

## The mastermind of all evil

### Introduction

1. John 8:44
2. How do you view this evil being?
  - a. Red
  - b. Horns on top of his head
  - c. Forked tail
  - d. Pitch fork in hand?
3. Satan can take many forms
  - a. Serpent Genesis 3; Revelation 12:9
  - b. Apostles: Peter Matthew 16:23; Judas Luke 22:3
  - c. Problems 1 Thessalonians 2:18
4. This morning we want to consider who is the mastermind of all evil.

### II Discussion He is the Mastermind of All Evil. Job 1-2; Genesis 2-3

1. His motivation is hatred of God and all that is good.
  - a. God is good (Psalm 73:1) and Satan hates everything about God
  - b. Satan's realm is the world and he was in it. Job 1:7
  - c. 1 John 5:19 literally the world lies in the bosom of the wicked one.
  - d. This is the world we are to hate. 1 John 2:15-17
  - e. Satan is always on the move and prowls 1 Peter 5:8
2. His Mission is murder; he seeks your destruction and mine. John 8:44
  - a. Satan went into the garden with this intent. Genesis 2:17; Isaiah 59:1-2 Genesis 3:3-15
  - b. Job 1:10 put a hedge around Job
  - c. Look what Satan did Job 1:13-19
  - d. Satan laughs at our calamities, grief, financial loss, divorce, misery.
3. His Method is lying John 8:44
  - a. He is accusatory
    - i. He accused God of not being truthful Genesis 3:4-5
    - ii. He caused Adam to accuse God. Genesis 3:12
    - iii. Satan accused God to his face Job 1:9
    - iv. Satan accused God's people Revelation 12:10
    - v. But we have an advocate 1 John 2:2
  - b. He is the biggest liar
    - i. He lied about the tree Genesis 3:4
    - ii. Who told the truth? God but notice that Satan attacked God. Genesis 3:5
    - iii. He lies about the consequences of sin. Satan promised reward Genesis 3:5 but death came. Romans 5:12 reprisal
    - iv. God did not cause bad things to happen to Job. Job 1:12; James 1:13-17;
    - v. Satan let Job think God has caused these catastrophes Job 1:21
  - c. He is subtle Genesis 3:1; 2 Corinthians 11:3, 14-15
    - i. He did not seek to overwhelm Adam and Eve
    - ii. He did not alarm here but merely enquired about the tree
    - iii. He, if seen as he really is would be avoided at all cost. Matthew 7:15

### III Conclusion

1. Satan is currently chained on a leash and will take as many to hell with him as possible.

2. We have noticed this morning his method, mission and motivation, is he your master?  
Matthew 6:24; Romans 6:16-17
3. Let Christ rule in your hearts Philippians 2:5; Colossians 3: 15; Ephesians 5:1; 2:12-18
4. Obey Him Hebrews 5:8-9

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