

- 962 **2 Thessalonians 3:3** But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.
- 963 **2 Timothy 4:18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 964 **Revelation 14:13** Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
- 965 **Revelation 21:4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

### *Connections and Applications*

#### *287. What kind of a being is Satan?*

He is God's enemy, the evil one, who was originally a holy angel but led a rebellion against God and remains opposed to God and all that is good.

- 966 **Isaiah 14:12-15** How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.
- 967 **2 Corinthians 11:14** Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- 968 **1 Peter 5:8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- 969 **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Read **Matthew 13:24-30, 38-39**, a parable about how Satan seeks to work evil in the Church.

#### *288. Why does Satan concern himself with us?*

In arrogance, rage, and spite, Satan sought to claim God's good creation as his own kingdom. His goal is to deceive and destroy the human race. To that end, he seduced Adam and Eve (along with all their descendants) into captivity and made them his allies, subject to eternal condemnation in hell.

- 970 **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- 971 **Ephesians 2:1-2** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.
- 972 **Matthew 4:8-10** Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan!"

Read **Ezekiel 28:11-19**, which connects God's judgment against the king of Tyre's arrogant claims with Satan's creation as an angel and his arrogant rebellion and sin. See also Question 129 above.

#### *289. Where do we find our hope in the battle against Satan?*

We find our hope and refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ, who frees us from Satan's tyranny by His death and resurrection.

- 973 **Psalms 46:1-3** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.