Where Is Satan Found?

Intro: Man has visualized Satan as some monstrous looking man with two horns, a tail and dressed in a red suit carrying a pitch fork. This visualization is so common it has even had its effect upon Christians. The word Satan is a noun. The definition of a noun is “the subject of action of a person, place or thing” according to Webster. We want to ask the question, “where is Satan found?” Since the word Satan is a noun, we can find him in persons, places and things.

I. SATAN IS FOUND IN PERSONS.
A. Of those not concerned about the things of God.
1. Mat. 16:21-23 “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”
a. The word savourest comes from the Greek word phroneo (φρονέω) and means to be mindful or to think in a certain way.
b. If we are mindful of certain things it shows our interest and concern of them.
   (1) Rom. 8:5 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.”
   (2) Phi. 3:19 “Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”
2. We are to be mindful and concerned about spiritual matters.
a. Phi. 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”
b. About the spiritual kingdom; Mat. 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
c. About heavenly things; Col. 1:1-2 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”
3. This is why we need to watch with whom we associate; 1 Cor. 15:33 “Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.” (ASV).
B. Of those who are false teachers.
1. 2 Cor. 11:13-15 “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”
a. They will exist.
   (1) Mat. 7:15 “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves.”
   (2) Even in the Lord’s church; Acts 20:29-30 “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”
b. Rom. 16:17-18 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”
   (1) They are not the servants of Christ.
   (2) By their deceptive speech they will lead other astray.
c. They will destroy themselves and those who believe their teachings.

(1) 2 Pet. 2:1-3 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

(2) Mat. 15:14 “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”

II. SATAN IS FOUND IN THINGS.
A. He is not found in all things.
1. All good things come from God, and all that is good comes from Him.
   a. Mat. 7:11 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”
   b. Jam. 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

2. God is the Creator and Sustainer of life.
   a. Gen. 1:1-27 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”
   b. Col. 1:16-17 “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”
   c. Thus, God provides the necessities of life for man; Mat. 6:24-31

3. The revelation of the scriptures are from God and thus good.
   a. 1 Cor. 2:10-13 “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”
   b. 2 Tim. 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

B. Satan is in some things.
1. Those things that choke out God’s Word; Mark 4:19 “And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”

2. Worldly things that draw men into sin; 1 John 2:15-17 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

3. Shameful things done in secret; Eph. 5:11-13 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.”

4. Things that God hates; Pro. 6:16-19 “These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An
heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, \(10\) A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”

### III. SATAN IS FOUND IN PLACES.

**A. He was found in the Garden of Eden.**

1. He first appeared in the form of a serpent to Eve.
2. Gen. 3:1-4 “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”

   a. He used his deceptive tactics.

      (1) He lied; John 8:44 “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

      (2) Used the temptations of:

         (a) the lust of the flesh—good for food.
         (b) the lust of the eyes—pleasant to the eyes.
         (c) the pride of life—ye shall be as gods.

   b. By using such Satan deceived Eve into disobeying God.

**B. He also was found in the wilderness tempting Christ.**

1. Mat. 4:1-11 “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hunred. 3And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.”

2. He used the same temptations on Christ as he did on Eve.

   a. Lust of the flesh—turn stones into bread.
   b. Lust of the eyes—sheweth all the kingdoms of this world and will give them to him.
   c. Pride of life—show your power by casting yourself down from the pinnacle of the temple.

3. Satan will also be places tempting us in the same ways.

**C. He can be found in any place of ill-repute (where drinking, dancing, gambling, fornication, etc.) take place, whether it be in a bar or a high school dance or prom.**

1. Gal. 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, \(20\) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, \(21\) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

2. 1 Pet. 4:2-3 “That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. \(3\) For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the
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Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:"

D. He can be found in our homes.
1. Today with the multitudes of divorce.
   a. We need to remember that marriage is a lifelong commitment.
   b. The Bible allows divorce (with remarriage following) only for fornication.
   c. Mat. 19:9 “And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”
   d. When someone divorces for some cause other than fornication and remarries, Satan is in that relationship.
2. When the principles of the Bible are not followed in the home.
   a. Where there is anger, maliciousness, backbiting, nagging, etc.
   b. The principles of love, kindness, gentleness, the golden rule, etc., are needed in the home as much as any place.
   c. When the husband does not assume the headship, the wife submitting herself to him, the children obeying their parents, then Satan is present in the home.
3. Through television, and the VCR rentals of dirty movies.

E. Satan can be found in a place of worship.
1. When false worship takes place, Satan is there.
   a. Mat. 15:9 “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”
   b. Col. 2:22-23 “Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.”
   c. When man adds the instrument of music, false doctrine is taught, prayers addressed to anyone other that the Father, etc., Satan is there.
   d. When people worship in denominations (groups not authorized by God) Satan can be found.
2. When division and bitterness exist between worshippers.
   a. Rom. 16:17 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”
   b. Gal. 5:15 “But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.”
   c. Mat. 5:23-24 “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”
3. Even when the Word of God is taught.
   a. Parable of the sower;
   b. Mark 4:14-20 “The sower soweth the word. 15And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended. 18And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.”
c. Satan offers distractions to keep people from worshipping God acceptably.
   (1) John 4:23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
   (2) When people center their minds on something other than what is being done, not worshipping in spirit.

d. The story is told that Satan once gathered his demons into a conference, to determine a way to keep people away from God. One demon suggested that people be told there is no God. Another suggested that people be told that Jesus is an imposter, and that the gospel is false. ALL these ideas were rejected, for Satan realized that people could see through these lies. Finally, another demon proposed that someone go to earth, and tell them that God IS alive, that Christ is His Son and that the gospel is TRUE, but that people be told that “THERE IS NO HURRY ABOUT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.” THAT demon was considered the shrewdest of all, and apparently has been very successful, because such seems to be the attitude people have.

F. Satan will be found in a place called hell.
   1. Hell was prepared for Satan and his followers.
      a. Mat. 25:41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”
      b. Satan will go to his place; Rev. 20:10 “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”
   2. Those who follow Satan will also be found there.
      a. Acts 1:25 “That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.”
      b. Mat. 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”
      c. Mark 9:43 “And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:”
      d. 2 The. 1:8-9 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

Conclusion: Satan is found in person, places and things; but we can expel Satan from our lives through Jesus Christ and obedience to Him.