

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 8 - Part 5

THE ASCENSION AND EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ defeated the evil powers

1. What are four things Jesus does because He has been exalted?

- He is our
- He is the
- He sent
- He gives

2. Because Jesus Christ has been exalted, He began His work as the great High Priest; He is the Head of the church; He sent the Holy Spirit; and He gives gifts to men.

In this lesson we want to learn that through His death Jesus defeated the devil, sin, and death. As one who has won the victory, He has been exalted.

The devil became an enemy of God when he rebelled against God. He did not want to listen to or obey God anymore.

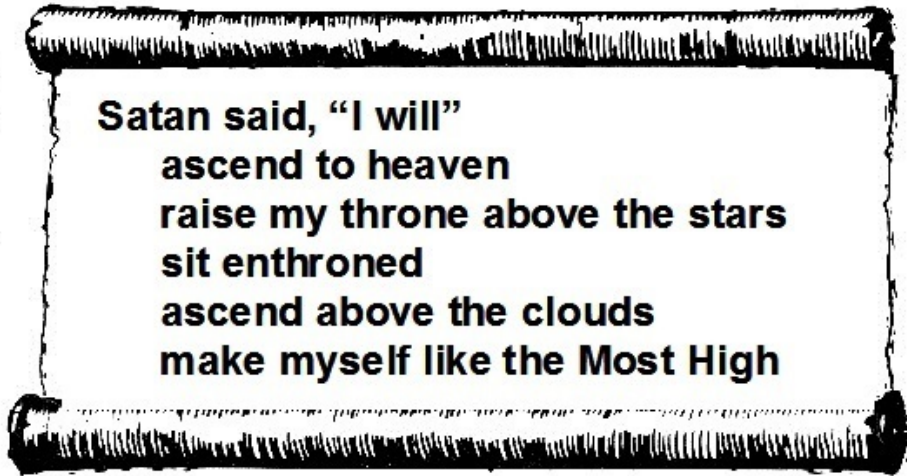


Isaiah 14:12-15

How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Five times we read that the devil said, "I will." Draw a line under each time he said this.

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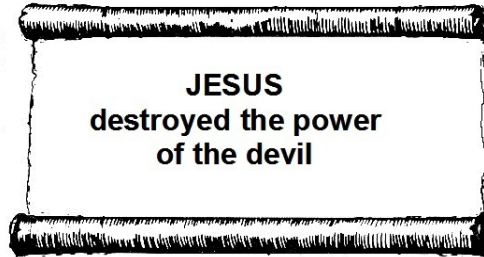
Like whom did the devil want to be?

4. The devil wanted to be like God. God did not let this happen. But all through the years the devil has been and still is fighting against God.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, and rose again, something happened to the devil.

Hebrews 2:14,15

Since the children have flesh and blood, he (Christ) too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.



Some translations read, "Through His death He destroyed the power of the devil who has the power of death."

What did Jesus Christ do by His death?

5. By His death, Jesus Christ destroyed the power of the devil. When

Jesus defeated the devil, He also destroyed the fear of death.

Remember in Part 4 we talked about a ruler coming home from a war? We said he would bring captives or prisoners home. These prisoners were chained together and had to follow the ruler.



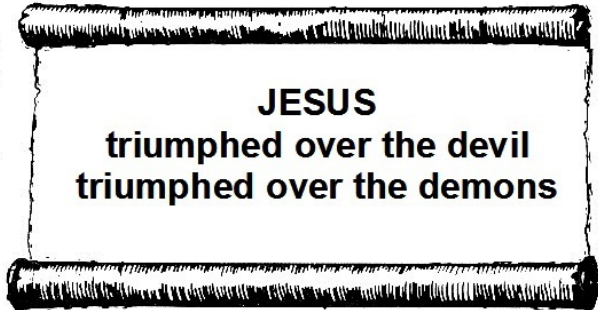
As the ruler went through the streets everyone could see the prisoners. The ruler made a spectacle or “free show” of the prisoners. The enemy as prisoners were there, but they could not hurt anyone - they were chained.

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

What did Jesus do to the powers and authorities?

6. Jesus made a spectacle or free show of the powers and authorities. He is talking about the devil and his demons. It says, “He was triumphing” over them. In other words, He shows everyone that He won the victory over them.



Ephesians 4:8

This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.”

A train in this verse means those who followed the ruler who won.

Whom did Jesus lead in His train?

7. Jesus led captives or prisoners in His train.

He triumphed over all His enemies: Satan, sin, and death. These held the people of the world prisoners before. This refers to what the old conquerors or rulers did when they won a war. They led those whom they had conquered in chains after them. When they returned from winning, they gave gifts to the people.

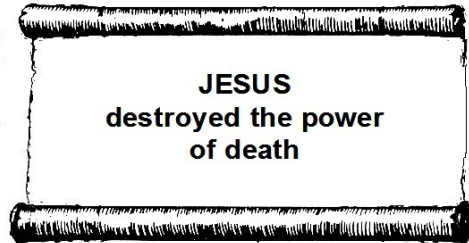
Jesus also gave gifts to men, both the ordinary (common) and extra-ordinary gifts.

Who are the enemies of Jesus Christ?

8. Satan, sin, and death are the enemies of Jesus Christ. In Hebrews 2:14,15 we read that Jesus destroyed the power of the devil and one day he will be tied up.

2 Timothy 1:10

But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

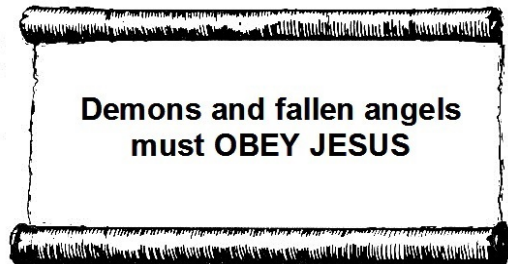


Jesus destroyed the power of the devil. What else did Jesus destroy?

9. Jesus Christ destroyed death as well as the power of the devil. Because Jesus has destroyed the power of the devil and the fear of death, they have to obey Him. The devil is the leader of all demons and fallen angels. When the leader has to obey Jesus, the demons and the fallen angels also have to obey Jesus.

1 Peter 3:22

Who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



1 Peter 3:22 (NLB)

Christ has gone to heaven and is on the right side of God. Angels and powers of heaven are obeying Him.

Who has to obey Jesus Christ?

10. Angels and powers of heaven must obey Him.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What will everyone have to do?

11. Everyone will have to bow down before Jesus and confess that He is Lord.

What did Jesus destroy?

- _____ and _____

12. Jesus destroyed the power of the devil and the fear of death. Because Jesus destroyed the power of the devil, James 4:7 is for us.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (NLB)

So give yourselves to God. Stand against the devil and he will run away from you.

Give yourself to God
and
Stand against the devil
then
The devil will run away

Why do we not need to obey the devil?

13. We do not need to obey the devil because Jesus destroyed his power.

What did Jesus destroy?

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Write out Philippians 2:9.

Questions from Lesson 8

1. Before Jesus died, who said He would ascend to heaven?

2. How did Jesus go to heaven?

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3. Who saw Jesus in heaven?

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4. Why did Jesus go back to heaven?

- Because His work
- To end the time

- To
- So all people can
- _____ could come.

5. Because Jesus Christ was exalted:

- He is crowned with _____
- He has a _____ body.
- He is at the _____
- He has a _____
- Angels and authorities _____

6. What are four things Jesus does because He has been exalted?

- He is our _____
- He is _____
- He sent _____
- He gives _____

7. What did Jesus destroy?

- _____ and _____

8. Write out Philippians 2:9:

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