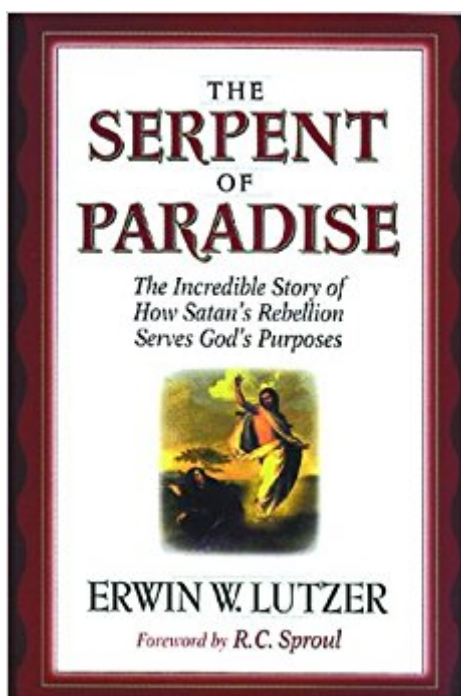


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The Serpent Of Paradise: The Incredible Story Of How Satan's Rebellion Serves God's Purposes



Synopsis

How we perceive our enemy will largely determine how we fight against him. Unless we grasp how the devil fits into God's scheme of things, we will find it difficult to stand against his conspiracy against us personally and his influence within our culture. We can have a proper theology of the devil only if we have a proper theology of God. Only when we stand in awe of God will we find it unnecessary to be in awe of Satan. As Martin Luther once said, 'The devil is God's devil.' God is still in control. The Serpent of Paradise gives an overview of the career of Satan and his interaction with the Almighty. It traces his fall from an exalted position to his demise in everlasting shame and contempt. It shows us that Satan always loses even when 'he wins.' Best of all, it confirms that we who have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light are able to stand against him. Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10-11 NIV. The Serpent of Paradise is a book about Satan, but it is also a book about God's power, God's program, and God's purposes in this world.

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"It is the best treatment of the person and work of the enemy I have ever read."
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Many Christians are oblivious to the devil and his schemes. Others look for him everywhere. All need to hear what God's Devil has to say: that the devil roams about, but on God's leash. In God's Devil, Erwin W.

Lutzer takes us to those corners of Scripture we rarely consider. With surprising insights and potent quotes at every turn, *God's Devil* will: Teach you about Satan and his role in God's plan for the world Give you confidence in God's eternal victory over Satan Equip you to withstand Satan's schemes Martin Luther once said, "Even the devil is God's devil." So while this book is about Satan, it is even more about God's sovereign power over him. Read it for wisdom, read it for peace, and read it for strength. Dig deeper with the *God's Devil* DVD and Study Guide.

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Touch down! I loved this book. I was thrown off a bit by the by the folklore information on Dante, Milton and Goethe but the author was simply showing how these writings influenced our thinking of the devil. He talks about what caused Satan to rebel against God in that he wanted to be like God and he wanted to be worshiped and that he sought to convince man to follow him by buying into his dream. He covers the lie of reincarnation, esotericism, pantheism, relativism and hedonism which all have their roots in the lies told in the garden. When angels sin their sin only affected them but when Adam & Eve sinned the consequences were passed on to their seed. He covered beautifully how Jesus came to pay the penalty for our sin so that God could be both loving and just. Then he finished it all off by explaining how and when Satan will be cast out of heaven and his final humiliation of being tormented in the lake of fire for all eternity. This information is truly beneficial to the believer who wants to be victorious and avoid traps set to cause us to fall and remain in a fallen state. I highly recommend it, the information contained will heighten your discernment.

I always wondered why God would allow Satan's existence after his rebellion. Why would God create Satan knowing he would rebel in the first place? This book offers great insight into the problem of evil and the existence of Satan. It's very encouraging to know that God is in control of all things, and that Jesus has the keys of hell and hades. Even when things seem to be going totally wrong, God can turn what was intended for evil for your good.

Just started reading this, very interesting. Like this author who writes according to God's transcript.

Great book, if you're a Christian you will enjoy it. It gives you a history of the devil, and the traps he lays for Christians.

Incredible study of Satan's work in his world and how it connects to God's sovereign power and His plan for mankind and the creation. You will probably want to read it more than once.

I love this book. It explains Satan and his world along with how he interacts with God. Lutzer is an excellent writer. I have read several of his books and have bought, including this one, for friends.

excellent book. Does not try to push a specific point of view. But it is biblical. No made up stuff that can't be supported by scripture.

This is a great book. Looking at Satan from God's perspective sheds a lot of light on the way things are going in this world today. The book is a blessing and increases your faith that God has everything in control.

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