

## Sunday Morning

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# AND GOD SAID: VOL. I – ORIGINS SATAN: THE FORCE BEHIND THE DARK SIDE

## GENESIS 3:1-6

### I. What Satan is, and where he came from

Satan is a fallen angel, created by God (*Ezekiel 28:12-15*).

**מְקַוֵּשׁ**: Anointed, expansion as with extended wings

**כְּרוּב**: Cherub, one who is near to God, admitted into His presence

**סָבַךְ**: Covers, to protect, to hedge about, to fence in

**INSIGHT:** Every sin that we commit today begins exactly the same way:

1. In our heart
2. When we elevate ourselves to the position of God

**INSIGHT:** We elevate ourselves to the position of God when we place our own authority in direct opposition to God's authority, and that is called rebellion.

### II. What Satan does

Scripture lists the many tools Satan employs to achieve his purpose:

1. Counterfeits - *2 Corinthians 11:14-15*
2. Slanders - *Genesis 3:4-5*
3. Attempts to destroy Jesus' work - *1 John 3:8*
4. Blinds minds and spiritual eyes - *2 Corinthians 4:4*
5. Hinders - *1 Thessalonians 2:18*
6. Sows tares - *Matthew 13:38-39*
7. Incites persecution - *Revelation 2:10*
8. Seeks to establish his own kingdom - *2 Corinthians 2:11*
9. Tempts to sin - *Acts 5:3*
10. Deceives - *Revelation 20:3*

**INSIGHT:** One of Satan's greatest tools is deceit. Satan works through intrigue.

**INSIGHT:** God does not travel down What-if Road. Satan provides the only direction to doubt, fear, and confusion.

11. Accuses - *Revelation 12:10*