

Resist the Devil

James 4:7

Introduction

As I prepared for this new series, I was amazed both at how long I've been teaching in this class (9 years+) and that we have not ever dealt with a very important topic: spiritual warfare. We won't really be talking specifically about spiritual warfare, but we will at least gain a foundational understanding of the evil forces that are in play, and who fight against God and His kingdom.

Background Passage:

Jas 4:7 – Submit therefore to God. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you.

7 -υποταγητε ουν τω θεω **αντιστητε** δε τω διαβολου και φευζεται αφ υμων

Aorist, active, 2PP

This is a great passage, and definitely one to live by, but we don't really know much about the Devil. This study is intended to uncover who he is and what we should do.

Bible Study:

Where do we get our understanding of who Satan is?

Often it's from TV, movies, books, or Halloween. Unsurprisingly, they're all pretty wrong.

One mistake we often make or fall into is thinking that what we see and can touch is all there is. We neglect the fact that there is a spiritual world that we live in, and that, in fact, is eternal.

2 Cor. 10:3-6 – ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵[We are] destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and [we are] taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

[Not sure the passage really defines a spiritual world. Be careful with it.]

2 Cor. 4:17-18 – ¹⁷For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

[Not sure the passage is really talking about a spiritual realm. Could be just talking about the reward to come. Be careful with it.]

Who is the Devil?

07854 שָׂטָן satan saw-tawn'

from 07853, Greek 4566 σαταν; TWOT - 2252a; n m
KJV - Satan 19, adversary 7, withstand 1; 27

- 1) adversary, one who withstands
 - 1a) adversary (in general - personal or national)
- 2) superhuman adversary
 - 2a) Satan (as noun pr)

07853 שָׂטָן satan saw-tan'

a primitive root; TWOT - 2252; v

KJV - adversary 5, resist 1; 6

- 1) (Qal) to be or act as an adversary, resist, oppose

"Satan" comes from a Hebrew verb that means to oppose. It occurs four times in the OT. Twice in Job, Zech. 3:1-2 (accuser of Joshua the high priest), and 1 Chr. 21:1, where he tempted David to number Israel.

Note that the fall in Gen. 3 does not mention Satan!

Job 1:6-12 – ⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." ⁸And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹"But put forth Thy hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face." ¹²Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD. ...

Job 2:1-7 – ¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it." ³And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to ruin him without cause." ⁴And Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵"However, put forth Thy hand, now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse Thee to Thy face." ⁶So the LORD said to Satan,

“Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life.” ⁷Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

NT – 37 times as Devil, 35 times as Satan, 7 times as Beelzebul (= Lord of the flies), ruler of this world, etc.

1228 διαβολος diabolos {dee-ab'-ol-os}

from 1225; TDNT - 2:72,150; adj

AV - devil 35, false accuser 2, slanderer 1; 38

1) prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely

1a) a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer,

2) metaph. applied to a man who, by opposing the cause of God, may be said to act the part of the devil or to side with him

In Synoptics he is presented as the chief or prince of evil spirits in a kingdom of evil.

He is presented as a tempter in Luke 4. **How did the disciples hear of Jesus' temptation? Jesus told them.** The reality of the devil and his role as a tempter have Jesus as the source. This is a fatal blow to those who say Jesus didn't really believe in Satan, but was just accommodating the beliefs that arose during the intertestamental period.

Synoptics also discuss **demons** – bring physical maladies on humans, not just morally bad effects.

Where did Satan come from? (The frequently cited passage in Is. 14:12-20 is nearly certainly not talking about Satan, but instead, as is clear in the context (see verse 4), the king of Babylon. We get the wrong idea from Dante's *Inferno* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*.)

Luke 10:17-20 – ¹⁷And the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. ¹⁸And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

²⁰Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

In Rev. 12, we get a glimpse of a little more detail, though it is symbolic and therefore more difficult to interpret definitively. First we see the only possible reference to the number, or more accurately proportion, of angels that fell with Satan. Then we see the battle that ended Satan's time in heaven.

Rev. 12:3-4a – ³And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. ⁴And his tail *swept away **a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth.** ...

Rev. 12:7-11 – ⁷And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “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 brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.”

In Eph. 6:12 and Rom. 8:38, we read about “**principalities**”:

746 αρχε arche {ar-khay'}

from 756; TDNT - 1:479,81; n f

AV - beginning 40, principality 8, corner 2, first 2, misc 6; 58

1) beginning, origin

2) the person or thing that commences, **the first person or thing in a series**, the leader

3) that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause

4) the extremity of a thing

4a) of the corners of a sail

5) the first place, principality, rule, magistracy

5a) of angels and demons

This suggests that **in the realm of demons there is an organized hierarchy.**

Also, Matt. 25:41 – Devil and his angels.

Acts 13:4-13 – ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵And when they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper. ⁶And when they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain **magician**, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the magician (for thus his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him, ¹⁰and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you **son of the devil**, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord. ¹³Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

Note that we must conclude that Satan is part of the creation, because nothing is outside of His creation.

Also note the interaction of the demons with Jesus in Mark 5:1-15. The demons recognized and spoke to Jesus. Some would suggest that the sicknesses Jesus healed were not caused by demons, but this passage sure seems to show that some were.

What are his goals?

Luke 22:31-34 – ³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded [permission] to sift you like wheat; ³²but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³And he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!” ³⁴And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”

1 Pet 5:8 – ⁸Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, **seeking someone to devour.**

Rev. 20:1-3 - ¹And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, **so that he should not deceive the nations any longer,** until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

How might we confront him or his kingdom today?

Deut. 18:9-14 – ⁹“When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, **one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.** ¹²For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. ¹³You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.”

18:9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, you must not learn the detestable practices of those nations there. 18:10 There must never be found among you anyone who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire,¹ anyone who practices divination,² a soothsayer,³ an augurer,⁴ a sorcerer,⁵ 18:11 one who casts spells,⁶ one who consults a ghost,⁷ a practitioner of the occult,⁸ or a necromancer.⁹ 18:12 Whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD and because of these things¹⁰ the LORD your God will expel them before you. 18:13 You must be blameless before the LORD your God. 18:14 Those nations that you are about to dispossess listen to soothsayers and diviners, but the LORD your God has not appointed you to such things. (NET)

10. οὐχ εὐρεθήσεσθαι ἐν σοὶ περικαθαίρων τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἢ τῆν θυγατέρα αὐτοῦ ἐν ρυρί μαντευόμενος μαντείαν κληδονιζόμενος καὶ οἰωνιζόμενος **φαρμακός** (LXX)

2 Chron. 33:1-10 – ¹Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. ²And **he did evil in the sight of the LORD according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.** ³For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he also erected altars for the Baals and made Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. ⁴And he built altars in the house of the LORD of which the LORD had said, “My name shall be in Jerusalem forever.” ⁵For he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶And he made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; and **he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery, and dealt with mediums and spiritists.** He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him *to anger*. ⁷Then he put the carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; ⁸and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I

¹tn Heb “who passes his son or his daughter through the fire.” The expression “pass [his son or daughter]”
²tn Heb “a diviner of divination” (<נִיֹּנִי*ק= <נִיֹּנִי*). This was a means employed to determine the future or the outcome of events by observation of various omens and signs (cf. Num 22:7; 23:23; Josh 13:22; 1 Sam 6:2; 15:23; 28:8; etc.). See M. Horsnell, *NIDOTTE* 3:945-51.

³tn Heb “one who causes to appear” (נִיֹּנִי*ק=). Such a practitioner was thought to be able to conjure up spirits or apparitions (cf. Lev 19:26; Judg 9:37; 2 Kgs 21:6; Isa 2:6; 57:3; Jer 27:9; Mic 5:11).

⁴tn Heb “a seeker of omens” (נִיֹּנִי*ק=). This is a subset of divination, one illustrated by the use of a “divining cup” in the story of Joseph (Gen 44:5).

⁵tn Heb “a doer of sorcery” (נִיֹּנִי*ק=). This has to do with magic or the casting of spells in order to manipulate the gods or the powers of nature (cf. Lev 19:26-31; 2 Kgs 17:15b-17; 21:1-7; Isa 57:3, 5; etc.). M. Horsnell, *NIDOTTE* 2:735-38.

⁶tn Heb “a binder of binding” (נִיֹּנִי*ק= נִיֹּנִי). The connotation is that of immobilizing (“binding”) someone or something by the use of magical words (cf. Ps 58:6; Isa 47:9, 12).

⁷tn Heb “asker of a [dead] spirit” (נִיֹּנִי*ק= נִיֹּנִי). This is a form of necromancy (cf. Lev 19:31; 20:6; 1 Sam 28:8, 9; Isa 8:19; 19:3; 29:4).

⁸tn Heb “a knowing [or, “familiar”] [spirit]” (נִיֹּנִי*ק= נִיֹּנִי), i.e., one who is expert in mantic arts (cf. Lev 19:31; 20:6, 27; 1 Sam 28:3, 9; 2 Kgs 21:6; Isa 8:19; 19:3).

⁹tn Heb “a seeker of the dead.” This is much the same as “one who consults a ghost” (cf. 1 Sam 28:6-7).

¹⁰tn Heb “these detestable things.”

have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them according to all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances *given* through Moses.”

⁹Thus Manasseh misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

1 Samuel 28 – ¹Now it came about in those days that the Philistines gathered their armed camps for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, “Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men.” ²And David said to Achish, “Very well, you shall know what your servant can do.” So Achish said to David, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.” ³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him in Ramah his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who were mediums and spiritists. ⁴So the Philistines gathered together and came and camped in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together and they camped in Gilboa. ⁵When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart trembled greatly. ⁶When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets.

⁷Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at En-dor.” ⁸Then Saul disguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, “Conjure up for me, please, and bring up for me whom I shall name to you.” ⁹But the woman said to him, “Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?” ¹⁰And Saul vowed to her by the LORD, saying, “As the LORD lives, there shall no punishment come upon you for this thing.” ¹¹Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” And he said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” ¹²When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, “Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul.” ¹³And the king said to her, “Do not be afraid; but what do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being coming up out of the earth.” ¹⁴And he said to her, “What is his form?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped with a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and did homage.

¹⁵Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Saul answered, “I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and answers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do.” ¹⁶And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary? ¹⁷And the LORD has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David. ¹⁸As you did not obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on

Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day. ¹⁹Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Indeed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!”

²⁰Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day and all night. ²¹And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, and said to him, “Behold, your maidservant has obeyed you, and I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. ²²“So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you that you may eat and have strength when you go on your way.” ²³But he refused and said, “I will not eat.” However, his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to them. So he arose from the ground and sat on the bed. ²⁴And the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly slaughtered it; and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it. ²⁵And she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and went away that night.

Was it really Samuel? I don’t know. And that fact points out another important lesson about Satan. I remember talking one-on-one with Manley Beasley, a great preacher from last century, and asking him if there was anything God could do that Satan couldn’t at least mimic. He said, “No, nothing.”

Dan 10 – ¹In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and [one of] great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. ²In those days I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. ³I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all, until the entire three weeks were completed. ⁴And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, ⁵I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with [a belt of] pure gold of Uphaz. ⁶His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult. ⁷Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. ⁸So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength. ⁹But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

¹⁰Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken

this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding [this] and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet [future.]” ¹⁵And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. ¹⁶And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. ¹⁷For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.” ¹⁸Then [this] one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. ¹⁹And he said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” ²⁰Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. ²¹However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these [forces] except Michael your prince.

Eph 6:12 - ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.]

What are his methods?

1 Chron. 21:1 – ¹Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

Tempting, but not usually with some blatantly bad thing, like tempting David to lead Israel to worship Baal or something like that. Just to take a census.

1 Cor 7:5 – ⁵Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

2 Cor. 11:14 - ¹⁴And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2 Cor 12:7 – ⁷And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me--to keep me from exalting myself!

Eph 4:26-27 – ²⁶BE ANGRY, AND [yet] DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Eph. 6:11, 16 - ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹⁶in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil [one.]

1 Thess. 2:18 – ¹⁸For we wanted to come to you--I, Paul, more than once--and [yet] Satan thwarted us.

2 Tim. 2:24-26 – ²⁴And the Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

What is his end?

Col. 2:13-15 – ¹³And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Heb. 2:14-15 – ¹⁴Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Rev. 20:1-3 - ¹And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Rev. 20:7-10 - ⁷And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Practical Application:

Based on this study, what should we do?

Eph 6:10-20 - ¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] ¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil [one.] ¹⁷And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, ¹⁹and [pray] on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in [proclaiming] it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1 Pet 5:8-10 - ⁸Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹But resist him, firm in [your] faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen [and] establish you.

Rev. 12:11 - ¹¹And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.”

Jude 9 - ⁹But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

Conclusion:

Satan is a defeated foe. And this is happening in three different tenses, just like your salvation. He was defeated when Jesus was resurrected, he is defeated every time you resist him, and he will be defeated finally and for all eternity in the end.