



BIBLE LESSONS FOR LIFE'S BATTLES

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

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Lesson 1

SATAN AND THE FIRST BATTLE

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

If you are a student of the Word of God, you know assuredly that Satan is real. By reviewing the names ascribed to him, you will be reminded of his character. See Isaiah 14:12; John 12:31 (also 14:30; 16:11); Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9, 14-15; Revelation 12:3, 9, 13, 17; Ezekiel 28:14; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Matthew 12:27; Matthew 4:3; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:13; 3:12, 5:18; 2 Corinthians 6:15; John 8:44; Revelation 12:10.

Ezekiel 28:11-19 reveals Satan's origin, the cause of his fall, and his future. The reasons for his downfall and his ultimate fate are recorded in Isaiah 14:12-15. By comparing Genesis 3 with 1 John 2:16, you will see that the temptation in Eden included (1) "the lust of the flesh," (2) "the lust of the eye," and (3) "the pride of life." Satan made similar appeals to the Lord Jesus in the wilderness. (See Matthew 4:1-11.)

Take time, teacher, to study the evil nature of Satan as recorded in Psalm 91:3; 2 Timothy 2:26; Matthew 13:39; Luke 22:31-34; Matthew 24:24; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 6:12-13.

Because Satan constantly attacks Christians, they are instructed to resist him. Observe 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 4:27; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9; Ephesians 6:11. Our armor is described in Ephesians 6:11-18. Our victory is assured in 1 John 4:4.

We urge you to get Dr. Charles C. Ryrie's book, *A Survey of Bible Doctrine* published by Moody Press, Chicago, IL. It is an extremely helpful reference and will prove invaluable as you prepare to teach this series. We will indicate in each lesson the parts of the book you should refer to. For this lesson, see the sections on Satan, demons and the nature of man.

These lessons cannot—dare not—be taught lightly. Neither the devil nor his demons want to be exposed. Let the Word of God—the Sword of the Spirit—be your constant companion. As you study and when you go to class, be "praying always."

Remember, a lesson is not learned unless it is lived. Therefore, your students should be motivated to action each time you teach. Although we have suggestion goals for your student, these are generalized, simply because we do not know your class. But you know your students. So as part of your preparation, think of each one individually, of definite things they can do—or should not do—in their daily lives so "they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:26).

As you teach, keep your Bible in view at all times. Read from it throughout the lesson. Remember—these lessons are exactly that: lessons, not merely stories.

Scripture to be studied: Genesis 1:1-3:24; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-15; Romans 5:12-21

The aim of the lesson: To teach that Satan is a deadly enemy—God's and ours. Because he can disguise himself as an angel of light, he can dupe us. We should obey God and His Word. He alone wants what is best for us now and forever.

What your students should know: Satan is a deceiver. God has given us wills with which we can choose to obey Him or Satan.

What your students should feel: A warm desire to obey God. A dread of following Satan.

What your students should do: Respond by saying "yes" to God and "no" to Satan. (The unsaved, for salvation. The saved, for victory in their daily lives.)

Verse to be memorized:

Submit yourselves...to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

THE LESSON

Satan watched closely as God created the heavens and the earth. He hated God and wanted to spoil things if he could.

Satan is clever. He saw what God was doing and he did not like it at all. Satan was jealous. He wanted to be first, right next to God, as he had once been.

Long, long before anyone lived on earth, Satan (called Lucifer) was in Heaven with God. He was the chief of God's angels and very close to God Himself. However, a time came when he was no longer satisfied with being the chief angel. He decided he wanted to be like God.