

Trick or Treat?

“The Prince of This World”

Who is Satan or The Devil, the Original Sinner?

- 1. He is a real creature, a formerly majestic angel, who desires to be worshipped, & who probably doesn't look like I imagine nor live where I imagine.**
 - **Ezek. 28:12b, 14-16:** *“You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹⁴You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. ¹⁵You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. ¹⁶Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.”*
 - **Isa. 14:12-15:** *“How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!¹³ You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.”*
- 2. He has tremendous power & is eternally dangerous, masterfully using deception, distraction, & disconnection to control unbelievers & to tempt/influence me.**
 - **2 Cor. 4:4:** *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*
 - **2 Cor. 11:14b-15a:** *“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness.”*
- 3. He is aided by supernatural, fallen angels called demons in opposing me & in accomplishing his diabolical work.**
 - **Rev. 12:4:** *“Its tail [dragon, Satan] swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.”*
 - **Eph. 6:12:** *“...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*
- 4. He is an opponent not to be taken lightly, but one who also has his limitations & ultimately has lost the war.**
 - **1 Pet. 5:8-9:** *“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*
 - **Rev. 20:10:** *“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*