



Heroes & Villains Series, No. 2: Satan, The Ultimate Villain, I John 3:8

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**Intro:** Is God Good? Is God powerful? Why is there evil?

**I. Satan Exists for God's Glory—**

Romans 9:17 (*from Exodus 9:16*)

Satan's name = Accuser

Jesus' name = Savior, and he's the Advocate

Satan in all his unholy wickedness is being used by God to demonstrate His own perfections.

**II. A Glorious Beginning—**

Genesis 3:1

Revelation 12:7-9

Isaiah 14:12-14, to the King of Babylon, and the spiritual villain behind him

Ezekiel 28:11-19, to the King of Tyre and the spiritual villain behind him

The essence of Satan's villainy is his proud desire to leave the place and purpose God gave him, ultimately to replace God.

When we choose to resent the time or place God has placed us, or the circumstances in which we were born or live, we're following the same impulse as Satan.

1 Corinthians 4:6-7

1 Corinthians 12:18

When we allow faithlessness and pride to rule in our lives we're following the key characteristics of Satan.

**III. Satan's Villainy Today—**

A. Lying & deceiving:

Genesis 3:1-5

John 8:44

2 Timothy 4:1

B. Tempting:

James 1:13, not all temptations are from Satan.

Matthew 4:1

2 Corinthians 11:3

C. Accusing:

Job 1–2

Zechariah 3:1-2

Revelation 12:10

D. Stealing:

Luke 8:12

John 10:10

E. Murdering:

John 8:44

1 John 3:12

**IV. Our Hero/Our Weapons—**

1 John 3:8

Hebrews 2:14-15

Romans 8:37

Ephesians 6:10-18.

**V. Villainy's Ultimate End—**

Satan's power and influence is waxing in this world.... For a time, it will look like he wins!

Revelation 20:1-3

Revelation 20:7-10

*To be wholly committed to God in the place where God wants him— this is the creature glorified.* Francis Schaeffer