

# YOUR DEADLY ENEMY

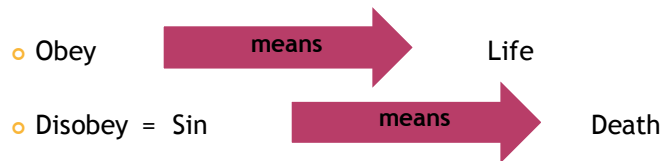
## WHO IS IT ?

- The devil ?



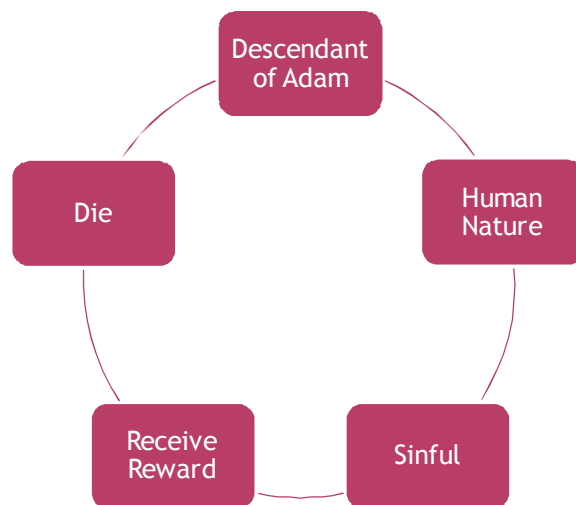
## WHAT DO OUR BIBLES TELL US?

- ◉ It seems that the devil causes us to sin
- ◉ What is sin ?
  - Adam & Eve were given a law



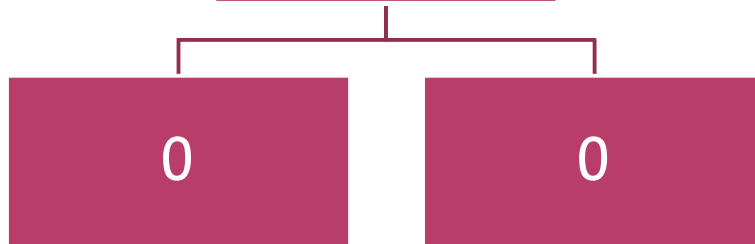
**Sin is disobedience  
of God's Law**

## CONSEQUENCE OF THE FIRST SIN



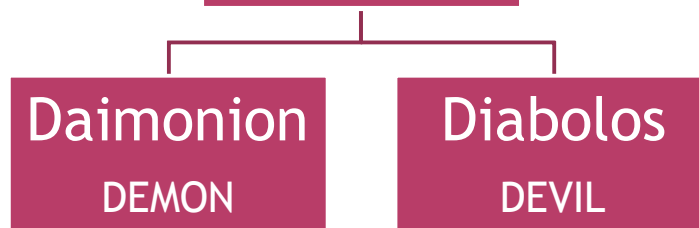
## WHO/WHAT CAUSES US TO SIN ?

### Devil in Old Testament



## WHO/WHAT CAUSES US TO SIN ?

### Devil in New Testament



## DAIMONION - DEVIL / DEMON

- ◉ Usually a devil or devils
- ◉ Matt 12:22
  - Then was one brought to him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and he healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

## DAIMONION - DEVIL / DEMON

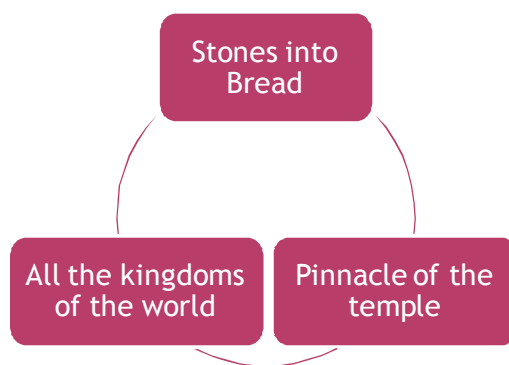
- ◉ Usually a devil or devils
- ◉ Luke 4:33-36
  - Now in the synagogue, there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice ...
  - But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him” And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. So they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this is! For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out

## DAIMONION - DEVIL / DEMON



## DIABOLOS - THE DEVIL

- ◉ Matt 4:1
  - Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil



## WAS THE DEVIL A SUPERNATURAL CREATURE ?

### ◉ Pinnacle of the temple

- Temple in Jerusalem - Jesus in the wilderness
  - Did Jesus follow the devil to the top of the temple?
    - All the way to Jerusalem
    - Right through Jerusalem to the temple
    - All the way up the temple to the pinnacle



## WAS THE DEVIL A SUPERNATURAL CREATURE ?

### ◉ All the kingdoms of the world

- Where was the mountain?
  - No such mountain exists
- Matt 4:8-9
  - Again the devil took him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him "All these things will I give you if you will fall down and worship me"
- How could this evil creature make this promise?
  - Only God could make such an offer
  - Would Jesus have been fooled by this imposter
    - Was Jesus gullible
    - This was a real temptation to Jesus

## WAS THE DEVIL A SUPERNATURAL CREATURE ?

- ◉ Heb 2:14
  - Jesus through His death destroyed the devil
  - So the devil doesn't exist any more, it was destroyed by Jesus when he was crucified

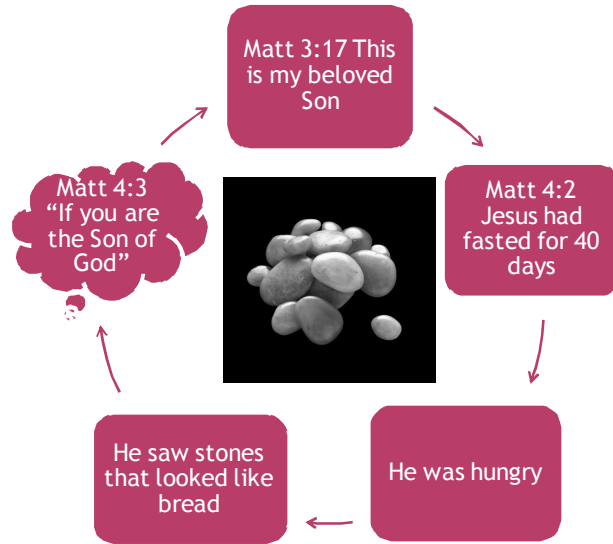
**The devil being a  
Supernatural creature  
does not make any sense**

## SO WHAT HAPPENED IN THE WILDERNESS ?

- ◉ Was Jesus tempted by his own thoughts ?



## STONES INTO BREAD



## PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE



## ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD

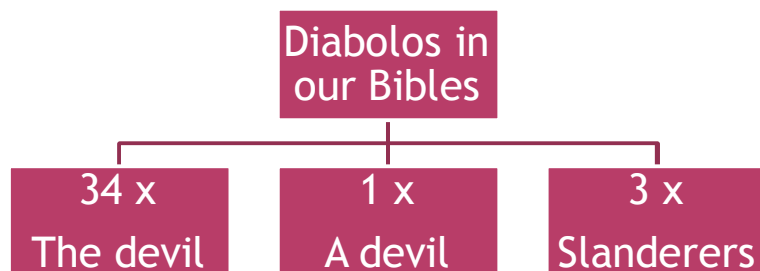


**In all the temptations  
Jesus never failed**

## JESUS DESTROYED THE DEVIL AT HIS DEATH (HEB 2)

- ◉ He destroyed the ungodly desires of his mind
  - He never once gave in to temptation
- ◉ So the devil did not cease to exist when Jesus died
  - The devil - the ungodly desires of the mind exist in every one of us

## DIABOLOS - THE DEVIL



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3 x

Slanderers

- ◉ 1 Tim 3:11 (about deacons)
  - Likewise their wives must be reverent, not **slanderers**, temperate, faithful in all things
- ◉ 2 Tim 3:2-3
  - Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud ... unforgiving, **slanderers**, without self control ...
- ◉ Titus 2:3
  - The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behaviour, not **slanderers** ...

## DIABOLOS - THE DEVIL

1 x

A devil

- ◉ John 6:70
  - Did I not choose you twelve and one of you is a devil

## DIABOLOS - THE DEVIL

34 x

The devil

- ◉ Used in the sense we saw Jesus being tempted by the devil
  - The ungodly desires of the human mind

## THE DEVIL & SIN

- ◉ Heb 2:14
  - Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared in the same,
    - Jesus was born flesh & blood as we are
    - Jesus was born with that sinful nature we all inherited
    - Jesus had the same dying nature we inherited
    - Jesus was prone to sin - but never did sin
  - that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil
    - The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)

## THE DEVIL & SIN

- ◉ Rom 6:23
  - The wages of sin is death
- ◉ Romans 7:17-18
  - ... Sin dwells in me
  - For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) nothing good dwells



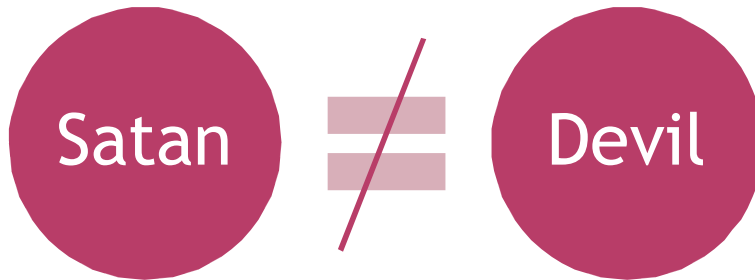
We are the problem

It is from our minds  
that temptations come

## TEMPTATION & SIN

- ◉ James 1:14-15
  - Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full grown, brings forth death.
- ◉ Mark 7:15 & 21-23
  - There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him, but the things that come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.
  - For from within, out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, theft ... All these evil things come from within and defile a man

## SATAN



**Satan means Adversary**

## EXAMPLES OF SATAN

- In 1 Sam 29 the Philistines ask Achish to send David away lest he become their adversary (satan) in battle
- In Numbers 22, the angel of the Lord blocked the path of Balaam and his donkey. It says the angel was an adversary (satan) against him

## EXAMPLES OF SATAN

### ◉ 1 Chron 21:1

- Now Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel

### WHO WAS THE SATAN ?

### ◉ 2 Sam 24:1

- Again the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say “Go number Israel and Judah”

### GOD WAS THE SATAN IN THIS INSTANCE

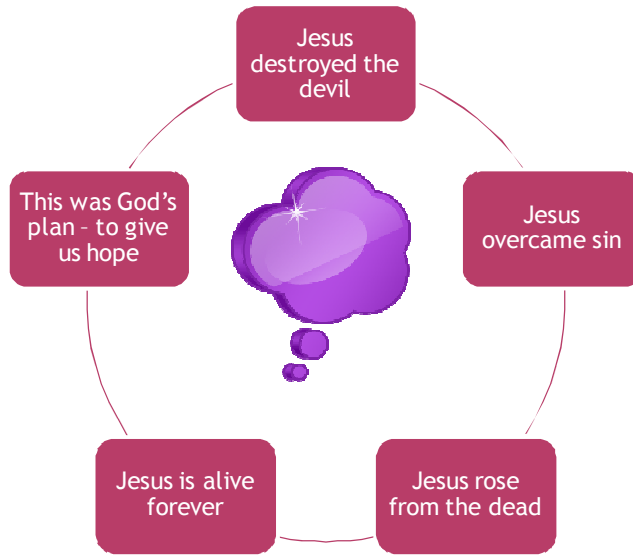
**So satan is just adversary**

**and it can be good or bad**

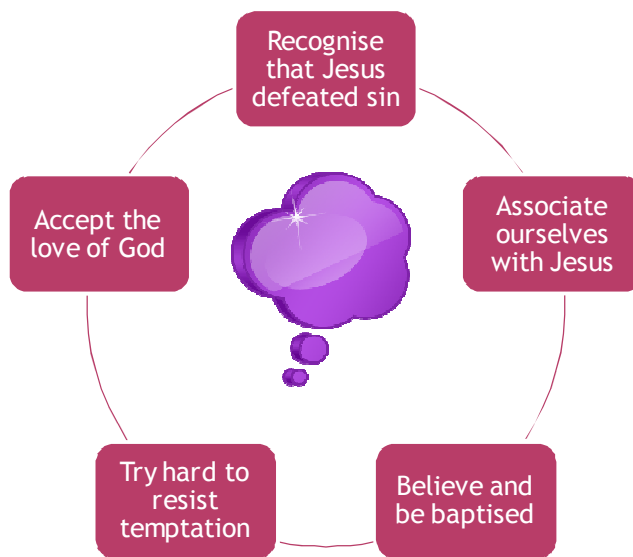
## SUMMARY



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US ?



## WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO ?



Then our Deadly  
Enemy will also be  
defeated and we will  
live forever in  
**GOD'S KINGDOM**