

DEVIL, DARKNESS, SIN

The Devil is introduced, in the Bible, as being the father of all that is wrong and said to be the father of all who do what is wrong, in the world, Jno. 8:44. This discussion of wrong is said to have a father – the father of those who do evil is the Devil: *“44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and standeth not in truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof,”* Jno. 8:44. The whole world is said to lie in the **“evil one:”** *“19 We know that we are of God, and whole world lieth in the evil one,”* I Jno. 5:19. From this we learn the “whole world,” those who live in sin, has as their father, the devil.

In Rev. 12:3, the red dragon, is spoken of as being the devil in Rev. 12:9. Take a look at the description of the devil in this section of Rev. 12: 7-12. *“7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon wared and his angels; 8 and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: or the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time,”*

In II Cor. 6:14-18, *“14 Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will be to you a Father, and ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”* In this context one sees the **opposites** of the Devil; or, the **opposites** of Christ! Clearly the Devil is opposed to Christ and those who are the Lord's.

We are told: *“8 Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world,”* I Pet. 5:8-9. Also, we are told: *“2 For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ,”* II Cor. 11:2-3. *“11 That no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices,”* II Cor. 2:11. It is expected of us to **“fight”** for our existence in life (I Tim. 6:12) – we are **Christians**. Caa

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