A Devil's Tale

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INTRODUCTION

- We've kind of trivialized what Satan is like. We've really made him cartoonish, not only in form, but in our understanding of him.
- The devil really doesn't care that much about me at all. In fact, it's often to strike against God.

1 The Devil Is a Loser Who Never Had Control

Job 1:6–12; Job 2:1–7

- To put frankly, the devil is a loser. He has lost.
- If Satan was some type of controlling figure, this dialogue would not need to take place.
- He has never had ultimate control, that has always been God's.
- No matter how bad things look, no matter how bad they may get or how sad you may feel, God is in control.

2 He Was Defeated by Christ

1 John 3:7–10; Hebrews 2:14–15; Genesis 3:15

- The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
- He defeated the one who had the power of death by Jesus living, giving up his life willingly on the cross, being crucified for our sins, being put in the tomb, and then raising again.
- We have a new lease on life because through his blood, through the cross, we can be saved.

3 He Will Permanently Burn

Matthew 25:31–41

- Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- Hell was set up to contain, to swallow, to defeat Satan, and that is where he is going.
- Satan is going to hell and he will be there forever. And the question is, will you join him?

4 He Wants You Badly

1 Peter 5:8–9

- How does this loser in every conceivable way get people to follow him?
- Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour.
- The devil will take any failure. It doesn't have to be a colossal turn.
- He doesn't really want you. He wants you to be away from God. He wants you to be in hell with him.

5 He Has So Many Different Devices

Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 11:12–15

- He tempted her by having her second guess God. In fact, he called God a liar.
- He can tailor every type of sin to every type of person that may be tripped up by it.
- For even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- He doesn't have to get you today if he can get you tomorrow.
- He'll take any failure, and that includes doctrinal issues.

6 What Does the Devil Want You to Do?

1 John 1:9

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- The devil wants me to think. God can't love me. God can't accept me where I've been, what I've done.
- He wants you to trade out selflessness for self-righteousness.
- He is a loser. He has lost. And he wants you to be lost too.
- Perhaps the biggest thing that Satan wishes us to do is to wait.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Make things right with God today in any way that it takes. Serve Him. Love Him. Request prayers if you need it. Be baptized if you have not become a child of God.**

MY NOTES