

Questions About Whose Power Satan Will Use to do Deceptive Miracles

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By whose power will Satan be able to do these miracles of deception? Isn't it true that all his power comes from God?

Answer:

This is an excellent and important question—**by whose power will Satan be able to perform such great deceptions at the end of time? And does all his power still ultimately come from God?**

Let's look at what Scripture teaches and how to understand the distinction between **God allowing power** versus **God being the source of that power**.

By Whose Power Will Satan Perform Miracles?

1. Satan's miracles are empowered by the dragon (his own fallen authority)

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception..."

— 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10

"The beast which I saw was like a leopard... The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority."

— Revelation 13:2

In both cases, **Satan is the active force** behind the deception—not God. The **dragon (Satan)** gives power to the beast (Revelation 13), and **false miracles** are attributed to the "working of Satan."

2. God allows—but does not empower—evil

Satan cannot operate **outside of what God allows**, but that **does not mean God is the source** of his evil or deceptive power.

Think of **Job**:

“The Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.’”

— **Job 1:12**

God **permits** Satan to act within boundaries, but **Satan’s actions and intent are his own**—driven by rebellion and darkness.

3. The miracles are lying wonders—they are not acts of godly power

The phrase used in **2 Thessalonians 2:9** is:

“all power, **signs**, and **lying wonders**”

The term “lying” means **deceptive, counterfeit, false**—miracles designed to trick people, not to heal or bring truth.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...”

— **2 Thessalonians 2:9 (KJV)**

These are **not divine acts**. They are **counterfeit demonstrations** aimed at **impersonating God’s power** and leading people away from truth.

So Is Satan’s Power from God?

Let’s clarify:

- **God is Creator of all things**, including Lucifer before he fell.
- **Lucifer chose rebellion**, and his power is now **corrupted and perverted**.
- **God permits Satan to operate for a time**, but God is **not the source** of evil or deception.

“God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”

— **James 1:13**

So yes, **Satan exists because God created him**, and God allows him to operate for a time, but **the power he uses to deceive is twisted, self-serving, and evil**—it is not God’s doing.

Final Thought

While Satan can perform **counterfeit miracles**, he is **not all-powerful**. His time is short. His power is **limited, permitted**, and will be **ultimately destroyed**.

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.” — **Romans 16:20**

Cling to Christ and His truth, and **no deception** will ever overcome you.