“Identifying the Enemy”

Isaiah 14: 12-15
Is this your image of Satan?

“The fact that ‘devils’ are predominately comic figures in the modern imagination will help you. If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that (it is an old textbook method of confusing them) he therefore cannot believe in you.”

C.S. Lewis – *The Screwtape Letters*
Satan is a REAL being and his goal is......

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
His Origin

Isaiah 14:12 – “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”

Ezekiel 28:12 - 15 - “Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty; Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”
His Sin - Isaiah 14:13-14

The Five “I Wills”

Lucifer’s BIG “I”

“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

Isaiah 14:13-14
His Army

Revelation 12:4 – “And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: ”

James 2:19 – “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

Matthew 8:29 – “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”
His Position Today

**prince/ruler** – John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Ephesians 2:2; Matthew 12:26; Matthew 25:41

John 12:31 – “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.”

Ephesians 2:2 – “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”

Matthew 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:”

**god – little g that is** – 2 Corinthians 4:4 - “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”
His End

Hebrews 2:14 - “that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”

1 John 3:8 – “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

Isaiah 14:15 – “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

Revelation 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.”
Until Then……. Stand