

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Corinthians 11:8-15**.
- B. Satan wants as many people as possible to follow him and commit sin.
- C. To accomplish this he has some disguises so that he can work and not be easily noticed.
- D. The Bible tells us of these disguises so that we might know the enemy and defeat him.

I. NAMES OF SATAN.

- A. Satan (Mt. 4:10; see 12:26; 16:23; Mk. 3:26; Lk. 10:18).
Then Jesus said[^] to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
- B. The Tempter (Mt. 4:3; see 1Th. 3:5; cf. 1Cor. 7:5).
And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- C. The Evil One (1Jn. 5:18; see Mt. 13:19).
We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.
- D. The Accuser (Rev. 12:10).
And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night."
- E. The Enemy (Lk. 10:19; see Mt. 13:39).
"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you."
- F. The Plaintiff or Adversary (1Pet. 5:8).
Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- G. The Prince of Demons (Mt. 9:34; see 12:24; Mk. 3:22; Lk. 11:15).
But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."
- H. The Ruler of this World (Jn. 12:31; see 16:11).
"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out."
- I. The Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph. 2:2).
in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- J. Belial (2Cor. 6:15).
Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?
- K. Beelzebub (Mk. 3:22; see Mt. 10:25; 12:24,27; Lk. 11:15,18,19).
And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

II. DISGUISED AS A SERPENT.

- A. The devil brought sin into the world by disguising himself as a serpent (**Gen. 3:1-5**).
- B. This disguise worked as Satan was able to lie to Adam and Eve and get them to sin. To speak of Satan as a serpent, we are talking about him being a liar (Jn. 8:44; 1Jn. 3:8).
(**Jn 8:44**) "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."
(**1Jn 3:8**) the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

III. DISGUISED AS AN ANGEL.

- A. Falsehood is always acquainted with Satan. He will falsify things to get people to sin.
- B. For example we have the following warnings in scripture:

1. Against false apostles (2Cor. 11:13-14; Rev. 2:2).
(2Cor 11:13-14) For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
(Rev 2:2) 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;'
 2. Against false teachers (1Tim. 4:1-3; 2Tim. 3:1-5).
(1Tim 4:1-3) But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.
(2Tim 3:1-5) But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.
 3. Against false Xs (Mt. 24:24).
"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect."
 4. Lay aside all falsehood (Eph. 4:25).
Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.
- C. Satan will take bad things and make them look good.

IV. DISGUISED AS A LION.

- A. By Satan appearing as a lion he will have the appearance of strength, power, swiftness, and intelligence. Although he has these qualities to some degree, only Jesus has them perfectly.
- B. Satan is active, he has but a short time to get people to sin (1Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:12).
(1Pet 5:8) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
(Rev 12:12) "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."

V. DISGUISED AS A DRAGON.

- A. The book of Revelation presents Satan as a dragon, who wants to devour.
- B. This dragon is interested in making war with God's people, by trying to get people to sin (Rev. 12:9).
And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- C. This dragon is an accuser of the brethren, day and night (Rev. 12:10).
And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- D. This dragon is also pictured as one who knows his end, but deceives the whole world (Rev. 20:10).
And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- E. Once again, don't be guilty of making any deals (to sin and get by with it) with Satan.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Again let us review the four main disguises of Satan:
 1. A serpent, which indicates a liar.
 2. An angel, which means one who deals in falsehood.
 3. A lion, which indicates one who seeks people to be his subjects.
 4. A dragon which indicates one who wants to devour.
- B. The positive note with which to end this lesson is found in 1Jn. 4:4.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.