

The mastermind of all evil

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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. We are not to be ignorant of his devices 2 Corinthians 2:11
 - b. Serpent Genesis 3; Revelation 12:9
 - c. Apostle Peter Matthew 16:23; Judas Luke 22:3
 - d. 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.
 1. Satan promised reward Genesis 3:5
 2. 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

Sources: Barry Grider MSOP lectureship 2002;