



“Unmasked”

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I. **John 12:27-32**

A. The Prince of this World

1. **First in rank or power: Chief, Ruler**

- He came into this power through man's disobedience in the Garden
- Satan became the “god of this world” as noted in **II Corinthians 4:4**

2. What does Satan want? Answer: Power (If he cannot get it from God, then he will try to take it from you!)

B. Satan....

1. In the O.T., the name “devil” is not mentioned one time.

2. The name “Satan” is mentioned in the O.T. in 15 verses, and out of those 15 verses, 11 of those verses are in the book of Job (and only in the first 2 chapters – there are 42 chapters total).

3. In the N.T., “devil” or “devils” is mentioned in over 100 verses and “Satan” is mentioned in 34 verses.

- Point #1: No one knew who Satan was...so when something happened (good or bad), it was always considered by man's warped thinking that it was under God's control.
- Point #2: When Jesus showed up in the flesh (as God), He started revealing the true nature of God through healing the sick, casting out devils, and delivering people from the bondage of sin. (**Luke 4:31-37**).
- Point #3: Satan had masked himself for 4000 years....he was behind the scenes causing all the issues in life and nobody knew it then....and sad to say, very few realize he is up to his old schemes today!

II. **Revelation 12:7-9**

A. The Deceiver

1. What does one that deceives look like?

- **Someone that is good with words (the 2nd word).**
- **Someone that is good with visual perception (magician).**
- **Someone that is proficient at hiding the truth.**

2. Revelation: A little bit of truth and a little deceit mixed together is ok with your enemy....

- Why? Because the truth becomes tainted and unprofitable!
- **Galatians 5:9** “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.” (A small amount of yeast will work its way through the entire batch of dough, causing it to rise; any spread of negative influences or harmful ideas from the world's system that interferes with the Word of God will cause your heart to be

confused and puffed up with pride, unable to hear the gentle voice of the Living God!).

B. Don't be fooled...

1. **Matthew 24:24** *"If it were possible, the elect could be deceived."*

- Greater deception in the last days....
- More churches preaching a tainted gospel (a little leaven), so the truth will be stifled and unproductive.
- Why? So people will forget all over again...back to the dark ages – a lack of knowledge of who Satan is and what he is doing (you think that sickness you are dealing with is normal? You think your strife with your husband, wife, children, co-workers is random? You think the unsettling fear and confusion in your heart and mind is just something you cope with in life?????)

2. **"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors...."**

C. Resist or Accept.....(It's Your Choice)

1. **James 4:7** *"Resist (**Withstand, Oppose, To Stand Against**) the devil..."*

2. ***If you aren't saying anything, you are accepting everything!***

3. The devil has already been unmasked...when the veil of the temple was rent in 2, the power of heaven was revealed; Satan went from a capital "S" to a little "s". / Keep him powerless and small ("s") in your life and don't allow him to remain hidden anymore – Jesus made a show of him openly/ keep it that way!

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