

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

Satan, The Devil





What comes to mind
when you think of
"The Devil"?



Biblical Names, Descriptors of Satan

Devil:	Mt 4:1
Belial:	2 Cor 6:15 lit: "worthless"
Enemy:	Mt 13:39
Serpent:	Rev 12:9; 20:2; 2 Cor 11:3
Satan:	Mk 1:13
Tempter:	1 Th 3:5; Mt 4:3
Ruler of demons:	Mt 12:24
Adversary:	1 Pe 5:8
Strong man:	Mt 12:29
Angel of bottomless pit:	Rev 9:11
Murderer:	Jn 8:44
Great red dragon:	Rev 12:3
Liar & father of lies:	Jn 8:44
Beelzebub:	Mt 12:24
Ruler of world:	Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
Accuser of the brethren:	Rev 12:10
god of this world:	2 Cor 4:4
The wicked one:	Mt 13:19



How do these names make you feel
about Satan?

Where did Satan come from?

- God is the only eternal self-existent being; Satan is not self-existent.
- Therefore, Satan must have had an “origin”. He was created.
- God created everything that has been created. Jn. 1:3
- God created physical beings as well as spiritual beings Col. 1:15-17



Did God Create Evil?

- Everything God created was Good

*"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."
Gen. 1:31*

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming
down from the Father of the heavenly lights"
James 1:17*

- Kind begets kind: God is good therefore He must have created Satan good.
- Satan must have been created Good.

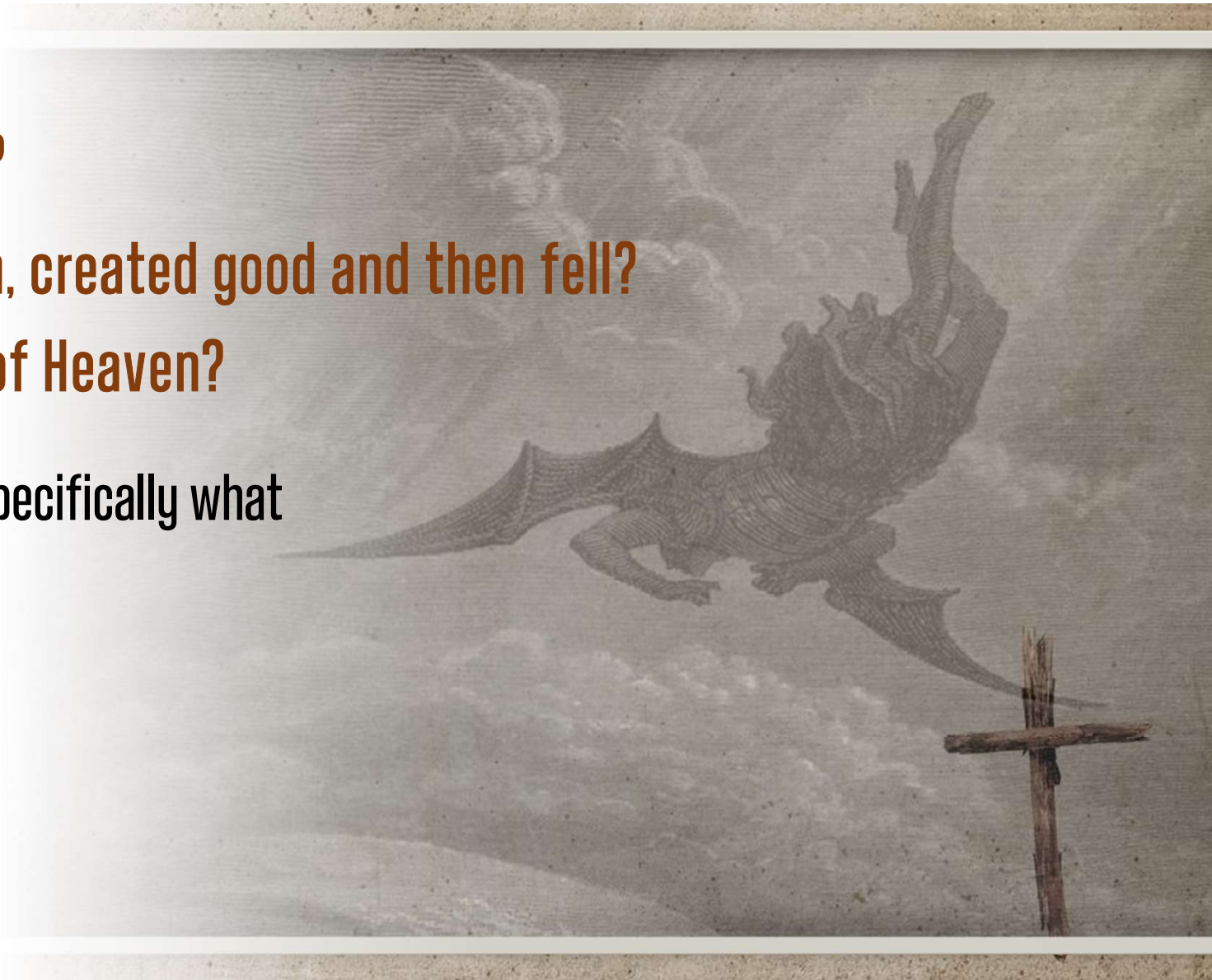


So – What happened?

Was Satan, like Adam, created good and then fell?

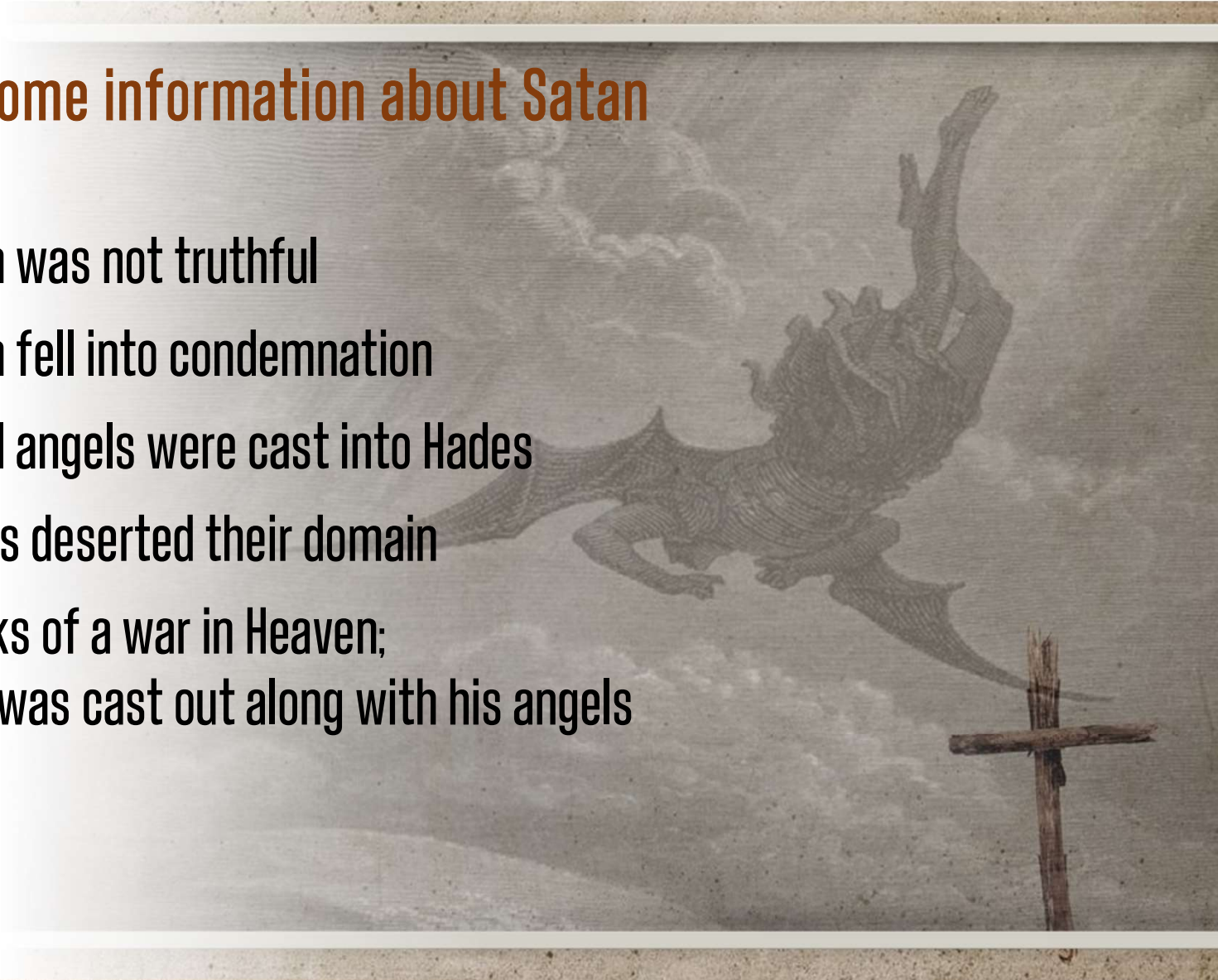
Was Satan Cast out of Heaven?

- The Bible doesn't say specifically what happened with Satan.



But it does provide some information about Satan

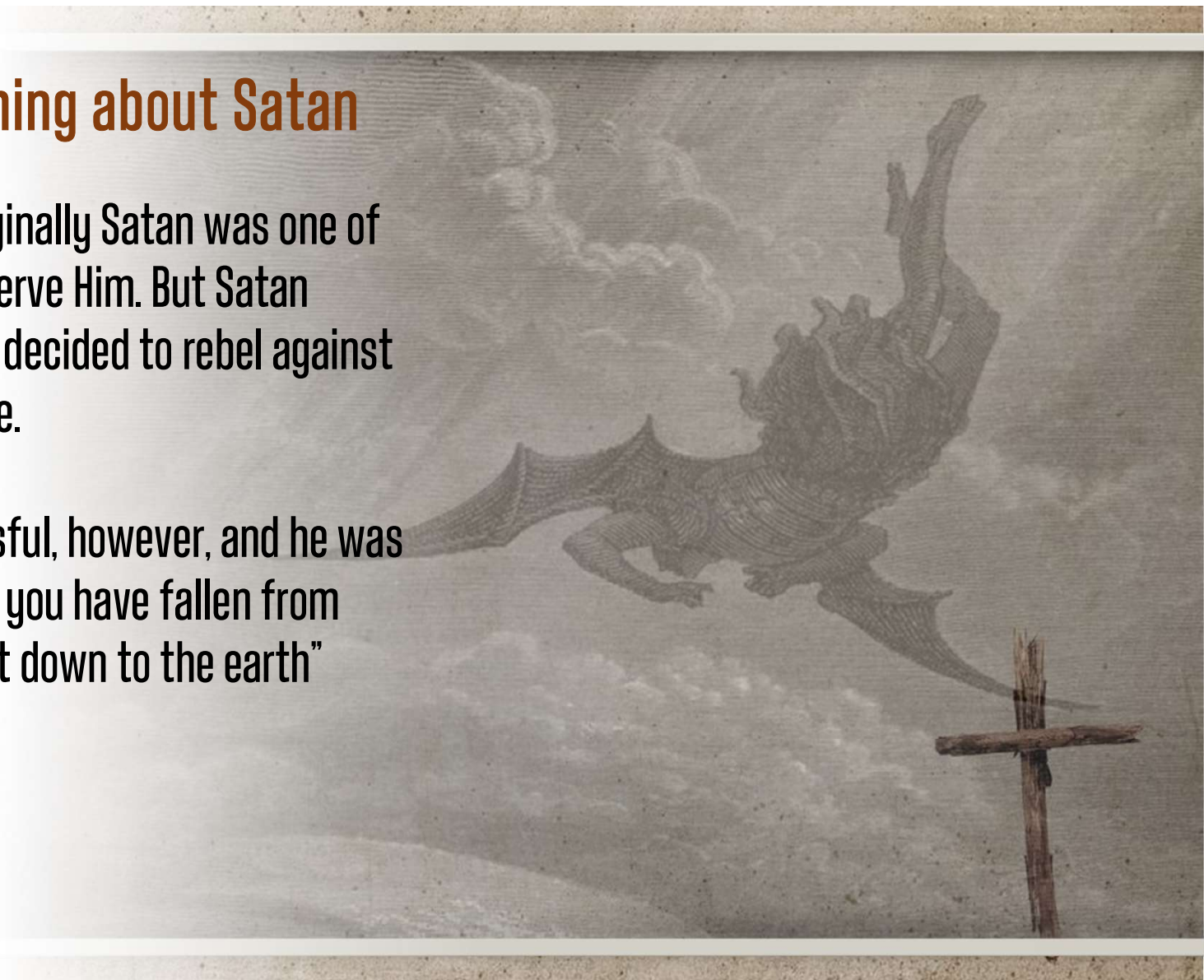
- John 8:44 Satan was not truthful
- 1 Tim. 3:6 Satan fell into condemnation
- 2 Peter 2:4 Sinful angels were cast into Hades
- Jude 1:6–7 Angels deserted their domain
- Rev. 12:7–9 Speaks of a war in Heaven;
Devil was cast out along with his angels



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This false narrative is derived from two OT passages which do not speak directly about Satan.

Isaiah 14:12-15

Prophecy against King of Babylon

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Lament against the King of Tyre

What do we Know about Satan?

- He is the ruler & prince of this world
John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2
- He is our adversary and actively seeks
victims 1 Peter 5:8
- He has an army of helpers
Eph. 6:12; Matt. 25:41
- He has victories in this age
Gen. 3:13-14; Luke 22:3;
1 Tim 1:18-20; 1 Tim. 4:1



Satan vs God

- Satan is powerful, but not as powerful as God.
- He has been conquered by Jesus via His resurrection Hebrew 2:14
- Satan is a defeated foe but remains active until judgment



Satan vs. US

- Deceit
- Marriages
- Our Desires
- Divisions
- Blinds Us
- Disguises Himself
- Steals the Word
- Hinders Evangelism
- Accuses brotherhood

2 Cor 11:3; John 8:44

1 Cor. 7:5

Acts 5:3;

Rom. 16:17–20

2 Cor. 4:4

2 Cor. 11:13–15

Mark 4:15

1 Thess. 2:17–18

Rev. 12:10



Satan will have victories, but will not WIN

- The path to victory in this warfare is to hold fast to Christ who has already dealt the decisive blow.
- 1 John 3:8: “The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil.”
- Hebrews 2:14: “Christ took on human nature that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.”
- Colossians 2:15: God “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them” [at Calvary]
- Mark 3:27: “No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man.” [Satan was powerless to stop the coming of the Messiah]
- Revelation 20:10 says one day the warfare will be over: “The devil . . . [will be] thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” Matt. 8:29; 25:41

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

Ephesians 6:13-17



CONCLUSION

There is much about Satan that we do not know. But what we have clearly revealed in Scripture is what God wants us to know.

We have a powerful adversary who is at war against our Lord and his followers. But that adversary is no match for Christ and is a defeated enemy.

If we will be faithful to our Lord, we have nothing to fear from Satan. So, take your stand against him and you will emerge victorious from the battle (Eph. 6:10-17).



Why hasn't God just
Killed Satan?

