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WARM GREETINGS AND PRAYER

- In our first lesson we learned about the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan.
- In the second lesson, we learned more about Jesus the "Star of the Drama of Revelation".
- Now we see where the villain fits in.

HOW MANY COMPLETED YOUR LESSON?

It is crucial to prepare in advance.

Who is Satan?

Where did he originate?

Who created him?

Did God create the Devil?

How did he become a Devil?

These are questions we shall study tonight.

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

(True or False)

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| 1. Lucifer was created with a defect in his character. | False |
| 2. Satan is in the religion business to deceive as many people as he can. | True |
| 3. Satan and one-third of the angels in heaven were cast out because of rebellion. | True |
| 4. Satan is even working miracles today to deceive as many as he can. | True |
| 5. It has already been decided by God that Satan and his followers must die. | True |

OFFERING APPEAL

Decision Questions

I want you to answer each question by placing an "X" on your Quiz Envelope.

1. Do you believe that Satan is real? If you do, place an "X".
2. Do you feel you need supernatural help in dealing with this supernatural foe? If your answer is yes, place an "X".
3. I want to pray for everyone who wants Christ to win in the battle for their soul. Place another "X" if this is your desire.

Talk up the next lesson

CLOSING PRAYER

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THE "VILLAIN" OF THE DRAMA OF REVELATION

A brief review of the book of Revelation quickly reveals several crucial points:

- a. A terrifying, deadly, organized conflict is taking place on this earth between good and evil.
- b. Jesus, the Son of God, powerfully leads the forces of good with love, courage, wisdom, kindness, patience, integrity, gentleness, serenity, sympathy, compassion, tact and geniality. His leadership style is one of concern and fair-play for even His worst enemies. He is worthy of our worship because He is our creator and our Redeemer.
- c. Someone, on the other hand, powerfully leads the forces of evil in relentless, devastating assaults upon Jesus and His people. That someone, according to the book of Revelation, is the devil and Satan. As a leader, he is unbelievably militant, crass, venomous, heartless, hateful and unscrupulous, yet, incredible as it may seem, He also, asks for our worship.

In this lesson, we will consider shocking facts about the devil which will doubtless astound you. But please remember that he is our bitterest enemy. He is dead serious about destroying every one of us; and unless we are aware of his characteristics and strategy, the odds are very great that he will ensnare and ruin us, or else we will be duped into worshipping him.

- 1. After #1** — God's Word is absolutely true.
Illustration: Popular bumper sticker reads,
"God said it, I believe it, and that settles it!"
Do you feel that way? **(wait for hands)**
Great! I get excited on this subject.
In fact, let's say it together —
"God said it, I believe it, and that settles it!"

Today, Satan would like to convince the world
that he doesn't exist.

If believed, we would be off guard
and the advantage would be his.

Let's continue and learn the origin of Satan.

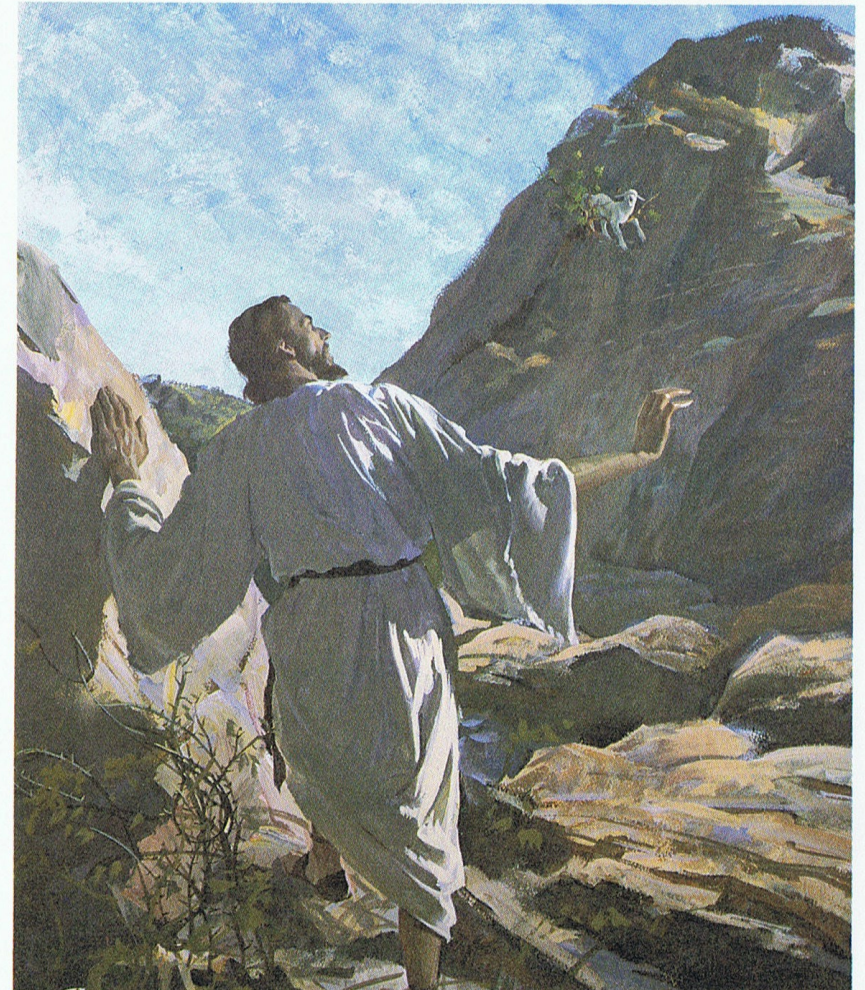
- 2. Question:** Did God create the Devil? No!
Does a mother give birth to a drunkard?
No, she gives birth to an innocent baby.
His choices made him a drunkard.
Likewise, God created Lucifer a perfect being.
He became a devil by his choices.
- 3.** It wouldn't shock us to read
there was war in Russia, China, or Europe,
but in heaven war doesn't seem possible.
And yet there was a time
when there was war in heaven.

NOTE: See James 4:7-9 (1777) for other helpful counsel on how to defeat Satan.

- 21. In the light of Jesus' matchless love for you right now and His blessed invitation of Revelation 22:17 (1826) for you to come be His child, will you decide to:**

1. Ask Jesus to control your life, and
2. Bear testimony to others of His love and power, and
3. Consider your relationship with Jesus a matter of life and death?

Ans. _____



Jesus Wants To Rescue Us From Sin

CLASS APPEAL

21. Realizing that a real battle is waging right now
for your life and that Jesus has
defeated Satan at the cross,
if you desire power from above
to do that which is right,
raise your right hand
and I will pray for you now.

Say "God bless you – God bless you – let us pray."

APPEAL PRAYER

We were created, in the beginning, with the desire to worship. The truth is that all of us worship something. With some it may be our own opinions or our assets. We give homage to Satan when we permit anything, other than Jesus, to have first place in our lives.

The shocking, sobering facts are that every person on this planet is, this very day, either worshipping Jesus or giving homage to Satan. Many pay homage to Satan innocently. They would turn from him in disgust were his evil strategies exposed. The central purpose of this Seminar is to expose the archenemy and to uplift Jesus, our Redeemer.

Lucifer (Satan) stood
in God's presence and,
many believe, led the
heavenly choir



SATAN'S MANY TITLES

1. What are the names, or titles, applied to the devil in the book of Revelation?

Ans. a. Revelation 2:10 (1802) DEVIL

Ans. b. Revelation 12:9 (1813) DRAGON

Ans. c. Revelation 12:9 (1813) SATAN

Ans. d. Revelation 12:9 (1813) SERPENT

Ans. e. Revelation 12:10 (1813) ACCUSER

NOTE: Satan is specifically mentioned 55 times in the book of Revelation. In addition, he is referred to indirectly, scores of times, as he works through his agents to destroy God's work and His people. "Satan" means "adversary" or "enemy". "Devil" means "slanderer".

2. Where did the devil come from? Revelation 12:7-9 (1813)

Ans. FROM HEAVEN

NOTE: Jesus commented on this. He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven". Luke 10:18 (1512).

3. Why did he leave Heaven? Revelation 12:7-9 (1813); II Peter 2:4 (1787)

4. After #4 – Science FICTION pictures war in space.

However, that's imaginary.

God's Word reveals a time when
there was a REAL war in heaven.

Like the trauma of a civil war,

God's government was divided.

The rebellious angels were cast out.

5. The majority remained loyal

It's assuring to know there are
two good angels for every evil one.

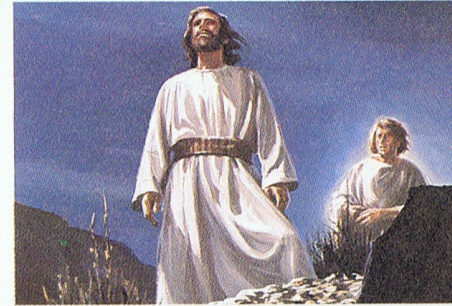
(Rev. 5:11; Dan. 7:10 – indicate there are
billions of angels.)

6. Have someone read note.

Imagine the trauma of a family split.

1. Anger
2. Crying
3. Questions
4. Threats
5. Doubts
6. Etc.

NOTE: Be careful what you believe. Life and death are involved. Satan's masterful misuse of Scripture is destroying millions. Check every belief carefully by the Word of God.



Satan even
sought to cause
Jesus to fall

17. What dangerous animal is Satan like today and why? 1 Peter 5:8 (1785); Revelation 12:12 (1813).

Ans. A ROARING LION because he knows
his time is SHORT

NOTE: Satan realizes that time is very short. How tragic that so few people on earth realize the same!

SATAN'S FINAL FATE

18. Where will Satan finally be placed? Revelation 20:10 (1823)

Ans. In the lake of FIRE and BRIMSTONE

19. What will the fire do to him and with what result? Ezekiel 28:18,19 (1255); Hebrews 2:14 (1758)

Ans. a. Ezekiel 28:18 - It will turn him into ASHES

Ans. b. Hebrews 2:14 - He will be DESTROYED by Jesus.

Ans. c. Ezekiel 28:19 - "Never shalt thou be ANYMORE."

NOTE: Satan will be completely put out of existence. What a blessed relief to know that soon the tormentor will be gone forever!

20. How can we defeat the devil? Revelation 12:11 (1813)

Ans. a. By the BLOOD of the LAMB

Ans. b. By the WORD of our TESTIMONY

Ans. c. By being willing to DIE
rather than knowingly dishonor God.

17. Explain the stalking technique of lions.

Lion takes position on far side of prey
away from his pride (family, females).

When all is in readiness the lion roars.

Prey, in its attempt to escape,
runs into waiting females and young lions
who quickly kill the victim.

Satan too, works in sneaky, devious,
and dastardly ways to destroy.

18-19 Is God just and fair
by destroying Satan
as the Bible describes?

ANSWER – Yes! Satan chose his course of action
with full knowledge of God's love
and the consequences of rebellion.

20. Have someone explain "How can we defeat Satan?"

Use personal illustration of love and commitment of a
person, family member, pet – a story you've heard or
experienced.

Ans: "He was CAST out into the earth";
because he had SINNED.

4. Who were cast out with him? Revelation 12:7-10 (1813)

Ans. HIS ANGELS

5. How many angels were cast out with him? Revelation 12:3,4; (1812); Rev. 12:7-9 (1813)

Ans. ONE-THIRD OF THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN

NOTE: It all fits together when we note the Bible comments on the subject. Job 38:7 (854) says the morning stars, or angels, sang together at the time of creation. Rev. 12:3,4 (1812) shows that one third of them fell with Satan. II Peter 2:4 (1787) confirms that God did not spare the angels who sinned. Jude 6 (1798) confirms that angels did fall. Just think of it! One third of heaven's angels were deceived by Satan! He has incredible power to deceive and convince. He who deceived the angels can MUCH MORE EASILY deceive people. We must never forget that. Staying close to Jesus is our only safety.

6. What is the origin of the angels, including Satan? Colossians 1:16 (1728)

Ans. THEY WERE CREATED BY JESUS

NOTE: Think of it! Both Jesus and the angel, who became Satan, lived in Heaven before the creation of this world. Since Jesus created everything, He also created the angel who introduced sin into the universe. Doubtless, the two loved each other deeply at one time. How it must have torn at Jesus' heart to see rebellion and sin begin and develop in the heart of this great angel till it was necessary to oust him from Heaven. And sin is still the same today. It always brings separation from God, heartache, sorrow and woe.

7. What was Satan doing in Heaven before his fall, and what was his name? Ezekiel 28:14 (1255); Psalm 80:1 (917); Isaiah 14:12(1040)

Ans. a. Isaiah 14:12 (1040) - His name was LUCIFER

Ans. b. Ezekiel 28:14 (1255); Psalm 80:1 (917) - He was a
covering CHERUB (angel).

NOTE: In these passages of Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, Satan is depicted under the figure of the prince of Tyre and the king of Babylon. The imagery transcends a mere local application to these two rulers. What we see reflected in these heathen powers are the characteristics of their real king, Satan.

8. Comment after #8

God loves beauty.

We are charmed by physical beauty,
inspired by beautiful music.

The angels must have been
impressed with Lucifer's beauty
before his fall.

9. After #9

Have you wondered why we were born
on a planet where Satan has dominion?
I've wondered that.

I've wished Satan would leave us alone
or God would destroy him.

Four points to remember:

1. God loves us! I John 4:10
2. God wants our allegiance through love. John 14:15
3. God regrets that we are caught as victims of Satan's tyranny. Rom. 5:8
4. In fact, He revealed His concern when He gave His Son to save us. John 3:16

10. What are the evil characteristics of Satan? What were God's options?

1. Destroy Lucifer.
2. Ignore Lucifer.
3. Give time for the universe to see results of Lucifer's rebellion.

12. Can Satan really work miracles, or does he only appear to do so?
Revelation 16:13, 14 (1817); II Thessalonians 2:9 (1739)

Ans. "They are SPIRITS of DEVILS working MIRACLES".

13. How effective are his miracles in deceiving people?
Matthew 24:24 (1439); Matthew 7:21-23 (1407)

Ans: a. Matthew 24:24 - "If it were POSSIBLE they shall DECEIVE the very ELECT".

Ans: b. Matthew 7:21-23 - So effective that in the judgment day many will think they are SAVED until Jesus tells them they are LOST.

14. Would Satan ever quote Scripture in order to deceive?
Matthew 4:1,5,6 (1400)

Ans. Yes, he would. He even quoted Scripture when tempting JESUS.

NOTE: Misuse of Scripture is often Satan's most formidable weapon.

15. Who is Satan particularly infuriated with in these last days?
Revelation 12:17 (1813)

Ans. a. Those who "keep the COMMANDMENTS of GOD".

Ans. b. And "have the TESTIMONY of Jesus".

16. How can I be certain that Satan will not deceive me? Isaiah 8:20 (1034); Acts 17:11 (1623); John 7:17 (1560); II Thessalonians 2:10-12 (1739)

Ans. a. Isaiah 8:20 - I must check my religion by the LAW and TESTIMONY (i.e. the Word of God.)

Ans. b. Acts 17:11 - I must submit all new light to the scrutiny of the SCRIPTURES

Ans. c. John 7:17 - If I am willing to do Jesus' will I will know of all doctrine whether it BE of GOD

Ans. d. II Thessalonians 2:10-12 - I must receive the love of the TRUTH

12. Satan, master of deception.

Satan always comes in disguise . . .

In the Brussels, Belgium Art Gallery,
people ponder one painting
entitled "The Devil".

Finally they move on.
The painting is of a handsome,
attractive and cultured gentleman.
Satan always comes in disguise.

13. We are naturally attracted to miracles.

So Jesus' warning is for you and me.

14. Satan knows Scripture very well.

Therefore knowledge isn't enough.

What else can we do?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Make sure answers include love, faith, obedience.

15. Why?

Comment on the Great Controversy.

Where do we fit in this picture?

16. After #16 –Faithful study of God's

Word and a willingness to obey is a protection
and defense against Satan's deceptions.

According to Psalm 80, verse 1, (917) God's throne is located between two cherubim (angels). One stands on each side in a position of highest honor and trust. Lucifer was one of these cherubim before he fell.

LUCIFER'S WISDOM AND BEAUTY

8. How does the Bible describe Lucifer before his fall? Ezekiel 28:12-17 (1254)

a. v. 12 - "Full of WISDOM, perfect in BEAUTY."

b. v. 13 - "Every precious STONE was thy covering."

c. v. 13 - "The workmanship of thy . . . PIPES
was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created."

NOTE: This point seems to be that Lucifer was a fabulous singer and musician.

Ans. d. Verse 15 - "Thou wast PERFECT."

NOTE: The myth that Satan is a strange mixture of half beast — half man has caused thinking people everywhere to deny his existence. Thus, they become easy prey to his brilliant deceptions.

9. What caused Lucifer's fall? Ezekiel 28:17 (1255); Isaiah 14:12-14 (1040)

Ans. a. Ezekiel 28:17 - Because of his brightness, wisdom and beauty he became PROUD

Ans. b. Isaiah 14:12-14 - Pride and self-exaltation caused him to decide that he would be like the MOST HIGH (GOD)

NOTE: Lucifer wanted to rise above and rule others, even God. Jesus, on the other hand, took on the humble form of man and became a servant. The lesson is clear: to serve and love and give is to be like Jesus; to insist that others serve us and to force and covet and grab is to be like Satan. All of us will be on one side or the other.

10. What strategies and characteristics of Satan are revealed in Revelation and other parts of God's Word?

Ans. a. Rev. 12:13 (1813) He PERSECUTES God's people.

Ans. b. Rev. 12:9 (1813); 20:8,10 (1823); He DECEIVES

11. Satan is:

1. Crafty
2. Deceptive
3. Devisive
4. Manipulative

Ans. c. Revelation 12:10 (1813) He is an ACCUSER
of the BRETHREN

Ans. d. Revelation 2:10 (1802) He puts God's people
in PRISON

Ans. e. Revelation 2:13 (1802) He KILLS or
MARTYRS God's people.

Ans. f. Revelation 12:12,17 (1813) He is very ANGRY
with the REMNANT who do God's will.

Ans. g. John. 8:44 (1564) . . . he is a LIAR and
the FATHER of it.



Satan and his
followers were
cast out of
heaven

SATAN'S STRATEGY EXPOSED

11. What amazing twofold warning does God give us regarding the devil's most effective deceptive strategy? II Corinthians 11:13-15 (1702)

Ans. a. v. 14 - Satan appears as an ANGEL of LIGHT.

Ans. b. v. 15 - His ministers appear as MINISTERS
of RIGHTEOUSNESS

NOTE: Satan seldom poses as an evil one, but rather as a warm, loving friend or Christian worker. He thus deceives the unwary by the millions. In this guise, he is at his most damaging, evil worst. Satan usually does not work openly. Rather, he works through human agents whom he can willingly or unwillingly — or even unbeknown to them — use or manipulate. See Ephesians 6:12 (1720).