

# A PROPAGANDA WAR

## A Conflict of Truth Versus Lies Regarding The Character of God

THE WAR BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, Christ and the Satan, is essentially a war regarding the character of God. Two diametrically opposite pictures of God are at war. The Cross constitutes God's "Fatal Blow" to Satan's kingdom of darkness. Because the archenemy's war against God is based on deception regarding the character of God, only an indisputable demonstration of God's true character could defeat the enemy.

### War in Heaven, War on Earth

**Revelation 12:3-9**—<sup>7</sup> War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Lucifer the \_\_\_\_\_ became Satan the \_\_\_\_\_. Satan launched his rebellion against God by means of misrepresenting the \_\_\_\_\_ of God among the angels. One \_\_\_\_\_ the angels believed his accusations against God and joined with him, indicating that his lies must have been very \_\_\_\_\_.

### Satan's Accusations Against God

**Genesis 3:1-5**—<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more \_\_\_\_\_ than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**Job 1:6-11**—<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" <sup>9</sup> So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for \_\_\_\_\_? <sup>10</sup> Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**—<sup>3</sup> Though we walk in the flesh, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down \_\_\_\_\_ and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 4:4-6**—<sup>4</sup> ...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them... <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**NOTE:** "War" in this text is *polemos* in the Greek, from which we get the English words polemic and politics.

**NOTE:** Satan crafted three lies about God: (1) God is restrictive, (2) God is untrustworthy, and (3) God is self-serving. The bottom line—a denial of God's good character of love.

**NOTE:** The obedience spoken of here is an obedience of "thought" to believe in the "knowledge of God" revealed in Christ against the "arguments" of a warring enemy that paint an untrue picture of God. "Arguments," from Greek *logismos*, meaning "reasoning, imaginings, ideas, computations, judgments" (Strong's).

## The Disarming of Satan

**Genesis 3:15, NIV**—I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your \_\_\_\_\_, and you will strike his \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 11:21-22**—<sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. <sup>22</sup> But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

**Colossians 2:15, NIV**—[Jesus] disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**1 John 3:8**—For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

**Hebrews 2:14**—Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the Devil.

Christ came to our world on a mission to \_\_\_\_\_ Satan's charges against God.

## Fatal Blow

**1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-25**—<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... <sup>23</sup> We preach Christ crucified... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**John 12:31-32**—<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

**Isaiah 14:12-15**—<sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High." <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

**Philippians 2:5-11, NIV**—<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Satan's Final Demise

**Romans 16:20**—The God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

**Revelation 12:11**—They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

**NOTE:** The Phillips translation says, He laid aside "His divine prerogatives." What divine prerogatives? When Christ became a man, He laid aside omniscience (Luke 2:40; Mark 13:32; John 10:18), omnipresence (John 20:17) and omnipotence (John 5:30; Acts 2:22), thus rendering His life of faith in the Father and His sufferings at Gethsemane and Calvary authentic.

## "Behold Your God"—Isaiah 40:9

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