

UNDERSTANDING THE 10 MAJOR WORKS OF SATAN IN THE WORLD

Psalm 119:105 (ESV):

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Truly, if we understand God’s Word as someone once said, even if we were locked in a dark room with only a Bible and a candle, we would grasp everything Satan is doing in the world—without anyone having to explain it to us. We don’t need testimony from hell to understand Satan’s activities; the Bible reveals everything clearly. Today, we will explore ten major works Satan is engaged in, with help from Scripture.

1) ACCUSING THE SAINTS

Revelation 12:10-11 (ESV):

“Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down... day and night he accuses them before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”

Satan's role as the accuser means he constantly brings charges against believers before God, trying to condemn them. However, through Jesus' sacrifice and intercession, believers are defended. This reminds us to live uprightly, so there is no legitimate accusation to stand on.

Theological insight: Satan's accusation is a judicial role, but Christ's atonement and ongoing intercession (Romans 8:34) ensure believers' justification before God.

2) OBSTRUCTING GOD'S WORK

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (ESV):

"Because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us."

Satan actively opposes the spread of the Gospel, attempting to block God's mission. Paul's experience teaches us that opposition is normal in ministry.

Theological insight: This shows spiritual warfare in action, where Satan tries to prevent the advancement of the Kingdom (Ephesians 6:12).

3) BRINGING TEMPTATION

Hebrews 11:36 (ESV):

“Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.”

Satan uses trials and temptations to discourage believers and cause them to abandon faith. Yet God gives strength to overcome (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Theological insight: Temptation tests faith but is never from God (James 1:13), and perseverance through trials leads to maturity (James 1:2-4).

4) CAUSING DISEASE

Luke 13:16 (ESV):

“And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

Satan is behind much sickness and suffering, as illustrated by this woman's condition. Jesus' healing ministry shows God's power to break these chains.

Theological insight: While God is sovereign over sickness, Satan's influence in the fallen world can cause affliction (Job 2:7), but healing is a sign of God's kingdom breaking in (Luke 10:9).

5) KILLING

John 8:44 (ESV):

"He was a murderer from the beginning..."

Satan is the ultimate murderer, seeking to destroy both body and soul. God's mercy restrains him, but apart from Christ, people face eternal death.

Theological insight: Satan's death-dealing nature underscores the need for salvation in Christ, the giver of eternal life (John 10:10).

6) DECEIVING

John 8:44 (ESV):

"When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Deception is Satan's primary tool, leading people away from truth and into false worship.

Theological insight: Truth is found in Jesus (John 14:6); discerning deception requires commitment to God's Word.

7) BLINDING MINDS

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (ESV):

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers..."

Satan blinds those who reject the Gospel, preventing them from seeing the truth.

Theological insight: Spiritual blindness is a consequence of rejecting God, but God's grace opens eyes to salvation (Acts 26:18).

8) STEALING THE WORD

Matthew 13:19 (ESV):

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.”

Satan works to remove God’s Word from hearts, preventing spiritual growth.

Theological insight: Spiritual growth requires receptive hearts and guarding against distractions (Luke 8:11-15).

9) MASQUERADING AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (ESV):

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

Satan and his servants often appear good and righteous, deceiving many.

Theological insight: Discernment is essential to recognize false teachers (1 John 4:1).

10) PERFORMING FALSE MIRACLES

Revelation 13:13-14 (ESV):

“It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people... And it deceives those who dwell on earth...”

Satan can counterfeit miracles to deceive.

Theological insight: True miracles glorify God and align with Scripture; false signs lead away from truth (Deuteronomy 13:1-3).

Conclusion:

Satan’s activities are real and dangerous, but believers are secured in Christ. Through faith, the armor of God (Ephesians 6), and obedience to God’s Word, Christians can overcome. If you are outside Christ, the greatest risk is eternal separation from God. Salvation is available today—repent and believe in Jesus for eternal life!

May God bless you.

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