

The Works of the Devil

1 John 3:4-9

Introduction

- 1 John 3:8, John writes,
 - “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”
1 John 3:8
- Let us consider the works of the devil and how they are destroyed.

What are the Works of the Devil?

- The devil leads the world in sin.
 - The devil sinned in the beginning. **1 John 3:8**
 - His goal is to lead mankind away from serving the Lord.
 - The devil is “the ruler of this world.”
John 12:31; 16:11

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- The devil leads the world in sin.
 - The “whole world” lies under the influence the wicked one. ***1 John 5:18-21***
 - Two categories: Those who are “born of God” and those who live under the influence of the wicked one.
 - This same imagery is seen in the book of Revelation when John is shown those who have the seal of God on their forehead and those who have the mark of the beast.

What are the Works of the Devil?

- The devil deceives the world, leading people away from believing in God.
 - The devil is “the father of lies.” John 8:44
 - He deceived Eve and Adam.
 - Eve shared the deception with Adam.
 - Sin’s deception is very contagious. One person is deceived and then they share their deception with another person.

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- The devil deceives the world, leading people away from believing in God.
 - The wicked one “comes and snatches away what was sown” in the heart of the hearer.
Matthew 13:18-19
 - The gospel is “veiled to those...whose minds the god of this age has blinded...” ***2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Revelation 12:9***

What are the Works of the Devil?

- The devil targets believers.
 - The devil is our adversary. He is seeking to lead us away from the Lord. ***1 Peter 5:8***
 - The apostle Paul references the “devices” of the devil. ***2 Corinthians 2:10-11***

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- The devil targets believers.
 - Just like with Job, the devil seeks to turn the faithful against God.
 - He targets us with deception.
 - He targets us with our own desires. *cf. James 1:13-15*
 - He targets us with our own weaknesses and doubts.
 - He brings the influences of the world to bear within our lives.

Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil

Jesus was manifested to take away our
sins and to destroy the works of the
devil. ***1 John 3:4-9***

Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil

Through Jesus Christ, we receive the
mercy, the kindness, and the love of God.

Titus 3:3-7

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God has given us an “armor” so that we
can stand against the schemes of the
devil to turn us away from God.

Eph 6:10-18

Conclusion

- We can overcome the devil through Jesus Christ.
 - After our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, we must continue to walk as children of light, and not continue to live in sin. *Cf. Ephesians 5:8-11; 1 John 3:4-6, 9*
 - If we sin, let us repent and turn back to the Lord. *1 John 2:1-2*