

# FAITH CHAT

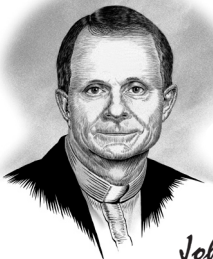
with James & John

## What Do You Know About The Prince Of Darkness?

### Know This...

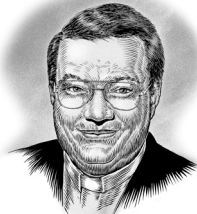
God only creates what is good. He is incapable of creating anything evil. When God created Satan, he was good. Satan freely chose to reject God and become evil in thought and action. Thus, sin and death entered the world through him. Satan is the leader of the fallen angels, and he wants you.

**John:** Whether you call him Satan, the Devil, or the Princess of Darkness, this powerful and evil fallen angel does exist. If you deny his existence, then he is winning the battle for your soul.



**James:** If you acknowledge his existence; then God and His Church are winning the battle for your soul.

**John:** Satan and the other fallen angels are spiritual beings; and like us, they have intellect and free will.



**James:** We exercise our free will throughout our lives. Angels exercised their free will at their creation. Satan and the other fallen angels freely chose to rebel against God and immediately became demons and evil spirits.

**John:** They will not change their decision and return to God. Their fate in hell is sealed. Likewise, the good angels freely chose to worship and follow God. Their fate in heaven is sealed.

**James:** Satan and the fallen angels want to weaken our desire for God, so when we stand before Jesus on judgment day, we also will have freely rejected Him.

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Jesus, in the presence of the Apostles, said to Peter; "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." <sup>Lk 22:32-32</sup> Jesus asked the unbelieving Jews, "Why do you not understand what I say? Is it because you cannot bear to hear my word? You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature. But, because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. He who is of God, hears the word of God." <sup>Jn 8:43-45, 47a</sup>

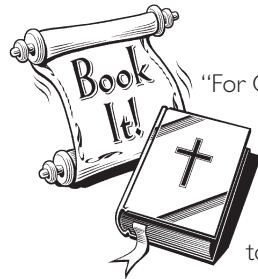
"The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing."

<sup>Fourth Lateran Council, 1215</sup> "The power of Satan, is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign." <sup>ccc 395</sup> "Through him sin and death entered the world and by his definitive defeat all creation will be 'freed from the corruption of sin and death.'" <sup>ccc 2852</sup>



## PAPA SAYS

Jesus told Peter and the Apostles, and they now tell us, that Satan truly exists. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares about you. Be sober; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith." <sup>1 Pet 5:6-9a</sup>



"For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who are in his possession experience it. But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." <sup>Wis 2:23-3:1</sup> "Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.

Whoever sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil." <sup>1 Jn 3:4, 8</sup> "Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you." <sup>Jas 4:7-8a</sup>

Almighty Father, source of all goodness. Your Son revealed Satan for what he is: a murderer and the father of lies. On the day of my baptism, Jesus made me a member of His Body, the Church. If I remain faithful to Your Son and His Church, Satan cannot harm me. Give me the faith, wisdom, and strength to resist his effort to turn me against You. I ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

