

Introduction: Though our battle is spiritual, evil is personified by a real being (Eph. 6:11-12).

1. IS THE DEVIL REAL?

- a. His existence is doubted by the world.
- b. His existence is declared by the Word (Revelation 12:9, John 8:44).

2. WHERE DID SATAN COME FROM AND WHERE IS HE NOW?

- a. Created by God as a sinless angel in Eden (Colossians 1:16, Ezekiel 28:12-15).
- b. Cast down by God with sinful angels into hell (2 Peter 2:4, Matthew 25:41).
- c. Controlling the world from heavenly places (1 John 5:19, Ephesians 6:12).

3. WHAT POWER DOES SATAN HAVE?

- a. Persuasion (1 Chronicles 21:1, John 13:2, Acts 5:3).
- b. Suspicion/Doubt (Genesis 3:1-3).
- c. Deception/Imitation (Genesis 3:4-5, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15).
- d. Attraction (Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:8-9).
- e. Distortion/Subtraction (Matthew 4:5-6, 13:19).
- f. Argumentation (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

4. WHAT ARE SATAN'S LIMITATIONS?

- a. He's not omnipotent (Job 1:12, 2:6, Luke 22:31).
- b. He's not omniscient (1 John 3:20, Matthew 24:36).
- c. He can be defeated (1 John 2:13, Revelation 12:11).

CONCLUSION: Though Satan is limited, he is still staggeringly powerful (Eph. 6:11-13).