

Who is Lucifer and How We Defend Ourselves Against Him

Who is Lucifer (References):

Isaiah 14:12 (LSB)

¹² How you have fallen from heaven, O ^[a]star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

Footnotes

Isaiah 14:12 Heb *Helel*; lit *shining one*

Ezekiel 28:12 -18 (LSB)

¹² “Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says Lord Yahweh, “You ^[a]had the seal of perfection,

Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The ^[b]lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your ^[c]settings and ^[d]sockets, Was in you.

On the day that you were created, they

Footnotes

Ezekiel 28:12 Lit were *the one sealing a pattern*

Ezekiel 28:13 Heb *sappir*

Ezekiel 28:13 Or *tambourines*

Ezekiel 28:13 Or *flutes*

Revelation 6:13 (LSB)

¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

Revelation 12:7-12 (LSB)

⁷ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸ and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole ^[a]world. He

Footnotes

a. Revelation 12:9 Lit *inhabited earth*

Isaiah 14:12-17 (LSB)

¹² How you have fallen from heaven, O ^[a]star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ¹³ But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly in

Footnotes

a. Isaiah 14:12 Heb *Helel*; lit *shining one*

b. Isaiah 14:16 Lit *show themselves attentive to*

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 (LSB)

were prepared. ¹⁴ You were the anointed cherub who ^[c]covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ By the abundance of your trade ^[f]You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O ^[g]covering cherub,

From the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ Your heart was lofty because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you. ¹⁸ By the abundance of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought out fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.

Ezekiel 28:14 Or *guards*

Ezekiel 28:16 Lit *They filled your midst*

Ezekiel 28:16 Or *guardian*

was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ Then 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 brothers has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him

because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witness, and they did not love their life even to death. ¹² For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”

b. Revelation 12:12 Or *tabernacle*

the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ¹⁵ Nevertheless you will be brought down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit. ¹⁶ ^[b]Those who see you will gaze at you, They

will ^[b]carefully consider you, saying, ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who caused kingdoms to quake, ¹⁷ Who made the world like a wilderness And pulled down its cities, Who did not ^[c]allow his prisoners to go home?’

c. Isaiah 14:17 Lit *open*

¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his ministers also

disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

2 Peter 2:4 (LSB)

⁴ For if God did not spare angels who sinned, but cast them into the ^[a]pit and delivered them to chains of darkness, being kept for judgment;

1 Peter 5:8 (LSB)

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

How to Defend Yourself Against Lucifer (References):

Matthew 4:1-11 (LSB)

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He ^[a]then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil **took*

Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and **said* to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning You’; and ‘On *their* hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written, ‘You shall not put the ^[b]Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil **took* Him to a very high

mountain and **showed* Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and ^[c]worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus **said* to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the ^[d]Lord your God, and ^[e]serve Him only.’” ¹¹ Then the devil **left* Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

Footnotes

- a. [Matthew 4:2](#) Or *afterward became*; lit *later became*
- b. [Matthew 4:7](#) In OT, Yahweh, cf. Deut 6:16
- c. [Matthew 4:9](#) Lit *prostrate Yourself*

- d. [Matthew 4:10](#) In OT, Yahweh, cf. Deut 6:13
- e. [Matthew 4:10](#) Or *fulfill religious duty to Him*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (LSB)

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted

beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

James 4:7

⁷ Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11-24 (LSB)

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against ^[e]flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the

preparation of the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ ^[f]In addition to all, having taken up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, ¹⁷ also receive the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times ^[g]with all prayer and petition in the Spirit, and to this end, being on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, ¹⁹ as well as on my behalf, that ^[h]words may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel— ²⁰ for which I am

an ambassador in ^[i]chains—so that ^[j]in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. ²¹ But that you also may know about all my affairs, ^[k]how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make everything known to you. ²² ^[l]I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know ^[m]our circumstances, and that he may encourage your hearts. ²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ ^[n]with incorruptible *love*.

Footnotes

- a. [Ephesians 6:5](#) Earthly masters
- b. [Ephesians 6:5](#) Lit *simplicity*
- c. [Ephesians 6:6](#) Lit *according to*
- d. [Ephesians 6:6](#) Lit *soul*
- e. [Ephesians 6:12](#) Lit *blood and flesh*
- f. [Ephesians 6:16](#) Lit *In all*
- g. [Ephesians 6:18](#) Lit *through*

- h. [Ephesians 6:19](#) Lit *word*
- i. [Ephesians 6:20](#) Lit *a chain*
- j. [Ephesians 6:20](#) Two early mss *I may speak it boldly*
- k. [Ephesians 6:21](#) Lit *what*
- l. [Ephesians 6:22](#) Lit *Whom I have sent to you*
- m. [Ephesians 6:22](#) Lit *the things about us*
- n. [Ephesians 6:24](#) Lit *in incorruption*

1 Peter 5:8-9 (LSB)

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ ^[a]But resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the

Footnotes

a. [1 Peter 5:9](#) Lit *Whom resist*

same experiences of suffering are being accomplished among your ^[b]brethren who are in the world.

b. [1 Peter 5:9](#) Or *brotherhood*

Galatians 5:16 (LSB)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

2 Timothy 2:22 (LSB)

²² Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 John 2:16 (LSB)

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Matthew 26:41 (LSB)

⁴¹ Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (LSB)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but ^[a]divinely powerful for the tearing down of

strongholds, ⁵ as we tear down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Footnotes

a. [2 Corinthians 10:4](#) Or *mighty before God*

Proverbs 4:23 (LSB)

²³ Guard your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (LSB)

⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all ^[a]sorts of evils, and some by aspiring to it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Footnotes

a. [1 Timothy 6:10](#) Lit *the evils*

Colossians 3:5 (LSB)

⁵ Therefore, ^[a]consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

Footnotes

a. [Colossians 3:5](#) Or *put to death the members which are upon the earth*

Hebrews 2:18 (LSB)

¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to help those who are tempted.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (LSB)

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the ^[a]sexually immoral man sins against his own body.

Footnotes

a. [1 Corinthians 6:18](#) Or *one who practices sexual immorality*

Psalms 119:11 (LSB)

¹¹ Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

James 1:12-14 (LSB)

¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has ^[a]been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted ^[b]by God”;

for God cannot be tempted ^[c]by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Footnotes

a. [James 1:12](#) Or *passed the test*

b. [James 1:13](#) Lit *from*

c. [James 1:13](#) Lit *of evil things*

Isaiah 1:25 (LSB)

²⁵ I will also turn My hand against you, And will smelt away your dross as with lye And will remove all your alloy.

James 1:2-4 (LSB)

² Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various ^[a]trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. ⁴ And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be ^[b]perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Footnotes

a. [James 1:2](#) Or *temptations*

b. [James 1:4](#) Or *mature*

Who is Lucifer?

I know this seems like an unusual topic, but this is an important one. We need to not only know what the enemy is capable of but understand who they are, where they come from, and lastly, but certainly just as important, their motives. In the *Art of War* written by Sun Tzu, he emphasized the importance of knowing your enemy in warfare. One of his most famous quotes on this topic is:

If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.

In this quote, Sun Tzu underlines the critical role of understanding both your own capabilities and limitations as well as those of your enemy. He suggests that this knowledge is the key to achieving success in warfare and avoiding unnecessary conflicts and losses. Knowing your enemy involves not only understanding their strengths and weaknesses but also their intentions, strategies, and tactics which enables you to develop effective countermeasures to outmaneuver them. However, Athis enemy, Lucifer, whom we speak of is not one you'll find on a battlefield, but rather in the spiritual realm. We are in a spiritual war against a powerful adversary once known as Lucifer, but whom we now refer to as, Satan. Let's begin by exploring the origins of this evil figure.

The name "Lucifer" is derived from Latin, meaning "light-bringer" or "morning star." Satan is a fallen angel. In order to begin to learn who the devil is, we must turn to scripture. In Isaiah 14:12, we encounter a passage that has long been associated with Satan which reads, "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!" This verse describes a fall from grace, a war against God. "War?" "What war?" Revelation 12:7-12, a book of prophecy, brings us into the spiritual battle. It tells of a war in Heaven, where Michael and the other angels fought against the dragon, who is identified as Satan. This passage offers a glimpse into the motives of Lucifer, who sought to exalt himself above God, the Lord of creation, but was cast down. Revelation 6:13 tells us about the event of Satan and the angels that followed him, "And the stars of the sky fell to the earth," which shows the connection between celestial beings and our earthly domain.

Ezekiel 28:12-18 further contributes to the history surrounding Satan. It portrays a figure in the city of Tyre, but the description appears to go beyond a mere earthly ruler. The scripture speaks of one who was "perfect in beauty" and who was "the anointed cherub who covers," suggesting an exalted being who held a unique position. Pressing forward to Isaiah 14:12-17, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, 2 Peter 2:4, and 1 Peter 5:8 contribute to our understanding of Lucifer's character and the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged. These verses reveal his pride, rebellion, and his ceaseless efforts to deceive and tempt humanity. The bulleted quotes below will show Satan's pride, rebellion, and his efforts to deceive and tempt humanity.

- You who have weakened the nations!
- But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- God did not spare angels who sinned,
- Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Understanding Lucifer is not merely an academic exercise; it has profound effects for our spiritual lives. In the Bible, we find repeated warnings about the adversary. In 1 Peter 5:8, we are urged to "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." We are called to remain vigilant and steadfast, recognizing the spiritual battles we face, which begs the question, "How can you be watchful and diligent if you do not know who or what you are looking for?" Sure, you could say, "Watch for anything out of the ordinary," but it is more difficult than that. Miracles performed by Jesus Himself, does not mean Jesus was evil. In the words of Sun Tzu, "If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle." Our knowledge of Lucifer equips us to know our adversary and to stand firm against his schemes.

As we navigate life's challenges and confront the temptations that surround us, the wisdom found in the Bible reminds us that understanding our adversary is a critical component of our faith journey. We must know our enemy and know ourselves, relying on the strength of our faith and the guidance of divine wisdom from God in order to emerge victorious in the spiritual warfare we face.

Let us remember that our quest to understand Lucifer is not about glorifying evil but about equipping ourselves to stand against sin and the Satan. We must remember we cannot stand against him alone for we will not succeed if we do it alone. We must ask the Lord for help and learn how to defend ourselves against Satan to live Christlike lives and to maintain our spiritual integrity. With this knowledge about where Lucifer came from, we can better navigate the battles during the war that we encounter on our journey toward Christ.

How to Defend Yourself Against Lucifer

How do we navigate the battles while faithfully following Christ? Well, this isn't the type of question you can easily answer but if you look at the references listed above on page two under the section titled, How to Defend Yourself Against Lucifer, you can begin to learn what you can do if you wish to seek to walk in the light with Christ the Lord.

As I previously stated, this question is not a simple one, and it makes us walk farther down the path of our spiritual journey with Jesus. In the face of temptations and trials, we must seek the guidance and use the tools and strategies that we have available to us to allow us to stand firm and not be magnetized to sin that leads us to Satan and his demons. Our journey will take us through passages in the Bible, and the verses listed above will serve as our true heading in this exploration. Before we begin, I want to explain what "true heading" means. True heading, in aviation, means that it is the actual direction an aircraft is pointing relative to true north. True north is the geographic North Pole, meanwhile the magnetic heading is the direction an aircraft is pointing relative to magnetic north. I say true heading and not magnetic, because the Devil will use the sin to cause us to stray from course to have us walk a different than the one, we are on with Christ.

Our first reference, Matthew 4:1-11, takes us to the wilderness where Jesus faced the temptations of the Devil. This passage teaches us that even the Son of God was not immune to temptation. It is a reminder that we, too, will face trials, but we can overcome them by relying on the word of God. How did Jesus overcome the temptation? Well, Jesus quoted scripture, but be warned, Satan knows scripture to and will twist it to confuse us, for he knows scripture better than we ever will. We must not only learn and know scripture but pray for His help and His wisdom, because we cannot stand against evil alone. 1 Corinthians 10:13, a powerful verse, reassures us: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." In knowing this, we find comfort amid our struggles, for God's faithfulness is our shield. Know that the trials you face are just that, trials. They are given to you to make you stronger. God knows that if you stand with Him and ask for His help you will overcome the test and become stronger. You can read this in Isaiah 1:25, "I will also turn My hand against you, And will smelt away your dross as with lye And will remove all your alloy." In the passage, we can insinuate "impurities" means trials against Satan or his demons, but when the Lord "smelts" us, that means he is forging us through a trial to make us and our faith stronger. Not only do we get stronger from being in trials, but we are told to remember that our faith will and is being tested. In James 1:2-4, "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

As we continue forward to James 4:7 provides a clear directive: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The act of submission to God is our first line of defense, and resistance against the adversary is an integral part of our walk with Christ. Digging deeper into scripture, let us read Ephesians 6:11 which introduces us to the concept of spiritual armor. It encourages us to "Put on the whole armor of God." It says, "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." This armor is comprised of **truth, righteousness, faith, salvation,** and the **word of God,** and with this as our protection against the Satan who seeks us out like a lion to devour our souls, as it says in 1 Peter 5:8-9, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith," we can make our stand against Satan. Before I get to far ahead of myself, let me go back and talk about the Amor of God. Ephesians 6:13-18 says this:

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your **loins with truth,** and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness,** ¹⁵ and having shod your **feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.** ¹⁶ ^[a] In addition to all, having taken up the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, ¹⁷ also receive the **helmet of salvation,** and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,**

This armor of God is the strongest armor we could and will have to stand against Lucifer, but we must know that the enemy is the devil, and we must remember, when we are not always at war, there are quiet times before and between a battles, and this quiet time can be equated to being at home with our family. We must not always be on the defensive, but remember to put our sword and shield down when we are called to do so.

If we are under siege, along with prayer we can turn to scripture to help defend ourselves and with these verses, they remind us that vigilance and unwavering faith are key elements in our defense against spiritual attacks. Galatians 5:16 instructs us to "walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." This verse underlines the importance of relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome our sin based on physical desires. Moving along, we can look at 2 Timothy 2:22 which calls us to "flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace," where we are reminded that fleeing from temptation is often a wise course of action, and actively seeking righteousness and godly virtues is the path to resilience. Do not think that fleeing is based in cowardice. Fleeing a situation allows you to gather yourself mentally and spiritually for the task at hand, for whatever that may be, and stand with the Lord to overcome that temptation in front of you. Fleeing also affords you time to pray to the Lord. 1 John 2:16 cautions us about the world's allure: "For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world." This verse serves as a reminder that we must not succumb to worldly temptations. We can look at the fall of man and the temptations we succumb to which are lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We see this when Satan convinced Eve, and Eve convinced Adam that the apple in the garden is good to eat, which is lust of the flesh. The next thing Eve noticed is that it was pleasant to the eyes, which falls under, lust of the eyes. Lastly, Satan told Eve in Genesis 3:4-5, "You will not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil," which convinced eve that she could be like God, but by thinking this she and Adam had too much pride.

Matthew 26:41 advises, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." We are called to always rejoice and to pray without ceasing in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 because prayer is our lifeline to God, our source of strength in resisting temptation. I can personally attest to the fact that the Jesus hears our prayers, but He will answer them according to His timing, so we must remain patient and open and eyes and ears to see and hear when He speaks to us, because He is capable of speaking to us through others as well as small things such as the car starting after praying the car will start so you are not stuck while it is snowing on December 24th. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, we learn that spiritual warfare requires different weapons. These are not physical but "have divine power to destroy strongholds." Our thoughts and beliefs, as well as our knowledge of God, are potent weapons. We are told in Ephesians 6 to take up the **shield of faith** which can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, take up the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, as I said earlier.

Defending ourselves spiritually and mentally is important, but Satan can still hurt us through others, which can hurt us emotionally. Proverbs 4:23 instructs us to "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." Guarding our hearts and minds is paramount in our defense against the adversary's influence. In order to guard your heart Biblically you can seek God's guidance, avoid sinful influences, renew your mind with truths of scripture, practicing self-control, fleeing from temptation, remaining accountable for your words as well as your actions, guarding your tongue, forgiving others, praying, and remaining humble and not boasting except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ as it says in Galatians 6:14. As we continue on to 1 Timothy 6:9-10, it warns against the love of money, a temptation that can lead us astray. It reminds us that our focus should be on godly virtues, not material wealth. Up to this point, it sounds like staying away from lust, gluttony, greed, slothfulness, anger, envy, and pride, right? Well, those are what we refer to as, the 7 Deadly Sins. These sins are considered "deadly" because they lead to spiritual death and separation from God if one persists in committing them without repentance.

Colossians 3:5 encourages us to, "Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry." This verse highlights the importance of turning away from sinful desires and seeking higher virtues. Being virtuous only becomes easier when you decide to put the Lord first and set aside earthly things. I'm not saying putting our earthly desires aside to seek Christ is easy, but the thing is, if it was easy, then there would be more Christians and there would be more Christians doing the right thing. For reassurance, Hebrews 2:18 says, "For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." In our trials, we have a sympathetic high priest in Jesus Christ. As I stated earlier, fleeing does not make you a coward. 1 Corinthians 6:18 also proves this fact to us by, showing the importance of actively avoiding situations that could lead to

sin, "Flee from sexual immorality." By keeping God's word in our hearts it serves as a constant reminder of the power of God's word in our defense according to Psalm 119:11. Lastly, James 1:12-14 offers hope to those who endure temptation: "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial." It emphasizes the rewards of steadfastness and cautions against blaming God for our trials. Look at Job's life, everything was taken from him so Satan could show God that Job would eventually curse Him, but Job never did, and by doing so increased all that Job had twofold. Always stand with the Lord and continue to give him glory, but not for the reward; do it because you are called to.

As we conclude our exploration today, we must recognize that defending ourselves against Lucifer requires a multi-faceted approach. We must be vigilant, put on the armor of God, seek righteousness and godly virtues, and rely on the power of prayer and God's word. We must remain steadfast in the face of trials and flee from sinful desires. We can take comfort in the fact that even Jesus faced temptation and overcame it. In our spiritual journey, we are not alone. We always have the guidance in scripture available to us as well as the promise of strength from the Lord. Let these verses serve as a foundation for your spiritual defense, and may they empower you to navigate the battles while following Christ. I pray you may find the wisdom and the strength to stand firm, knowing that God is faithful and that, with His guidance, you can endure and triumph over temptation in you walk with Christ.

What Does Satan Look Like?

You might be wondering what the purpose of this section is when I didn't let you know I'd be going over this in the title or any of the references? Well, it is a bonus section! Congratulations! Jokes aside, I am writing this is to hopefully show that the depiction of Satan that we have today, i.e., with horns and or being hideous, might not be accurate.

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In the 19th century, Goethe's Mephistopheles in *Faust* and in Mark Twain's *Mysterious Stranger* began to influence artists of the day and there depiction of lucifer to appear more cunning and deceitful. As we continue into today's media, the popular show entitled *Lucifer*, portrayed by Tom Ellis, follows the devil as he helps solve crimes while dressed to the nines in very nice suits. In the show, Lucifer has a human face most of the time, but when he deems necessary, puts on his hideous devil face. Today, most people immediately thinks of the devil being ugly when someone speaks about the Devil. Also, with technology, we have engineered Satan to look uglier. The Bible describes this figure, and I could not find anything describing Satan as ugly, but rather uses symbols for who he is depicting his dreadfulness. Here are a couple of examples, 1 Peter 5:8 says he is like a lion, and in Revelation 12:7-12 says he was a dragon during the war in heaven, but that can mean he fought ferociously. Satan is a spirit being, meaning he does not have a physical form. The Bible clearly states angels do not have a physical form like we do. When God first created Satan, he was an angel of light, one of his names were the morning star. Satan is a masterful deceiver, this is why when he tempts us, the sin looks amazing and not ugly and repulsive, because Satan can cover it in a deceiving light. This is my personal belief, I believe Satan can portray himself as ugly if he so chooses, because he is a fallen angel, a spirit being, but because he was the most beautiful angel God created, I do not believe he would tempt us being ugly and having the sin he is tempting us with to be casted in a light to where we can truly see what he is trying to do. Again, this is my personal belief, but I believe Satan casts his deceptive light so we will follow him and walk away from Christ.

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