

Satan Unmasked 2

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In law enforcement, evidence is handled safely and securely through something called the “chain of custody,” which is the chronological record and sequence of custody, control and transfer of evidence. In the Bible, we can see the chain of custody of God’s authority on earth.

In the beginning, God had granted authority to Lucifer (i.e. Satan).

Ezekiel 28:13-15 (NIV/NKJV) - ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till iniquity was found in you.

However, Satan abused his authority when he aspired to exalt himself above God. In doing so, he forfeited his authority back to God.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NKJV/NWB) – ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Hell, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

God then gave authority to Adam.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV) – ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

This means Adam even had authority over serpents. However, Satan took the Adam’s authority when he submitted to something he had dominion over.

Genesis 3:1-5 (NKJV) – ¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden,

God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

He (Satan) does the very same thing today. He uses the things and the voices of the earth to deceive us in to doubting who we are In Christ.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) - ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Jesus took back authority from Satan through his death, burial, and resurrection.

Luke 4:5-7 (NKJV) – ⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) – ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Finally, Jesus delivered authority over to us, the believers.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV/NKJV) - ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority and power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore [You] go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Luke 10:19 (NIV) – ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

The remaining question is this: Adam failed to exercise his authority, will you?