



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“ALL THE CUNNING OF THE DEVIL IS EXERCISED
IN TRYING TO TEAR US AWAY FROM THE WORD!”**

– Martin Luther

SERMON OF THE WEEK



THE DEVIL

1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV; Revelation 12:7-12 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

Groups of Angels:

Seraphim
(six wings)



Cherubim
(as depicted atop Ark of Covenant)



Seraphim:

- Super-natural beings.
- Created by God to serve and worship Him.
- Six-winged angelic creatures continually attend to God at His throne.

Each set of wings serves a different purpose:

- One set - covers face (*reverence, awe, and acts as protection from the radiance of God's glory*).
- Another set – used for flying (*aid in their swift servitude*).
- Third set - covers feet (Isa. 6:2, *humbly conceal their unworthiness while in God's holy presence*).

In Hebrew, a seraph (pl: seraphim) means...

“burning one;” a celestial or heavenly being originating in Ancient Judaism.

In Jewish history, the seraphim have names:

Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Jeremiel, Raguel, Zerachiel and Remiel.

Lucifer was once among the Cherubim (Ezekiel 28:14):

- But lost his rank and position when he sinned.
- Was thrown down to earth (Isaiah 14:12-21).
- **Ezekiel 28:11-19 NKJV**

ABOUT THE DEVIL (so no influence in our lives...)

1) Satan (like all other angels) was **CREATED** at a point in time.

Colossians 1:16 NKJV

John 1:1-3 NKJV

- ⊗ Satan is **NOT** eternal (a finite creature).
- ⊗ Satan is **NOT** the equal and opposite power of God (contra dualism).
- ⊗ His power is **NOT** infinite.
- ⊗ He does **NOT** possess divine attributes.
- ⊗ In sum, he is **NO MATCH** for **GOD!**
- ⊗ At most, Satan is the equal and opposite power of the **archangel Michael**.

2) Satan's names reveal much about his CHARACTER.

- Title Satan - used 52x in the Bible.
- Literally means "the adversary," the one who opposes.
(see Zech. 3:1-2; Num. 22:22,32; 1 Sam. 29:4; 2 Sam. 19:22; 1 Kings 5:4; 11:14, 23, 25).
- Also called the "Devil," used 35x.
Literally means "slanderer" or "accuser," diabolos.
(see 1 Sam. 29:4; 1 Kings 11:14; Luke 4:2, 13; Rev. 12:9, 12).
- **Other names or descriptive titles for Satan:**
 - Lucifer (Isa. 14:12).
 - The old Serpent (Rev. 12:9, 15, Genesis 3; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rom. 16:20).
 - The Great Dragon (Rev. 12:3, 7, 9, 17), a terrifying, destructive beast.
 - The Ruler or Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11).
 - The Ruler or Prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).
 - The god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4).
 - The evil one (Matt. 6:13; 13:38; John 17:15; 1 John 2:14; 5:18),
 - The Prince or Ruler of demons (Matt. 10:25; 12:26-27; Luke 11:15; 2 Cor. 6:15).
 - "Beelzebul" means "lord of dung" (i.e., god of filth), and "lord of the flies," a title given to one of the pagan gods of the Philistines, brought over into Judaism as a name for Satan.
 - The Destroyer (Rev. 9:11).
(Hebrew: *Abaddon*), could mean ruin or destruction.
(Greek: *Apollyon*), exterminator or destroyer.
 - The Tempter (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5).
 - The Accuser of the Brethren (Rev. 12:10).
 - The Deceiver (Rev. 12:9; 20:3).
 - A liar and a murderer - **John 8:44** NKJV
 - A master of misrepresentation:
 - † **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** NKJV
 - † **2 Corinthians 11:14-15** NKJV

3) Satan operates according to a plan or a SCHEME (2 Cor. 2:10-11; Eph. 6:11).

4) Satan works in active OPPOSITION to the gospel (2 Cor. 4:4) and seeks to thwart the missionary outreach of the gospel (1 Thess. 2:18).

5) Satan is occasionally, but not always, the source of SICKNESS.

(Acts 10:38; Matt. 8:16; Mark 9:17-18; Luke 13:10-17)

- He can inflict death (by encouraging suicide) as well as provoke the paralyzing fear of it. (Heb. 2:14; see Job 1:13-19; John 10:10)
 - He plants sinful plans and purposes in the minds of men (Acts 5:3; Jn. 13:2; Matt. 16:21-23).
 - On occasion, he will himself indwell a person (Judas in John 13:27).
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6) Satan sets a snare or TRAP for people.

With view to exploiting and intensifying their sinful inclinations (1 Tim. 3:6-7; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).

Will often seek to tempt Christians (Luke 22:31-32 - *sift you like wheat!*).

7) Satan incites persecution, imprisonment, and the political oppression of BELIEVERS.

(1 Pet. 5:8-9; Rev. 2:10)

- He performs signs and wonders to deceive the nations (Exodus; 2 Thess. 2:9-11).
 - He seeks to silence the witness of the church (Rev. 12:10-12).
 - He seeks to incite disunity and division (2 Cor. 2:10-11).
 - He promotes false doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1-3; Rev. 2:24; 2 Cor. 11:1ff.) and influences the thoughts and actions of unbelievers (Eph. 2:1-2).
 - He attacks married believers in regard to their sexual relationship (1 Cor. 7:5).
 - He exploits our sinful decisions (Eph. 4:26-27).
 - He often confronts us with various temptations (1 Chron. 21:1; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Thess. 3:5).
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8) Satan, together with all his fallen demonic hosts, will eventually be CAST into the lake of fire to be tormented forever and ever (Rev. 20:10), Matthew 25:41 NKJV.
