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The Watchman #10  
**Our Adversary, the Devil**

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**Scripture Reference**

Ezekiel 19-32 (with focus on Eze. 28:11-19)

**Discussion Questions**

*Important: We highly encourage you to listen to the full sermon at [www.gccp.org.ph/sermon](http://www.gccp.org.ph/sermon) before your group discussion in order to view the message in its full context.*

1. How do you know that Satan is real and not just something similar to a Marvel or comic book character?
2. Ezekiel 19 describes the impending destruction of Israel in the hands of the Babylonians. Ezekiel 22:30-31 says that God looked for a man among them who would stand in the gap, someone who would do what is right, but He found no one in authority who could turn the nation around. In chapters 25-32, seven nations were mentioned, which were prophesied to receive God's judgment because not only did they turn away from God, but their ungodly influence caused Judah to fall. Tyre was one of those places, a very powerful city that was judged because of its pride, whose prince even thought that he was a god (ch. 28:2,10). Read Ezekiel 28:11-19. There is a change in the actual subject of this passage from talking about prince/ruler of Tyre (v. 2) to the term *king* of Tyre (v. 12). The term used to describe this "king" could not be someone mortal because the descriptions go beyond a normal person. This "king" referred to in the passage describe Satan, the demonic ruler influencing Tyre. From this passage, we can see the origin story of Satan, of how he fell from being the beautiful and perfect Lucifer, the morning star. It is important to understand the creation and fall of Satan because how he fell is the technique he would often use to lure you to fall as well. His

tactic is to do to others what he did to himself. How was Satan created? The passage gives us three descriptions:

- a. **Created in Perfection (v. 11-12).** How do these verses describe how Satan was created? How is it so different from how people perceive Satan now?
  - b. **Unmatched in beauty (v. 13).** The Bible describes that Satan was in the Garden of Eden. What does this imply? (What did he witness?) Like everything God made, Satan was made to give glory to God. He was created not only full of wisdom, he had unmatched beauty as well. How was Satan's beauty described? What was the special role God had for Satan (as Lucifer)?
  - c. **Unparalleled in power and influence (v. 14).** Cherubim angels were special angels that have the high privilege of being closest to the throne of God. They were created to guard the holiness of God. What power and influence did Satan have as an anointed guardian cherub?
3. Satan was blameless in his ways from the day he was created until sin was found in him. It is important to note that God did not create Satan to be a monster; Satan was perfect when he was created. The problem of evil--why God allowed sin to enter the perfect world He created--has long frustrated us, because in His sovereign wisdom, God does not reveal His reasons to our full understanding. It will remain a mystery why sin somehow was found in Satan, and God allowed it to happen. But looking at what the Scriptures focus on from Genesis to Revelation, we see that the Bible focuses not on how sin came to the world, but on the SOLUTION to the sin problem. What are the actual sins by Satan, and what lessons can we learn from the account of his downfall to avoid going the same way?
    - a. **Lesson #1: Pride in power and influence leads to destruction (v. 16).** Satan's self-generated sin is the sin of pride. As one of the chief angels who had access to all of heaven and even the throneroom of God, Satan was so influential that he was able to convince 1/3 of God's angels to rebel against God (remember that angels can think for themselves). How was Satan judged because of his pride? Discuss how pride in power and influence lead someone to

destruction. How could you avoid the same fate as Satan if you are in a position of power and influence?

- b. **Lesson #2: Pride in the focus of oneself leads to downfall (v. 17).** Satan was so into himself that it corrupted his wisdom. He forgot where his beauty came from. Discuss how being so self-centered is so prevalent in the society. How does being into oneself make a person proud? Where should your focus be in order to avoid this pitfall?
- c. **Lesson #3: Pride in unrivaled perfection leads to disgrace (v. 18-19).** Satan thought that he could do no wrong because he was made perfect. He looked and thought so highly of himself, which led him to disgrace. His destruction is so assured, but why do people still follow him in spite of who he is? Share what you have learned from Satan's destruction. How is God taking the form of a man in the person of Jesus Christ so different from the downfall of Satan?

### Walk

A truly humble heart never takes credit for what belongs to God. A prideful heart takes credit that belongs to God alone. Examine your heart through th. Is it one of humility or pride? Is there anything in your life that manifest pride at being powerful because of your position and influence in your community? Are you so full of yourself that you fail to focus on Jesus and others? Do you think that you are so “perfect,” equal to no one? Search you heart and allow God to take this pride out of your heart before you self-destruct.

### Worship & Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank You for opening my heart and mind to recognize how my prideful heart could be destructive and may cause me my downfall and disgrace. Please help me to be humble before You and to follow the example of my Lord Jesus who humbly gave Himself to save me from the eternal destruction of sin. Please give me the strength to overcome the wiles of my enemy, Satan. Help me that through Your power, I can overcome any temptation that will affect my walk with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.*