

**Satan's
Changing
Activities and
Methodologies**

Scripture Reading:

Luke 8:4-12

Review of Satan's Abilities

- ◇ He can travel at the speed of thought
- ◇ He directs his demons to accomplish his plans
- ◇ He can control the elements of the atmosphere (he is not omnipresent)
- ◇ He can cause sickness and healing
- ◇ He had power of death over everyone during the OT era, but only over the unsaved since Christ's death and resurrection (Heb 2:14-15; Job 1:18-19)
- ◇ He can disrupt the workings of the mind

Satan's Methods Among Unbelievers in all Eras of Human History

◇ All unsaved are children (born ones) of the devil by reason of The Fall

◇ I Jn 3:10

◇ Some unsaved are his sons, i.e. 'mature ones'

◇ Matt 13:25, 38-39

◇ All unsaved desire to do the lust from Satan, even though they are unaware of their source

◇ Jn 8:44

Satan's
Activities
During the
OT Era of
Human
History

◇ “Satan” = “adversary”

◇ Used 26x in the OT

◇ 16x “the adversary” (14x
in book of Job)

◇ Used 34x in 12 NT books

Satan's Activities During the OT Era of Human History (cont.)

- ◇ “Satan” = “adversary”
 - ◇ Demonic activity in OT
 - ◇ Polluting the human blood line prior to The Flood
 - ◇ Gen 6:4, 8-9
 - ◇ Saul tormented by evil spirit
 - ◇ I Sam 6:14, 23; 18:10
 - ◇ King Ahab lured to his death by a lying spirit
 - ◇ I Kings 22:19-34
 - ◇ Demons influencing human rulers in book of Daniel
 - ◇ Dan 10:12-13, 20

Satan's Activities and Methodology During Christ's Earthly Ministry

- ◆ Personally tempted Christ - Matt 4:1-11
- ◆ Caused Peter to rebuke Jesus - Matt 16:21-23
- ◆ Possessed Judas to betray Christ - Jn 13:2
- ◆ Removed the word concerning God out of the hearts (mind, emotion, and will of hearers - Lk 8:5,12

Conclusion

- ◆ Satan's activities and methodologies during the OT era were to control, direct and prevent the unsaved from believing, and to interrupt and prevent God from being able to carry out His plan