

A. SELECT BIBLE PASSAGES REGARDING SATAN (*please read before the lecture*)

I Chronicles 21:1: “And *Satan* stood up against Israel, and *provoked David* to number Israel.”

Isaiah 14:12-15: “How art thou fallen from heaven, O *Lucifer*, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground ... For thou hast said in thine heart, *I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God*: I will sit also upon the mount ... I will ascend above the ... clouds; *I will be like the most High*. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

Matthew 4:8-9: “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

Luke 22:3-4: “Then *entered Satan into Judas* ... And he ... communed with the chief priests & captains, how he might betray him ...”

John 8:44: “Ye are of your father the devil ... He was a *murderer* from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is *no truth in him*. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for *he is a liar, and the father of it*.”

John 12:31: “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the *prince of this world* be cast out.”

Acts 4:26-28: “... the *rulers* were *gathered* together *against the Lord*, and against his Christ ... against thy holy child Jesus ... They were gathered together, For *to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done*.”

Acts 26:17-18: “Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them *from darkness to light*, and *from the power of Satan unto God* ...”

Romans 8:20-21: “For the creature [i.e., creation] was made subject to vanity ... [but] the creature [i.e., creation] itself also shall be delivered from the *bondage of corruption* into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Romans 16:20: “And the God of peace shall *bruise Satan under your feet* shortly.”

I Corinthians 10:19-20: “I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, *they sacrifice to devils, and not to God*: and I would not that ye *should have fellowship with devils*.”

II Corinthians 2:11: “*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us*: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

II Corinthians 4:4: “In whom the *god of this world* hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

II Corinthians 10:3-5: “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the *weapons* of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down *imaginations*, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the *knowledge* of God, and bringing into captivity every *thought* to the obedience of Christ.”

II Corinthians 11:14-15: “And no marvel; *for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light*. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

Ephesians 2:2: “ye walked ... according to the *prince of the power of the air*, the spirit that *now* worketh in the children of disobedience.”

Ephesians 4:26-27: “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: *neither give place to the devil*.”

Ephesians 6:11-12: “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to *stand against the wiles of the devil*. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities ... powers ... *the rulers of the darkness of this world*, spiritual wickedness in high places.”

II Thessalonians 2:4: “Who *opposeth* and *exalteth himself above* all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, *shewing himself that he is God*.”

I Timothy 3:6: “Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride *he fall into the condemnation of the devil*.”

I Timothy 4:1: “in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, *giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*.”

II Timothy 2:24-26: “the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be ... apt to teach ... instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of *the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him* at his will.”

Hebrews 1:14: “the *angels* ... Are they not *all ministering spirits*, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

Hebrews 2:14: “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death *he might destroy him that had the power of death*, that is, *the devil*.”

James 4:7: “Submit yourselves therefore to God. *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*.”

I Peter 5:8-9: “Be sober, be vigilant; *because your adversary the devil*, as a roaring lion, walketh about, *seeking whom he may devour*: whom resist stedfast in the faith.”

I John 3:8: “*He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning*. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, *that he might destroy the works of the devil*.”

Jude 6: “And *the angels which kept not their first estate*, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains ...”

Revelation 12:1-4: “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a *great red dragon*, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew *the third part of the stars of heaven*, and did cast them to the earth: and the *dragon* stood before the *woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child* as soon as it was born.”

Revelation 12:9-11: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called *the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world*: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for *the accuser of our brethren is cast down* ... And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

Revelation 13:4, 6-7, 11-15: “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast ... saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? ... who is able to make war with him? And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God ... And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them ... And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth ... And he ... causeth ... them ... to worship the first beast ... And he doeth *great wonders*, so that he *maketh fire come down* from heaven on the earth ... And *deceiveth* them ... by the ... *miracles* which he had power to do ... And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image ... should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

Revelation 15:2: “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the *victory over the beast*, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”

B. STATEMENTS OF REFORMED CHURCHES REGARDING SATAN (*for later reference*)

Belgic Confession 12: “He [i.e., God] also created the angels good, to be His messengers and to serve His elect; *some of which are fallen* from that excellency, in which God created them ... the others have ... remained steadfast and continued in their primitive state. The *devils and evil spirits* are so depraved, that they are enemies of God and every good thing ... as murderers, watching to ruin the church ... and by their wicked stratagems to destroy all ... we reject ... the error of the Sadducees, who deny the existence of spirits and angels; and also that of the Manichees, who assert that the devils have their origin of themselves, and that they are wicked of their own nature ...”

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. & A. 9: “man, *by the instigation of the devil* ... deprived himself and all his posterity of those divine gifts.”

Q. & A. 28: “all creatures are so in His [i.e., God’s] hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.” (devils, too)

Q. & A. 123: “destroy *the works of the devil* and all violence which would exalt itself against Thee”

Q. & A. 127: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; that is, since we are so weak in ourselves, that we cannot stand a moment; and besides this, since our mortal enemies, *the devil*, the world, and our own flesh, cease not to assault us ...”

Canons of Dordt

II:9: “[God’s] purpose ... towards the elect ... will henceforward still continue to be accomplished, notwithstanding all the ineffectual opposition of *the gates of hell* ...”

III/IV:1: “revolting from God by *the instigation of the devil* ...”

V:1: “Whom God calls, according to His purpose, to the communion of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and regenerates by the Holy Spirit, He delivers also from the *dominion and slavery of sin* in this life ...”

V:4: “[Christians] must, therefore, be constant in watching and in prayer ... When these are neglected, they are not only liable to be drawn into great and heinous sins *by Satan*, the world and the flesh, but sometimes by the righteous permission of God actually fall into these evils.”

V:15: “this doctrine of the perseverance of the saints ... *Satan abhors it* ...”

Form for Excommunication refers to the church's prayer that the impenitent member “might be ... freed from the bonds of the devil (by whom he is held captive) ...” before warning the congregation: “observe, *how subtle Satan is*, to bring man to destruction ...”

Form for Readmitting Excommunicated Persons: “Be diligent ... to guard thyself against *the subtlety of Satan* ... that thou mayest not fall again into sin.”

Excerpts From Prayers of the Church (from the time of the Reformation)

Prayers for the Needs of All Christendom: “May the kingdom of *Satan* be destroyed, until the kingdom of God be perfected, and thou shalt be all in all.”

Prayer for Civil Magistrates: “Grant that they may fulfil their task in such a manner that the King of kings may reign over them and us, and that the *kingdom of Satan*, which is a kingdom of shame and iniquity, may through them ... be more and more opposed and destroyed.”

Closing Prayer at Church Assemblies: (for the civil magistrates) “May through their labours the shameful and wicked *dominion of Satan* be increasingly disturbed and broken down.”

Prayer After the Explanation of the Catechism: (for the children) “May by their godliness the *kingdom of Satan* be destroyed, and the kingdom of Jesus Christ in this and other congregations strengthened.”

Prayer for the Sick: “Grant that we may experience the blessed comfort of the remission of sins and justification in Christ. May we with that defense overcome all *the assaults of Satan*.”

Morning Prayer: “Frustrate all the *works of the devil*.”

Evening Prayer: “Defend us against all the *assaults of the devil*.”

Westminster Confession of Faith

1:1: (re Scripture) “for the ... preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the ... establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and ***the malice of Satan*** and of the world ...”

5:6: (re God’s work upon unbelievers) “God as a righteous Judge, for former sins, does blind and harden ... but sometimes also ... ***gives them over to*** their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the ***power of Satan*** ...”

6:1: (re man's creation and fall) “Our first parents, being seduced by the subtilty and ***temptations of Satan***, sinned ...”

20:1: (re Christian freedom) “The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel, consists in ... their being delivered from this present evil world, ***bondage to Satan***, and dominion of sin ...”

25:5: (re the true church) “some [churches] have so degenerated as to become no churches of Christ, but ***synagogues of Satan***.”

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. & A. 89: (re judgment day) “be punished with unspeakable torments ... with ***the devil and his angels*** for ever.”

Q. & A. 105: (re first commandment prohibitions) “all ***compacts and consulting with the devil*** ...”

Q. & A. 121: (re remembering the Sabbath) “***Satan*** ... [expends] much labour to blot out the glory, and even the memory of it ...”

Q. & A. 191: “In the second petition, (which is, *Thy kingdom come*,) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be ***by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan***, we pray, that the ***kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed*** ...”

Q. & A. 192: (re the third petition of the Lord's Prayer) “acknowledging, that by nature we ... are ... wholly inclined ***to do the will ... of the devil*** ...”

Q. & A. 195: “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*’ ... [Christians acknowledge] that ... God ... may so order things, that we may be ... ***for a time led captive*** by temptations; that ***Satan*** ... [is] ready powerfully to draw us aside, and ***ensnare*** us.”

Directory for Public Worship

Of Publick Prayer before the Sermon: “... as for secure and presumptuous sinners, that he would ... turn them from darkness unto light, and ***from the power of Satan*** unto God ... that God would ... strengthen them [i.e., hearers of the preaching] against ***the temptations of Satan*** ...”

Concerning Visitation of the Sick: “Times of sickness and affliction are special opportunities put into his hand by God to minister a word ... to weary souls: because ... ***Satan also takes advantage*** then to load them more with heavy temptations ...”