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Satan

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Satan.

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- Satan and lack of self-control.
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SATAN AND LACK OF SELF-CONTROL

The apostle Paul gave married couples the following warning:

- **1 Corinthians 7:5:** Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

The words, "So that Satan may not tempt you," appear to conflict with the following words of James:

- **James 1:14:** Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

To understand how these two verses harmonise with each other we need to firstly look at the word Satan. In the Hebrew and Greek language, the word Satan does not have a capital *S* and simply means an adversary, one who withstands, opposes, or resists it is a word that has come to symbolize everything that is the total opposite to what is good, decent, and right, and especially used to signify everything opposed to God. In many verses of the Bible the word Satan is often personified as the arch enemy of God, and the works of Satan are described as:

- Adulteries.
- A false witness.
- Blasphemies.
- Covetousness.
- Deceit.
- Drunkenness.
- Emulation's.
- Evil thoughts.
- Envy.
- Foolishness.
- Fornication's.
- Hatred.
- Heresies.
- Idolatry.
- Lasciviousness.
- Murders.
- Pride.
- Revelling.
- Sedition's.
- Strife.
- Thefts.
- Variance.
- Wickedness.
- Witchcraft.
- Wrath, and such like things.

The Bible tells us all of these, dwell in the human heart, and that they are all the works of Satan, which shows us that Satan's dwelling place must be in the human heart, therefore the word Satan is a personification of the evil in the heart that influences a person's own lust, ego, and pride etc., in rebellion against God, or to act as an adversary to Christ and those who follow him.

However, the word Satan is not limited in its meaning to only religious matters, Satan in its widest and fullest sense is a personification of everything that is opposed to what is good, religious, or secular, which is why the word Satan fittingly is summed up in the universal title, "The Arch enemy of good." This influence can be manifested through an individual, a group, a government or leaders of nations that act as an adversary and enemy to everything that is good, decent, and right.

THE EVIL ONE

THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

John tells us that the whole world lives under the influence and power of the evil one, and Paul says, unbelievers follow the prince of the power of the air, because the god of this world has blinded their minds. The following three titles:

1. The evil one.
2. The prince of the power of the air.
3. The god of this world.

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All refer to the same power and influence that affects the human mind, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, they are simply different titles for the same entity which personifies the evil that rises-up out of the human heart and influences the world, this entity in most verses is called Satan or the devil, (1 John 5:19) (2 Cor. 4:4) (Eph. 2:2).

SATAN AND TEMPTATION

Paul's words, "So that Satan may not tempt you," (1 Cor. 7:5) and the words of James, "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire" (James 1:14), carry the same idea, since Satan in this context is a personification of the lust that is within each person's own heart. But the word Satan, should not be limited to this idea only, for it also has the following applications:

- If a sensuous woman begins to tantalise and tempt a married man to lie with her, it could be correctly stated: "she is being a Satan to that man."
- If a man, by sweet-talking a married woman tempts her to lie with him, it can be rightly said: "he is being a Satan to her."

Understanding this principle, helps us understand why Jesus called Peter a Satan in the following verse:

- **Matthew 16:22-23:** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Peter was speaking words to Jesus that were against the will, the purposes, and the plan of God and in this sense, Peter was being a Satan to the Lord.

For further information see the title:

- Demons.

In, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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