Child Of God OR Child Of Satan?

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Text: Jn. 8:44

# Intro

1. Who is Satan?
   1. Leader of angels who sinned
      1. M**t. 25:41:** Then He will also say to those on His left, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels”
      2. **II Pet. 2:4:** “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.”
   2. Satan’s character:
      1. The Author of Sin – Gen. 3:1-6
      2. Satan, Adversary, Enemy – Rev. 12:9
      3. Devil, Accuser, Slanderer – Rev. 12:9
      4. Beelzebub, Prince of Demons – Mt. 12:24
      5. Prince of the Powers of the Air – Eph. 2:2; 6:12
      6. The Great Dragon – Rev. 12:9
      7. That Old Serpent – Rev. 12:9
      8. The Father of Lies – Jn. 8:44
      9. A Murderer – Jn. 8:44
      10. The Wicked One – Mt. 13:38
      11. Belial: Extremely Wicked, Stubborn, Destined for Ruin – II Cor. 6:15
      12. The god of This World – II Cor. 4:4
      13. Ruler or Prince Over This World’s Sin & Darkness – Jn. 12:31; Eph. 6:12
      14. Deceives the Whole World – Rev. 12:9
      15. The Tempter – I Thess. 3:5
      16. The Enemy – Mt. 13:39
      17. A Roaring Lion – I Pet. 5:8
2. The children of Satan are all who follow him in sin:
   1. Jn. 8:38-47: Spiritual Genealogy & Lineage: Do you do the will of God OR of Satan?
   2. Mt. 25:41: If you follow Satan, you will be cast into eternal fire with him!
3. There is a contrast between God and His children & Satan and his children!
   1. Both sets of children do the will of their father:
      1. Jn. 8:41-47: Children of Satan do his will (deeds, desires)!
      2. Jn. 1:9-13: Those who received Jesus (True Light) became children of God by the will of God – they do the will of God (Mt. 7:21) to enter Heaven!
   2. Mt. 6:24: Cannot serve two masters – that means one must choose who they will serve!
4. Are you a child of Satan OR a child of God?
5. Contrast Satan and His Children to God and His Children!

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| **Trait** | **Father Satan** | | **Satan’s Children** | | **Trait** | **Father God** | **God’s Children** |
| **Liar, Deceiver** | Jn. 8:44; Rev. 12:9 | | Jn. 8:44; Rev. 21:8 | | **Honest** | Titus 1:1-2; Heb. 6:18 | Eph. 4:15, 25; Col. 3:9 |
| **Murderer** | Jn. 8:44 | | Jn. 8:44; Rom. 1:29; Mt. 5:21-22 | | **Saves Life** | Jn. 3:16; 10:10; I Pet. 3:9 | II Cor. 5:11; II Tim. 2:24-26; Jude 22-23 |
| **Rebel Against God** | II Pet. 2:4; Gen. 3:1-6 | | Rom. 3:23; Acts 13:7-10; Heb. 3:7-13 | | **Faithful** | II Tim. 2:13; I Jn. 1:9 | Rev. 2:10; II Tim. 4:7-8 |
| **Destroyer** | I Pet. 5:8 | | Mt. 18:6; Jude 8 | | **Edifier (Builds Up)** | Js. 4:8, 10; Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:5 | Eph. 4:29; I Thess. 5:11, 14 |
| **Thief** | | Mt. 13:19 | | I Cor. 6:9-10; I Pet. 4:15 | **Share** | Jn. 10:10; Col. 1:12 | Rom. 13:9; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28 |
| **Love Darkness & Sin** | | Col. 1:13 | | Jn. 3:19-21; Rom. 1:29-32; Eph. 4:18-19 | **Love Light & Obedience** | Js. 1:17; Phil. 2:8 | Jn. 3:21; Mt. 5:16; Rom. 6:17-18 |
| **Hate, Bitterness** | | Jn. 8:44; I Pet. 5:8 | | Rom. 1:30; Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 3:8 | **Love, Forgiveness** | Jn. 3:16; I Jn. 1:9 | Jn. 13:35; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13 |
| **False Religion** | | II Cor. 11:14 | | II Cor. 11:13-15; Eph. 4:14 | **Sound Doctrine** | Jn. 17:17; I Thess. 1:9-10; II Pet. 1:3-4 | Eph. 4:14-16; I Tim. 4:6; Titus 2:1; Jude 3 |
| **Bound** | | Rev. 1:18; 20:1-2 | | Jn. 8:31-34; Rom. 6:16; Eph. 2:12; II Pet. 2:9, 19 | **Free** | Acts 17:30-31; I Pet. 4:4-6; Job 38:1-7; 40:1-2 | Jn. 8:31; Rom. 6:16-18; Gal. 5:1, 13 |
| **Defeated** | | Rev. 1:18; 20:10 | | Mt. 25:41; Rev. 21:8 | **Exalted** | Ps. 57:5; Is. 57:15; Js. 1:17 | Mt. 25:34; Js. 4:10; I Pet. 5:6; Rev. 21:7 |

# Conclusion

1. If one follows the way of sin then Satan, NOT God, is their father—I Jn. 3:4-10
2. If one obeys the gospel they change their father from Satan to God—Col. 1:13
3. “Behold, Now Is the Accepted Time; Behold, Today Is the Day of Salvation” (II Cor. 6:2).
4. The child of Satan will inherit an eternal fire, which is eternal punishment (Mt. 25:41, 46), but the child of God inherits eternal rest (Mt. 25:34, 46)!
5. You can obey God today and He will be your Father and you will be His child – You can start today to seek to do His will!
6. Are you a child of Satan OR a child of God?
7. If not a child of God: Hear Gospel, Believe, Repent of Sins, Confess Christ, Be Baptized—Acts 2:38
8. If a child of God in sin: Repent, Confess, Pray—Acts 8:22
9. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!