

The Satan and the Sons of God
Job #2 | 1:6-12
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Introduction

It's easy for us to misunderstand the Bible's supernatural perspective.

- Cultural gap
- Worldview gap
- Historical confusion/speculation
- Personal antipathy (or over-fascination)

Court is in Session | Job 1:6-12

Big idea: Let's look at the world like Christians.

Supernatural Beings | Biblical Baseline

1. Variety
2. Hierarchy
3. Loyalty

The "Sons of God"

Job 38 ⁴Where were you when I established the earth?⁷...while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Supernatural Sons of God

1. Family
2. Authority
3. Nations | Deuteronomy 32:7-9
4. Rebellious | Psalm 82

The Satan | Job 1:6-7

1. *The satan* | A title, not a name: challenger, opponent
2. Prosecutor | **Christopher Ash** It is sometimes assumed that because the Satan is evil he cannot be a member of the council and must have barged in uninvited. So the Lord's question, "From where have you come?" (v. 7) is read in a hostile voice ("What do you think you are doing here?"). But this is unlikely. The word "among" (v. 6) probably suggests that he is a member of the group. There need be no hostility or implied rebuke in the question, "From where have you come?" Probably it represents something like a President asking a Cabinet secretary for his report: "Secretary of War, it is time for your report. Tell us where you have been and what you have seen."

Satan's Second Appearance | Job 2:1-8

- True motives start to come out
 - **Sam Storms** Notice how abrupt and rude Satan is. Traditional court etiquette in the ancient Near East avoided the use of personal pronouns when addressing a superior. Courtiers would say "my lord" instead of "you" and "your slave" instead of "I" or "me." But not Satan. He also uses imperative verbs, as if to *command* what God should do.
- Analogy: prosecutor who starts to like his job a little bit too much

Jesus and the Supernatural

1. Jesus is the utterly unique Son of God | **Luke 1:35, John 3:16**
2. Jesus came preaching and healing | **Mark 1:1**
3. Jesus dies on a cross | **Matthew 27:54**
4. Jesus revokes Satan's access | **Luke 10:17-18, Revelation 12:10**
5. We still have an enemy | **Revelation 12:12**

One-Point Application: Remember that things are spiritual

- **Ephesians 2** ¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.
- **1 Peter 5** ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.
- **Ephesians 6** ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.