

Satan's  
Continued  
Purpose  
and  
Abilities

*Scripture Reading:*

**Job 1:1-2:7**

# ◆ Review of Satan's Fall

◆ Isa 14:12-14

◆ His original purpose:

◆ Independence from  
God and unto himself

**Introduction**

# Satan's Continuing Purpose: To Be Like God (Independent)

He caused God's created race of humanity to act independently from God

He now attempts to organize and control the fallen human race to demonstrate a quality of righteousness (respectability) independently from God

John 8:44, Matt 5:20

**By socially accepted standards;  
not by divine standards**

# The Ability of Satan to Fulfill his Purpose

He can travel at the speed of thought, but he is NOT omnipresent

- Job 1:6, 2:1; Rev 12:10
- Satan tempted Peter - Matt 16:23
- Fallen angels are used to tempt NT believers - I Peter 5:8, Eph 6:12

He can control the elements of the atmosphere

- Eph 2:1-2; Job 1:12,16, 18-19

# The Ability of Satan to Fulfill his Purpose

He can cause sickness and healing

- Job 2:6-7

He can disrupt the workings of the mind

- Minds of unbelievers - II Cor 4:3-4
- Minds of NT believers - II Cor 2:11
  - cf Eph 6:11 “devices” = the methodology of the devil

◇ Satan is very powerful, but God places limitations upon his efforts for the sake of believers

◇ **Job 1:12, 2:6**

◇ **I John 5:18**

**CONCLUSION**