

Can Satan Be Destroyed?

The majority of people living on this world who have some sort of religious conviction (whether it be pagan or otherwise) mostly have one thing in common, they believe in the indestructible immortality of the soul. This belief leads them to imagine that they can and will live forever after death, to go on adhering to the principles of the leader of their choice who is *usually* one of two. Jesus Christ, (good, love, peace, law and order) or Satan. (evil, hatred, lawlessness and self-indulgence) They will then (so they believe) continue to live the consequent lifestyle associated with the leader of their choosing.

*The following article by using the biblical scriptures sets out to demonstrate to the reader the truth of the matter. Satan can and **will** be utterly destroyed, and so can a person`s so-called `immortal` soul!*

The Lord God Almighty can create *and* destroy anything that He wants to. In Matthew 10. 28. we can read the following words spoken by Jesus Christ: ``Fear not them who kill the body, but who are not able to kill the soul: but rather **fear Him (God) who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell``**.

Will it be that it is just Satan`s power that is removed from him or will he be *totally* destroyed, or will the Lord God decide to just keep him powerless, hanging around in `hell` as an eternally tormented soul suffering undreamt of agonies whilst all the while being watched over by the Lord Jesus and His holy angels for all eternity?

The latter would appear to be the end scenario for Satan, at least according to some of the book of Revelation. Let`s read it. Revelation 14: 9-11. `And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: (Jesus Christ) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever: and they have no rest day nor night. . . ` But where is Satan? Let`s read a bit more from Revelation. Revelation 20: 10. `And Satan that deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where also are the beast and the false prophet, and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever`. It would appear that all the evil people and beings on this world, including Satan and his demons, are to be burned forever in the same place, the `lake of fire`.

So, how worthy a candidate is Satan for total destruction? Consider, for all of the failings and wicked deeds of people such as king Herod, Judas, etc. who should we suppose was present or had been present to influence each evil deed? (By the way, I am not trying to suggest that people who allow Satan to dominate or influence their lives are going to be treated by the Lord as blameless!)

Let`s read what happened to Judas. John 13: 27. `And after Judas had eaten the sop of bread, **Satan entered into him`**. So what did Jesus have to say about the man Judas? Well let`s read about it.

Mark 14. 21. `The Son of man indeed goeth as it is written about Him: But woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born`. If Judas is worthy of such utter contempt then how much more worthy of even greater contempt should we suppose that Satan is?

If we turn to the book of Job, we find that Satan is present, and all too willing, to provide Job`s misery and suffering, and indeed would have murdered Job only the Lord forbade it.

Job 1: 7. `And the Lord said unto Satan, Where have you come from? Then Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it`. It is then that the Lord puts Job`s life into Satan`s hands to prove to Satan that Job really is a righteous and an upright man and is not just that way because the Lord had greatly blessed Job`s life up to that point in time.

Job 2: 6-7. `And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, he (Job) is in your hands; but do not kill him. And so Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from head to foot`.

From the reading of the scriptures we know that Satan does more than just walk up and down on this earth. We can read this in 1Peter 5: 8. `Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary Satan walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour`.

There are many more examples within the biblical scriptures of how Satan is tirelessly and continuously committing evil and enticing and seducing ordinary people to do the same.

Jesus Christ states in this extract from John 8: 44., that which Satan is clearly guilty of . . . `He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie he speaks of his own: (of his own invention) because he is a liar, and the father of the lie.`

Even for all of this detestable evil make-up of which Satan clearly is, he can, and more often than not does, appear to us humans to be the most attractive and alluring being in creation as stated in this next scripture: 2 Corinthians 11: 14. `And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light`.

From the reading of the next verse we find out that this deception is also passed onto his human co-workers: 2 Corinthians 11:15. `Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers are also transformed (appear to be) as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works`.

We can and should conclude therefore that Satan, for as long as he is allowed to exist, is dangerous and ***never*** to be trusted.

As we have read, Satan is the inventor of the lie and a murderer. We shall now read what the scriptures have to tell us about the fate of all murderers and liars. Revelation 21: 8. But the cowardly, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, **and murders**, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: this is the second death.`

So what do you think, does Satan qualify for this death? Of course he does!

One more thing to bear in mind, not only is Satan a murderer and a liar, but he is also directly responsible for the rest of the abominations mentioned in that last portion of scripture, *and a whole lot more besides!!!*

We know that Satan is guilty of heinous crimes against The Lord God Almighty and also against the whole of living creation. He has been convicted and is definitely worthy of everlasting destruction.

So, how can that which is *supposed* to be `immortal` ever be destroyed? Can spirit, such as spirit beings, ever be destroyed? Well, the obvious answer would *appear* to be, no. But we should perhaps get a better

understanding of what the word `immortal` really means. `Immortal` merely means ***that if left alone***, that which is an `immortal` living creation, will not die. It is not subject to any disease deadly or otherwise or destruction by any means, ***except by one!*** and that is by the direct intervention of Almighty God, Himself!

Question. Should we suppose that that which is spirit can in any way be restrained, confined, or even tied down? Well it can. Could that then possibly happen to the most powerful evil spirit of them all, Satan himself? Surely not, and if so, would it take the Lord God to use all of His power and might to do it, or could any angel, simply by being ***granted the power*** to do it, carry it out? Let`s read from Revelation 20: 1-3. `And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan, and he bound him for a thousand years. and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, so that he should not deceive the nations any more until the thousand years were fulfilled: and after that he will be released for a while`.

The question as to what else can affect the existence of a spirit being now arises.

Was God the Son a spirit being before divesting Himself of His glory and then allowing himself to be born flesh and blood to grow up to become the man that we know of as Jesus Christ? Of course He was. Jesus was/is The WORD, the very God of both the old and the new testament. In the book of John 1: 1-4. we can read; `In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God (the Father) and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

(the Father) All things were made by Him (the Word, the Son) and without Him there was nothing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men`. Yes, God turned Himself from ***truly immortal spirit***, into ***truly mortal*** flesh and blood. So, when the Lord decides it is time to utterly destroy Satan, one way that He could do it would be to turn Satan into a mortal man, flesh and blood. By the reading of this next scripture the afore mentioned scenario is brought very vividly into the realms of distinct possibility.

Isaiah 14: 9-17. `Hell (the grave) from beneath is moved for you (Satan) to meet you at your coming: it stirreth up the dead for you, even all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones (they stand with shock) all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto you, Are you also become as weak as we? are you become the same as us? Your pomp is brought down to the grave and also the sound of your viols. (harps)

The worm is spread under you, and worms cover you. How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, (Satan`s previous name) son of the morning! how are you cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you had intended in your heart to ascend into heaven, and to exalt your throne above the stars of God. You also intended to sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north, and to ascend above the heights of the clouds so to be as The Most High. But instead, you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see you shall narrowly look upon you, and consider you, saying, Is this **the man** that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms and made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof, and who opened not the house of his prisoners?

Now let`s read from the book of Ezekiel 28: 1-9. `The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, (Satan) Thus sayeth the Lord God; Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I too am God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; **yet you are a man**, and not God, even though you set your heart to be as God: Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you, with your wisdom and with your understanding you have acquired riches for yourself, you have added gold and silver to your treasures. By your great wisdom and by your trading you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches. Therefore, thus says the Lord God, Because you have set your heart to be as God, Behold, I will bring strangers upon you, the terrible of the nations, and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of those who are slain in the midst of the seas. Then, will you still insist upon saying to the person who kills you, I am God? **But thou shalt be a man**, and not God, in the hands of him that slays you`.

Still not convinced that this scripture refers to Satan? Then let`s read from a few verses further on:

Ezekiel 28: 12-19. `Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus says the Lord God; You sealest up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle, and gold. The workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you the day **you were created**. You are the anointed cherub that covers, and I have positioned you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the

stones of fire. You were perfect in all of your ways from the day that **you were created**, until iniquity was found in you. By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore, I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: **and I will destroy you**, O covering cherub from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings so that they may see you`. For those who do not know, `covering cherub` was one of Satan`s former titles.

What about the fallen angels, the one third of the angelic host who followed Satan after he rebelled against the Lord God, and have now become demons, will they be destroyed utterly? Well certainly something pretty catastrophic is going to happen to them at the time appointed. They may have a chance to repent, they may have already been given that chance and rejected it, believing the lie that Satan has told them that the Lord is a liar and that they will not die if they follow him (Satan). This is exactly the same lie that Satan told Eve in the garden of Eden in order to entice her to disobey the Lord, as we can read of in Genesis 3: 2-4. `And the woman said to the serpent, (Satan) We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, or you will die. (in time) And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die`.

And as we know, Eve preferred to believe the word of Satan above that of the Lord`s, and humankind has been suffering the consequences of that act of disobedience ever since.

So, back to the demons. A clue as to what will happen to them can be found in Matthew 8: 29. `And behold, the demons cried out saying, What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? are You come here **to torment us before the time?**`

The demons obviously know that some dreaded punishment awaits them, but will it be total destruction? Here is another clue. In this next portion of scripture the demons actually use the word `destroy`. Mark 1: 23-24. `And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out saying, Let us alone, what have we to do with You, You Jesus of Nazareth? are you come to **destroy** us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God`.

*We know that fire destroys, **utterly**, and so with that knowledge in mind consider for yourself the words of these next pieces of scripture and also the context and the scenario in which the word `fire` is being used.* Revelation 20: 14. `And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is

the second death`. The method of the`second death` is the one that destroys the human soul, the same death also destroys spirit beings.

Ezekiel 28: 18. `You (Satan) have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your dealings; therefore I will bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you`.

Now we`ll read a scripture that sums up the impossibility of Satan ever being allowed to exist forever alongside a loving God.

2Corinthians 6: 14. `Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers: **for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?**`

Satan cannot, and therefore will not, have any part with the truth or with light and love. Likewise, the Lord God Almighty will not have any part with lies or darkness or hatred. The difference is, the Lord God is the One who can and will remedy the situation once and for all.

Remember this, the ***only*** power that Satan has is the power which the Lord God gave to him when he was known as Lucifer. He has been *allowed* to use that same power since he became Satan. The Lord can and will revoke that power and take it back when He decides the time has arrived for it to happen!

Now let`s read from the book of Hebrews 2: 14-15. `Forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same, so that through His death He would ***destroy*** him that had the power of death, that is Satan. And free them who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to bondage`.

From the reading of that last portion of scripture we can see the total contempt that the Lord God has for the one power that Satan personally lays claim to, the power of death. The Lord God, as Jesus Christ, flesh and blood, allowed Himself to be murdered, tortured to death. But death was to have no lasting power over Him. After three days and nights in the grave He arose from the dead, just as prophesy predicted that He would.

Satan`s only chance to overcome the Lord had failed, even though that chance (because of prophecy) had been known about well in advance and had been handed to him on a plate!

Satan knows full well that his fate is sealed, and he has known this at least since the creation of Adam and Eve. Nothing that he does or says now will save him, and as a consequence he is acting with a vicious but calculated recklessness. He has nothing to lose. He is now `hell bent` on taking as many souls as he possibly can along with himself to total destruction. This

is evident by the way that he has acted in the past, by the way that he is acting now, and by the way that he is predicted to act in the **very near** future!

Satan will be destroyed and as a consequence death will cease to exist! They are both destined to be destroyed by fire. Furthermore, Revelation 21: 4. tells us, `And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; **because the former things are passed away`.**

Just as Almighty God is life and shall live forever, so Satan is death, ***and shall remain dead . . . forever!!!***