

IS SATAN REALLY UNDER OUR FEET?

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No, dear one. Satan is not under anybody's feet. Here is a Scripture that we can read together. (Read the whole chapter for a full context.)

(6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, (7) having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. (8) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (9) So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. (10) After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (11) To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 5:6-11 NASB

There are a few major points we can glean from Yahweh's written Word.

- Satan prowls around like a roaring lion
- We have to resist Satan, which is an action
- Brothers and sisters of the Christian faith will experience suffering
- God is the One who exalts those who humble themselves under His mighty hand
- It is Yahweh who calls *anyone* to His eternal glory

Humans have taken the credit for doing the work of the Great Holy Spirit. They beat on their chests and say, "Look at what I accomplished by my own strength." Yahweh is the

One who gives the human the breath to stay living. And where is the faith to wait upon Yahweh's timing?

There is always the human need to feel that they will be covered and protected. Where it's hard for the human is to depend on a God they cannot see. So, they go and make their own idols and place them up as their new real god in place of the One True God. Why? Because they can see the metal, the clay, the wood object.

And this is very important to see: Within the many churches, they celebrate with stomping on the ground, saying that they put the devil under their feet. This is great deception in the churches. Can you see Satan looking at you doing your stomping dance and marveling at how a follower of King Jesus could not have any idea that Scripture itself gives a clear way to see what the enemy of God is actually doing?

Here is another lie spread around in the churches: "Satan doesn't have the power to do me any harm."

I have heard it continually growing up due to being in church a lot. My dad and stepdad were both preachers. I hear this statement, not with them, but to show that church living, and its culture, have been ingrained in me. Going to the Cave training was necessary to bring me closer to what is really stated and not what churches (not all) would do.

What would they do?

- "Stand there and claim your way of healing," not knowing that for the believer, even going into the Death Phase is full healing.
- Say that "name it and claim it" plan and maybe something will happen.
- "If you want to have my anointing, send me that love offering."

These are emotional actions taking over.

Where is the understanding that Satan was a beautiful, powerful angel before sin was found in him?

(14) You were the anointed cherub who covers,
And I placed you there.

You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

(15) You were blameless in your ways
From the day you were created
Until unrighteousness was found in you.

—Ezekiel 28:14-15 NASB

Satan is a created being, once an angel that became a demon who fell from Heaven. Now Satan pretends to be that beautiful angel still. But he still has delegated power at a lower placement than what he once was.

(12) But what I am doing I will also *continue to do*, so that I may eliminate the opportunity from those who want an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. (13) For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. (14) No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

—2 Corinthians 11:12-15 NASB

Why would we concern ourselves about principalities and powers of darkness if Satan and those demons have no outlets to bring destruction? Here is where we need to begin praying in active prayer and not “name it and claim it” praying. Here is where we need to learn what the Kingdom culture gives.

And there also needs to be an awareness of the way of the spirits that surround us. There has to be a real understanding that pretending Satan is not real and will not have any way to come against us is to be ignorant of the need for armor.

(10) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. (11) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. (12) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. (14) Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. (15) For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. (16) In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. (17) Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

—Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT