\_\_\_ indication of intelligence and personality (2 Corinthians 2:11). Paul reveals that Satan "disguises \_\_\_\_\_ as an angel of light" and that "his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness" (2 Corinthians 11:14-15). Paul was well aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavenly places with which he wrestled. Satan was not an influence, nor a personification and not a symbol; he is a \_\_\_\_\_.



**Read Ephesians 6:10-13**

Each of us faces a \_\_\_\_\_ in life against the devil. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle, and we can't pass this battle off to someone else. We need the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ in fighting this battle. We need His \_\_\_\_\_ and the armor that He provides to us. If we \_\_\_\_\_ to arm ourselves with God's strength, we will fall victim to the devil. If we are unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_, we'll perish spiritually. To lose this battle means that we will lose our \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us and so He equips us with armor that will help us win against the devil. Fasten on "the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth." Why? Because the devil is a liar and the \_\_\_\_\_ exposes his lies. He promises the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin, but it never lasts. In the \_\_\_\_\_ it enslaves and destroys.

The Lord equips us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness. God lovingly forgives and cleanses us from \_\_\_\_\_. Righteousness motivates us to do what is \_\_\_\_\_ and to avoid destructive sins. The Lord equips us with protective \_\_\_\_\_ that allow us to move quickly in the gospel of peace.

The Lord equips us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, which is able to put out the fiery arrows of the devil. When a Christian believes in Christ and everything He said, he has a power to \_\_\_\_\_ the lies the devil tells. He knows whatever Jesus says is right and there is a \_\_\_\_\_ between right and wrong.

The Lord equips us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation. The helmet \_\_\_\_\_ the head from the blows of an opponent, and our salvation protects us. If we \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord and confess our sins, asking God to forgive us, we as Christians have an ongoing relationship with God that keeps us completely free from sin.

The Lord equips us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. God's Word instructs, reproves, corrects, and trains us, so that we might fight the \_\_\_\_\_ fight of faith. Soldiers used the sword \_\_\_\_\_ defensively and offensively. The Scriptures keep us from sin and \_\_\_\_\_ the devil by exposing his wicked ways. You can \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible to give you the answers that you need to overcome temptation, to overcome sin, and overcome the devil.

The Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ that the devil is a deceiver, a liar in disguise. He wants people to think he's an \_\_\_\_\_ of light, while in reality he is pure evil. Make no mistake, Satan is not now, nor has he ever been, your \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:8-9). God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ close to Him and submit to His commandments (James 4:7-8). If we draw close to God and resist the devil, the devil will \_\_\_\_\_ from us; and we'll win this battle!

How do you draw close to God? You can't draw close to God if you \_\_\_\_\_ Him or you're fighting with Him. You can't be \_\_\_\_\_ with sin and be friends with God. You must \_\_\_\_\_ the sin and submit to God. With your faith and repentance, you must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith in Jesus Christ before others and to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). It's at that \_\_\_\_\_ that God cleanses you from sin; He adds you to His family, the church; and you can draw close to Him and He will draw close to you. If you are a Christian who has moved away from Christ, come \_\_\_\_\_ to Him by repenting of sins and praying to God for forgiveness.