

HOW BIG IS HE?

When people talk about size or distance, the qualifying question is always, compared to what.

For example, someone might say, Mt. Washington is really tall. It's the tallest mountain in our state. But compared to Mt. Everest at 29,000 feet it appears to be a little hill.

And a woman may think that her husband is very tall. But when they attend a professional basketball game, she realizes that he is 4" shorter than the smallest player on the court.

Often a widely held belief without examination or qualification can lead to a deception.

For hundreds of years the belief was universally held that the Earth was flat and the Sun revolved around the Earth. It took generations to reveal the actual reality and end the deception.

The common perception of Satan is a lot like this. Most Christians believe that Satan is very strong and very powerful and that his power far surpasses the average Christian's.

It's true that he did possess a lot of delegated authority from God before his demise.

But, let's examine the scriptures.

Isaiah 14.14 describes what happened.

Satan tried to exalt himself above God's authority.

You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

But, He was cast out of heaven to Earth.

"How you have fallen from heaven, you star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who defeated the nations!

He did not leave the heavenly realm with all of his delegated authority and power. He was cast out in shame. 'Your pride and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you and worms are your covering.'

But then he deceived Adam and Eve and usurped their God given authority over the Earth.

He became so insignificant that people will look at him in disbelief.

"Those who see you will stare at you, they will closely examine you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the Earth tremble? Who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

These statements of reality from God definitely debunk that common perception that Satan has extensive power and Christians are pretty helpless against him.

By His perfect sacrifice of Himself to redeem mankind back into God's family, Jesus stripped Satan of all of his stolen authority.

He said, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Revelation 1.17

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Matthew 28.18

Jesus also spoke these things; raising His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You, just as You gave Him authority over all mankind, so that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17.1

If Jesus has ALL authority, that means that Satan has NONE! His only weapons are lies and manipulation.

The Apostle Paul also told the Colossian believers that we have been transferred out from Satan's authority and dominion into the kingdom of God's Son, in whom we are redeemed. Colossians 1.13

As I mentioned earlier, when it comes to size, compared to what, is the qualifying question.

Consider the Earth for a minute. It's extremely large with nearly 8 billion people living on it. 2/3 of it is covered with water and it is surrounded by a multitude of galaxies with too many stars to count.

We could fly our best spacecraft and travel our entire lifetime and never reach another star. That's how expansive the universe is.

This alone could make us feel tiny and insignificant

Let's look at a few scriptures for comparison.

In Isaiah 46.9, God declares, I am God, and there is no other, I am God and there is no one like Me.

Raise your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, the One who brings out their multitude by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40.26

God has created all of these galaxies, He determines their orbits, and calls them by name.

Verse 12 states that, He has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and measured the heavens with a span, and calculated the dust of the earth with a measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales?

What we consider massive and incalculable, He fits in the palm of His hand.

Verse 15 states

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales....

Verse 22 says, compared to Him, the nearly 8 billion inhabitants of the Earth are like grasshoppers.

And verse 23 says that,

It is He who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown, scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries them away like stubble.

Aside from just His incalculable size, He created all of these galaxies, planets and people by saying, eight times, "let there be" in Genesis chapter one.

He made the worlds out of things that are not visible just by speaking His creative word. Hebrews 11.3

If God's incredible size, power, and authority are viewed with our natural perception, it would be very easy to feel totally miniscule and insignificant in his sight.

As I shared earlier, Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and Earth. He doesn't use it to oppress and dominate the nearly 8 billion people on this planet. He uses it to give them eternal life and bring them into unbroken fellowship and oneness with He and the Father. So that all of mankind would know that God loves them just as He loves Jesus. John 17.1 +22

Psalms 8.4 asks of God, what is man that You are mindful of him?

Although Adam and Eve fell from God's presence due to Satan's deception, God never lost sight of His original intention for creating man. Man is God's supreme creation to manifest His eternal life and His kingdom to the entire Earth.

God's unrelenting love for mankind has been shown throughout history by continually rescuing man from his own bad choices and offering Jesus as the perfect sacrifice to redeem mankind back into His family.

As I shared before, God has allowed us to be born of His imperishable seed, which is His supernatural nature. He has committed everything that He is, and everything that He has as our inheritance, with His Holy Spirit as our guaranty of possessing it.

Let me ask a question. What does it take to lay hold of this incredible mind-boggling inheritance that God has made available to His children?

Jesus came preaching, repent, for the kingdom of heaven is here. He was telling us to repent of the life that we inherited from Adam and Eve because of their fall from God's presence, because the life that we were originally created for by God is available to us now. Matthew 4.17

He also said unless we die to our old natural life, we will never lay hold of His eternal life. Matthew 16.25

When we repent of our old nature and receive God's perfect sacrifice to redeem us into His family, we don't just get our sins forgiven so that we can try to fix up our old life. We actually receive His supernatural life! The same one that Jesus demonstrated on Earth.

God testifies that He has given us His eternal life and that life is in His Son Jesus. He who has the Son has that life. 1 John 5.11

God does not dwell in temples made with hands. He dwells in the hearts of men.

Jesus told the Pharisees that the kingdom of God does not come with outward observation, but it's within you.

Paul also told the Corinthian believers, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought for a price: therefore, glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6.19

Jesus told His disciples that if they kept following His word, the Holy Spirit, and He and the Father would make their permanent dwelling place in them. John 14.16-23

So, why am I sharing all of these scriptures and thoughts with you?

Our heavenly Father has given us the ministry of reconciliation and left us here to be the ambassadors of His kingdom to every person on this planet.

We have to know before we even share the Gospel of the Kingdom with unsaved people, that the God of heaven and Earth, who cannot lie, who possesses all power and authority, and who can create with His words, has already made a perfect provision for those people to be born again and redeemed into His family and His kingdom.

As His ambassadors and His representatives, we are speaking what He has already spoken, already done, and has committed everything He is and everything He has for their redemption.

He is bigger than their sin, bigger than any religious conditioning, or any deplorable conditions that they find themselves in. Our God is bigger!

We must know before we minister to or pray for people that our God is bigger than depression, sickness, or even demonic possession. Our God is bigger!

God wants ALL of His children back and He is way bigger than anything that hinders them.

He has commissioned and equipped us to be the vessels that bring Him and everything that He is to every situation to accomplish His purpose of drawing every nation and people into His family.

Let's repent of our natural lives and allow God to do exceedingly above and beyond anything that we would ever dare ask or think by the power of His Holy Spirit working through us.

God bless you.

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