

## HE DESTROYED THE DEVIL'S WORKS

**Text: 1 John 3:8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

This verse tells us that sin did not originate with Adam and Eve, but that it began long before them. This verse tells us that the devil is the father of sin because it started with him. Contrary to what some may believe, God did not create a devil. He created an angel that became the devil. The origin of sin is found in **Isaiah 14:12-15** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Notice in the text he didn't speak of overthrowing God, he just wanted to be like God. He wanted a throne next to his and to receive worship and adoration as well. He stepped out from under the authority of God and wanted to be a god himself. Five times he said "I will..." meaning he exalted his will above God's will. Sin is defined as rebellion against God.

Lucifer became Satan on that day was cast out along with the angels that followed him. God created Adam and his wife who were made a little lower than the angels for two reasons: 1. To have fellowship with them 2. For them to rule creation. Satan deceived Eve and she sinned against God, and she gave to her husband, and he ate and sinned against God too. The devil's work was to ruin God's creation and force him to destroy the people that he had made. But God in his foreknowledge was well prepared for this and said in **Genesis 3:14-15** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. *This was the first reference to the coming of Jesus Christ.* He is the seed of the woman because he was born of the virgin Mary with no earthly father. His work would crush the head of the serpent and to destroy his works!

### Satan's work:

- **Deception - John 8:44** Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because

there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- **Depravity** – is the doctrine that sin has corrupted every part of human nature (mind, will, and emotions) as a result of the fall. Humans are spiritually dead and not able to save themselves, and inherently inclined toward sin rather than God.
- **Darkness - Colossians 1:12-13** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- **Disease - Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- **Death - Hebrews 2:14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

**Jesus Christ overcame the devil and destroyed his works by dealing with the root problem:**

- **Sin** – John the Baptist declared him to be the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. **Isaiah 53:4-5** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- **Sickness - Matthew 8:16-17** When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.
- **Sorrow - Revelation 21:3-4** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- **Separation - Romans 8:38-39** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.