

# Devilish Deceptions

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[0:00] The 30th of September, Devilish Deceptions Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. Revelation 12.9, English Standard Version Satan, or the devil, is often treated as an almost comical character, someone who doesn't really exist.

The devil is quite happy with that. It is one of his devilish deceptions. He is cunning, and he is exceedingly cruel. One of the wise old Puritan writers called Thomas Brooks wrote this about Satan.

Satan promises the best, but pays the worst. He promises honor and pays with disgrace. He promises pleasure and pays with pain. He promises profit and pays with loss.

He promises life and pays with death. The book of Revelation shows us how Satan tries his hardest to attack Christ and to attack the Church of Christ.

Satan really goes to war against Christians, trying to destroy them, and he does this in many ways. One of the most obvious ways is to use the wholesale persecution of the Church in countries like China and Iran.

[1:11] But he also uses more subtle ways to destroy a person's faith. For example, tempting Christians to watch porn, to try drink or drugs, to engage in immoral relationships.

Satan is also a master of dropping doubts in people's minds about the Bible and its teaching. He is a master deceiver. But the book of Revelation shows us emphatically that Satan is a loser, and his utter destruction is coming.

Christ and he alone is the truth. There is no deception with Jesus. Trust him. A prayer.

Dear Lord, help me to reject Satan's efforts to undermine my faith in you. Amen. Amen. Amen.