Where did the devil originate? Why hasn't God destroyed him? These and many other questions arise when he is mentioned. Let us turn to the Bible to learn the truth about Satan.

## THE BIBLE SAYS

- 1. With whom did sin originate? *1 John 3:8*. **The Bible Says:**
- 2. What kind of angel was Satan before his rebellion? *Ezekiel 28:12* The Bible Says:

**NOTE:** Under the figure of the king of Tyre, Ezekiel describes the activities of Lucifer. He was created "perfect", but he abused his power of choice. From an angel of light he turned himself into the devil by an act of his own will.

3. What exalted position did Satan once occupy in the courts of heaven? *Ezekiel 28:14.*The Bible Says:

NOTE: As a covering cherub he stood next to God. Psalms 80:1.

4. What higher position did this exalted being covet? *Isaiah 14:12-14*. **The Bible Says:** 

**NOTE:** Another motive behind his rebellion was pride of his beauty. Ezekiel 28:17.

6. When he was cast out of heaven, whom did Satan then seek to deceive? *Genesis 3:1-6.*The Bible Says:

**NOTE:** Satan used the serpent as a medium to attract the attention of the woman.

What does Satan now claim as his? Luke 4:5, 6.   The Bible Says:
<b>NOTE:</b> See also <i>Job 1:6-8</i> . Satan appeared at the gates of heaven claiming to be the representative of this world. The "sons of God" mentioned in these verses were the unfallen representatives of other worlds.
Who brings sickness and trouble upon mankind? <i>Job 2:7, Luke 13:16.</i> <b>The Bible Says:</b>
How will this evil one finally be destroyed by God? <i>Ezekiel 28:16-19</i> . <b>The Bible Says:</b> "I will bring thee to earth (Verse 18).And never shall thou" (Verse 19).
Why does the devil work so viciously now? <i>Revelation 12:10, 12</i> . <b>The Bible Says:</b>
How does Satan seek to disguise himself and his activities? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. <b>The Bible Says:</b>
What is man's only defense against the devil's deceptions? <i>Ephesians 6:11, 12.</i> <b>The Bible Says:</b>
How can we gain the victory over this archenemy? <i>Revelation 12:11</i> . <b>The Bible Says:</b>
Peter warns us, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh out, seeking whom he may devour." <i>1 Peter 5:8.</i> Never have his

about, seeking whom he may devour." *I Peter 5:8.* Never have his deceptions been so effective in misleading and destroying men as they are today. He especially directs his anger against those who are loyal to God.