

## Knowing Satan's (Limited) Activity

*2 Corinthians 2:11 - lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

### 1. Realize His **DOMINION**

#### A. Jesus Called Him "the Prince of this World"

John 16:11 - of judgment, because the ruler [KJV – Prince] of this world is judged.

John 12:31 - Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler [KJV – Prince] of this world will be cast out.

John 14:30 - I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler [KJV – Prince] of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

**(Amplified) - ... for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]**

Kenneth Wuest says, "The word "prince" suggests the son of a king. We use the word in the expression "he is a prince of a fellow." The Greek word is *archōn* (ἀρχων) which refers to the first in an order of persons or things. It speaks here of Satan who is the first one in power and authority in his kingdom."

#### B. He has a throne.

Revelation 2:13 [Church at Pergamus] I know your works, and where you dwell, **where Satan's throne is**. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, **where Satan dwells**.

#### C. Satan is called the "god of this world"

II Cor. 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

#### D. Satan has (limited) authority over "the kingdoms of this world"

Luke 4:5-7 - Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him **all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

#### E. The whole world lies in the lap of the devil.

1 John 5:19 - We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one.

(TLB) <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God and that all the rest of the world around us is under Satan's power and control.

## F. Satan is called the “prince of the power of the air”

Eph 2:2 - in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now **works** in the sons of disobedience,

Amplified says, “...You were following the course and fashion of **this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age]**, following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].”

Wuest says, “...one time you ordered your behavior as **dominated by the spirit of the age in this world system**, as dominated by the leader of the authority of the lower atmosphere, the source also of the spirit that is now operating in the sons of the disobedience.”

## 2. Remember His **DECEPTION**

See Genesis 3:1-15 and John 8:44.

## 3. Rejoice in His **DESTRUCTION**

1 John 3:8b - ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Colossians 2:15 - Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

(Message) - **He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross** and marched them naked through the streets.

Hebrews 2:14-15 - 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**, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

(NASB) - ...that through death He might **render powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

## 4. Rest in His **DESTINY**

Revelation 20:10 - The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Matthew 25:41 - Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into **the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:**

## 5. Remind Him of His **DEFEAT**

Revelation 12:11 (KJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1 Peter 5:8-9a (KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...

James 4:7 (KJV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 4:27 (KJV) Neither give place to the devil.

(Message) *Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.*

1 John 4:4 - *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

*“The best way to keep the enemy out is to keep Christ in. The sheep need not be terrified by the wolf; they have but to stay close to the shepherd. It is not the praying sheep Satan fears but the presence of the shepherd.” – A. W. Tozer*