

The History of Satan

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Introduction

Satan, the Devil is real. He is known to many peoples by many different names. His evil is seen and felt by us all on a daily basis. His power seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. It appears to many that we are being drowned in a tidal wave of evil, concealed by many cloaks, but with one nefarious power behind them all.

We are being overwhelmed. Satan seems to be everywhere, in everything and intent upon corrupting and destroying everything sacred, holy and good. There is only one thing left for those still faithful to the forces of good to do. We must confront Satan!

Yes, confrontation is the answer! Yet, just what is it that one should confront, the myth of Satan or the reality? Successfully confronting the Evil One can only be done in one way. We have to follow the rules of the sacred, the holy and the good. In this way, we can indeed defeat evil and overcome the nefarious power of Satan and overcome his mythological stranglehold. The right and proper way to fight Satan is to cast light, God's light, upon him. This is done not by words or rituals, but rather through education.

Learning Scripture is God's light. Therefore, learning what Scripture reveals about Satan, who he really is, and what powers he does and does not have, is the best way to expose him and to recognize just how limited and small his actual influence really is. Religious mythology has made Satan appear larger than he really is. This is part of his plan to intimidate the righteous. Therefore, when we penetrate the myth, we can dispel it and gaze upon the reality, one which is not as frightening as the myth makes it appear.

The personage of an actual entity by the name of Satan is first introduced to humanity through the Biblical records. Therefore, it is to the Bible that we must turn to discover Satan's true nature, his true role and the true limitations of what we believe to be his powers.

The first step in combating evil is to properly recognize it. Our source of information for all our definitions and concepts will be the Bible. God has revealed to us through His Word all we need to know. All we need to do then is to contemplate His Word, even as we are commanded to do so (Joshua 1:8). Yet, we must pay attention to what is actually said, and not just to what individuals with theological agendas have to say. Their words might be well and good, but in the fight against evil, it is not the words that count, but rather the deeds!