

01.03 Satan's Fall (Job 38:4, 7; Isaiah 14:12–17; 45:18; Ezekiel 28:13–18)

✓ “*Check*” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows
[. . .] indicates a remark to the teacher that usually should not be read. It also indicates answers to questions.

Visuals and Tools:

- Pictures and charts found at the end of this lesson. Please give credit to sources of pictures.
- CEF's “Is Satan Real?” from *Evangelizing Today's Child*, March/April 1986
- A lesson on the Christian soldier of Ephesians 6 (one is included below)

Bible Time Tips and Terms to Teach: [See flashcard words at the end of this lesson. Print, cut out, and glue to card stock.]

- *sin*: an act against God or His laws
- *angels*: spirit beings who were created to help God, especially as messengers (those who deliver messages). They are usually pictured as cute babies or as long-haired, woman-like beings, wearing long robes and having wings. These caricatures are false. Angels are not women, nor are they babies. They are spirit beings that sometimes appear in a body. Not all angels are described as having wings.
- *heavens*: Scripture speaks of three heavens: [Show chart found at the end of this lesson.] The first is the atmosphere in which we live. The second heaven is the realm of the universe that includes the sun, moon, and stars. The third heaven is the so-called dwelling place of God although we know He is everywhere.

Scripture: (ESV)

Job 38:4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? . . .
7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Is. 14:12

“How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low! 13
You said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God
I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north; 14
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.’ 15
But you are brought down to Sheol,
to the far reaches of the pit. 16
Those who see you will stare at you
and ponder over you:
‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
who shook kingdoms, 17
who made the world like a desert
and overthrew its cities,
who did not let his prisoners go home?’

Ezek. 28:13

You were in Eden, the garden of God;
every precious stone was your covering,
sardius, topaz, and diamond,
beryl, onyx, and jasper,
sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle;
and crafted in gold were your settings
and your engravings.

On the day that you were created
they were prepared. 14

You were an anointed guardian cherub.
I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;
in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15

You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created,
till unrighteousness was found in you. 16

In the abundance of your trade
you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;
so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,
and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub,
from the midst of the stones of fire. 17

Your heart was proud because of your beauty;
you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

I cast you to the ground;
I exposed you before kings,
to feast their eyes on you. 18

By the multitude of your iniquities,
in the unrighteousness of your trade
you profaned your sanctuaries;
so I brought fire out from your midst;
it consumed you,
and I turned you to ashes on the earth
in the sight of all who saw you. 19

All who know you among the peoples
are appalled at you;
you have come to a dreadful end
and shall be no more forever.”

Introduction/Review:

We have learned about God’s marvelous creation. [Sing “Through Him All Things Were Made” and “In the Beginning” to review the days of creation.] Note that everything God made He declared to be “very good.” Everything was perfect: no sickness, no storms, no fighting, no . . . [perhaps students can add to this list]. Rather, Adam’s and Eve’s bodies were in perfect shape, the weather was always perfect, Adam and Eve got along all the time . . . [add to this list]. All was pleasant and good.

Story:

Although they are not mentioned in the Genesis story of creation, angels are something else that God made. Just when He made angels is a subject for debate. ✓I assume they were created before the “heavens and the earth” or at least before the sixth creation day. Genesis 2:1 states, “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.” The word *host* in this verse is a word that often refers to God’s army of angels. Another verse, however, speaks of angels’ being present and shouting for joy when God “laid the

foundations of the earth” (Job 38:7). Therefore, we can conclude they were made sometime during or before—probably before—the six creation days.

Ranks and names of angels

[Teacher, in teaching the next paragraph about angels, you may wish to refer to the three-page chart or the colored chart at the end of this lesson on the hierarchy of angels. Depending on the abilities of your students, include age-appropriate details.]

Studying various Scriptures, some early churchmen categorized the different kinds of angels and how they rank with one another. This is what they said: ✓First in rank are seraphim, cherubim, and thrones. They serve God in the third heaven. Second in rank, who serve God in the second heaven, are dominions, virtues, and powers. The lowest rank of angels serves in the first heaven and has more to do with humans than the other ranks. These angels are called principalities, archangels, and angels. Now, the only angels we usually hear about are just *seraphim*, *cherubim*, *archangels*, or *angels*, but all of these other names are designations for lesser-known angels that are in the Bible. The term *angels* is the general term for all of these beings as well as the specific term for a type of angel in the lowest rank.

Lucifer and his “I will”

After “God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31), one of the angels God had made, a high-ranking cherub named Lucifer (that name means “light-bearer”), a guardian of God’s throne, ✓started to look at God and His throne and to think, “I’d like to be like God. I *will* be like God!” Listen to these verses from Isaiah 14 and count how many times Lucifer stated, “I will.” “I will ascend to heaven; I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” How many times did you hear “*I will*”? [Five times.] Saying “I will” multiple times is not so important as what Lucifer willed. What was it? [To be like the Most High.] Who is the Most High? [God.]

Oh, oh! This is terrible! Wanting to be like the Most High God?! What is happening to God’s perfect creation? It’s getting spoiled by a proud cherub! Ezekiel quotes what God said about Lucifer’s pride: “Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.” I am so sad to report this first bad, really sad event in the Bible.

Lucifer’s punishment

What do you think Lucifer deserves for this horrible sin? This is what the Bible states God did and will do: “But you are brought down to Sheol [hell], to the far reaches of the pit” (Isaiah 14:15). And, “I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub. . . . I cast you to the ground” (Ezekiel 16:16, 17). Now, some of these things have not yet taken place; however, God speaks as if the future has already been fulfilled because it is definitely going to happen.

Lucifer deserved this punishment. He is active and well today. In fact, since it is getting to be time for Jesus’ return, Lucifer knows he has just a short time left before he will be cast into the lake of fire to suffer forever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

Other names of Lucifer

So far the only name I’ve used for this fallen, sinful cherub is Lucifer. By now you’ve probably guessed some of the other names we have for him. What are they? [Wait for responses.] The Bible gives him about forty different names. [Refer to the chart of Lucifer’s names.] Here are some of the most familiar names for Lucifer: angel of light, the deceiver, Antichrist, Beelzebub, the devil, the enemy, the father of lies, the god of this age, Satan, the tempter, the wicked one. Not very nice names, are they? Not a very nice angel. In fact, he is the chief of devils (Luke 11:15).

What Lucifer does

So, is there a real devil? Absolutely! We’ve already told about some of the things the Bible says about his

character. In addition, it describes what he does. What does the devil do? Just know, first of all, that he is extremely wicked—bad! What he does, even though he sometimes makes himself look like an angel of light and truth, is wicked! ✓Perhaps the best summary of the devil's actions is 1 Peter 5:8, which states, "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." "Seeking someone to devour"? What does *devour* mean? [To swallow up.] What does this mean? [The devil is trying to trip us up, to make us sin, to do wrong, to make us his disciple, to destroy.] He does this throughout the whole earth.

Armor of God

Satan is very powerful, but Someone is more powerful than he. That Someone is God. He tells us to submit to God, to resist the devil, and the devil will flee from us (James 4:7). [Teacher, if you have a lesson on the armor passage of Ephesians 6, you might choose to use it here. A picture is found at the end of this lesson.] He also tells us to put on the whole armor of God. That doesn't mean we are to dress like a Roman soldier but that that armor is symbolic of the way we fight against Satan.

The Roman armor had the following: (1) a belt of truth—God's Word, the Bible, is truth, and we need to know it; (2) a breastplate (to protect your vital organs like lungs) of righteousness—knowing and doing what is right; (3) shoes being the preparation of the gospel of peace—knowing and spreading the good news that Jesus saves; (4) the shield of faith—believing God's Word, which protects you from Satan's fiery darts; (5) the helmet of salvation—knowing you have been saved by Jesus' blood; (6) the Sword of the Spirit—God's Word itself (Ephesians 6:13–17). All this we need so that we can stand against the trickery of the devil.

Even though Satan is very powerful, we need not be afraid of him if we know Jesus Christ as our Saviour, for we know that one day Jesus will destroy all the works of the devil (Hebrews 2:14).

Lessons from this lesson:

- Although Satan is strong, Jesus is stronger.
- Contrary to popular belief, explain that nowhere in the Bible is it stated that when people die, they become angels.

Activities:

- Play dough: cookie cutout[s] of angels
- Review questions: (Game: Print the page found below of clouds, stars, and thrones that represent the three heavens. Back with flannel or paper towel. Cut out. The first team to place a cloud, then stars, and, last, the throne, wins. Another idea is to use flannelgraph figures of the Christian soldier. Each correct answer allows a student to be able to place a piece of armor. The whole class works as a team.)
 1. True or false: Angels look like fat babies or beautiful women. [False]
 2. God created the *heavens*. How many heavens are there? [Three]
 3. Describe one of the heavens. [1. Atmosphere; 2. Universe; 3. God's dwelling]
 4. Name one specific type of angel besides *angel*. [Seraphim, cherubim, archangels; also, thrones, dominions, virtues, powers, principalities]
 5. Who said, "I will be like God"? [Lucifer; students may give any other name for the devil.]
 6. What does Satan do? [Evil; seeks to devour]
 7. Who is stronger, God or the devil? [God]
 8. What will happen to Satan at the end of the world? [Jesus will destroy his works, and he will be cast into the lake of fire forever.]

Handwork:

- Connected angels: Copy the angel below onto stiff paper or tag board and cut out. Fold a 8.5x11" piece of paper into thirds lengthwise. Position pattern on the top so that the wings overlap the fold slightly.

Trace. Cut, leaving the sides of the wings intact (not cut completely). If you wish, make three sets of angels. Label one set as Rank 1 (or Third-Heaven Angels) with one of the three angel names on each angel. Repeat for Rank 2, and Rank 3.

(Pattern, photo, and craft idea from <http://www.freekidscrafts.com/angel-garland/angel-garland-pattern/>)



- **Memory Verse[s]:** Ephesians 6:11—“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” (ESV)

A Hierarchy of Angels

(✓Based on Scripture and set forth by early churchmen)

Angels in the Third Heaven: serve as the heavenly servants of Jesus

<i>Name</i>	<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Description</i>
<p>Seraph(im) Translated “burning ones.” <i>Seraph</i> is normally a synonym for serpents in the Hebrew Bible</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:1–7—“Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’”</p>	<p>Caretakers of God’s throne and continuously praise: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”</p> <p>Fiery six-winged beings: two wings cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two they use to fly.</p> <p>In Revelation 4:8 they have four faces like cherubim.</p>
<p>Cherub(im) Satan was a cherub.</p>	<p>Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:17–22; 2 Chronicles 3:7–14; Ezekiel 10:12–14; 28:14–16; 1 Kings 6:23–28</p>	<p>Have four faces: of a man, an ox, a lion, and an eagle</p> <p>Have four conjoined wings covered with eyes</p> <p>Guard the way to the tree of life in the Garden of Eden</p> <p>Gold ones were on the mercy seat and others decorated the walls of the Temple.</p>
<p>Thrones or Elders</p>	<p>Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:10—“The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.”</p>	<p>Living symbols of God’s justice and authority</p> <p>Ezekiel’s creatures with wheels have cherub and throne characteristics.</p>

Angels in the Second Heaven: work as heavenly governors of the creation by subjecting matter and guiding and ruling the spirits

<i>Name</i>	<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Description</i>
Dominions or Lordships	<p>Ephesians 1:21—“. . . far above all rule and authority and power and <i>dominion</i>”</p> <p>Colossians 1:16—“By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or <i>dominions</i> or rulers or authorities.”</p>	<p>Regulate the duties of lower angels. Very rarely make themselves physically known to humans.</p> <p>Might look like divinely beautiful humans with a pair of feathered wings, but they wield orbs of light fastened to the heads of their scepters or on the pommel of their swords</p>
Virtues or Strongholds	<p>Ephesians 1:21—“. . . far above all rule and authority and <i>power</i> and <i>dominion</i>”</p>	<p>Those through which signs and miracles are made in the world</p>
Powers or Authorities	<p>Ephesians 3:10—“the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and <i>authorities</i> in the heavenly places”</p> <p>Ephesians 6:12—“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the <i>authorities</i>, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”</p>	<p>Supervise the movements of the heavenly bodies in order to ensure that the cosmos remains in order</p> <p>Being warrior angels, they oppose evil spirits and often cast evil spirits to detention places.</p> <p>Usually represented as soldiers wearing full armor and helmet and having defensive and offensive weapons such as shields and spears or chains respectively.</p> <p>The Powers are bearers of conscience and keepers of history.</p> <p>Duty is to oversee the distribution of power among humankind</p>

Angels in the First Heaven: function as heavenly guides, protectors, and messengers to human beings

<i>Name</i>	<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Description</i>
Principalities or Rulers	Ephesians 1:21—“. . . far above all <i>rule</i> and authority and power and dominion” Ephesians 3:10—“the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the <i>rulers</i> and authorities in the heavenly places”	Guide and protect nations, or groups of peoples, and institutions such as the Church Preside over the bands of angels and charge them with fulfilling the divine ministry. Some administer and some assist. Carry out orders given them by the upper-sphere angels and bequeath blessings to the material world. Wear a crown and carry a scepter.
Archangels	1 Thessalonians 4:16—“The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel” Jude 1:9—“the archangel Michael”	Archangel Michael is traditionally seen as the protector of Israel and of the Church
Angels	Matthew 4:11—“Angels came and were ministering to him” (Many Scriptures refer to these angels.)	Messenger or envoy to humanity Lowest order of angels and most recognized. They are the ones most concerned with the affairs of living things. Within the category of the angels are many different kinds with different functions. Personal guardian angels come from this class.

sin

heavens

angels

Some Names for Lucifer

angel of light

Antichrist

Beelzebub

the deceiver

the devil

the enemy

the father of lies

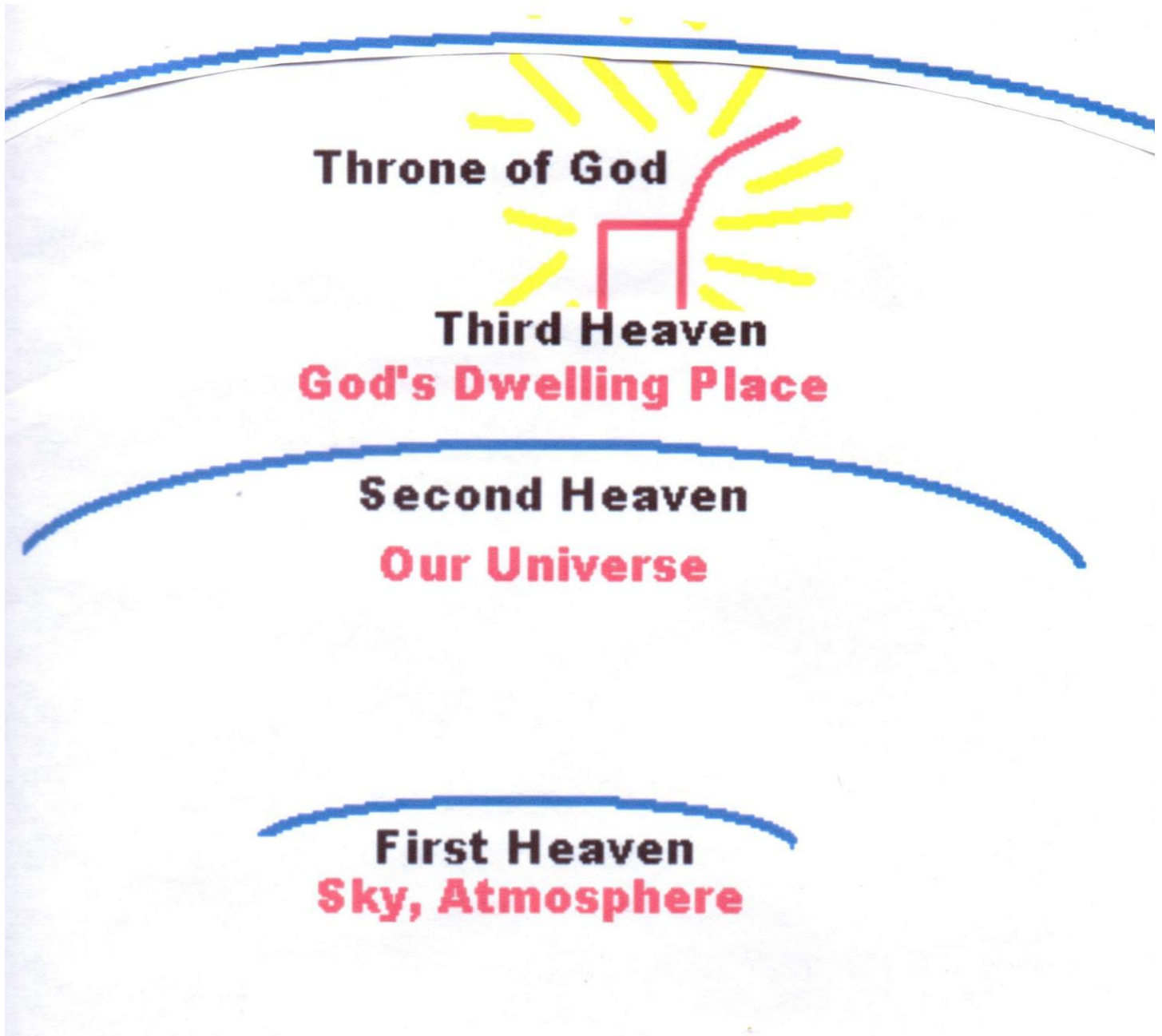
the god of this age

prince of demons

Satan

the tempter

the wicked one



<http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org/angels/3heavens.GIF> (altered so that the blue line for the Third Heaven is placed above the throne of God.)

9 CHOIRS OF ANGELS



1ST TRAD - CONTEMPLATE AND ADORÉ GOD DIRECTLY



SERAPHIM

ISAIAH 6:2-7

Removes the impurities of the heart and the sinners to the throne of God. They purify the things that are made in the work of their hands.

1 PETER 1:7-9; 1 CORINTH 3:1-3; 1 JOHN 1:7-9



CHERUBIM

EXOD 25:18-21; EXOD 37:9-16; 1 KINGS 6:24

Removes the impurities of the heart and the sinners to the throne of God. They purify the things that are made in the work of their hands.

ISAIAH 6:2-7; 1 PETER 1:7-9; 1 CORINTH 3:1-3; 1 JOHN 1:7-9



THRONES

ISAIAH 6:6; 1 CORINTH 3:1-3; 1 JOHN 1:7-9

Removes the impurities of the heart and the sinners to the throne of God. They purify the things that are made in the work of their hands.

ISAIAH 6:2-7; 1 PETER 1:7-9; 1 CORINTH 3:1-3; 1 JOHN 1:7-9

2ND TRAD - FULFILL GOD'S PLAN IN THE UNIVERSE



DOMINIONS

EPH 1:21; COL 1:16

Lighten the heavy burden of sinners. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.



VIRTUES

EPH 1:21

Are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.



POWERS

EPH 1:21; 1 COR 6:12

Are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.

3RD TRAD - INTERACT & SERVE FORBODEN CLOSELY



PRINCIPALITIES

EPH 3:10; EPH 1:21

Are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.



ARCHANGELS

JUDE 9; 1 THESS 4:16; 10:1

Are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.



ANGELS

LUK 22:43; MAT 18:10; 1 COR 13:1

Are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God. They are the ministers of the throne of God.

These are general descriptions of the angels and their functions. They are not to be used as a guide to their appearance and names. The names of the angels are not mentioned in the Bible. The names of the angels are not mentioned in the Bible. The names of the angels are not mentioned in the Bible.



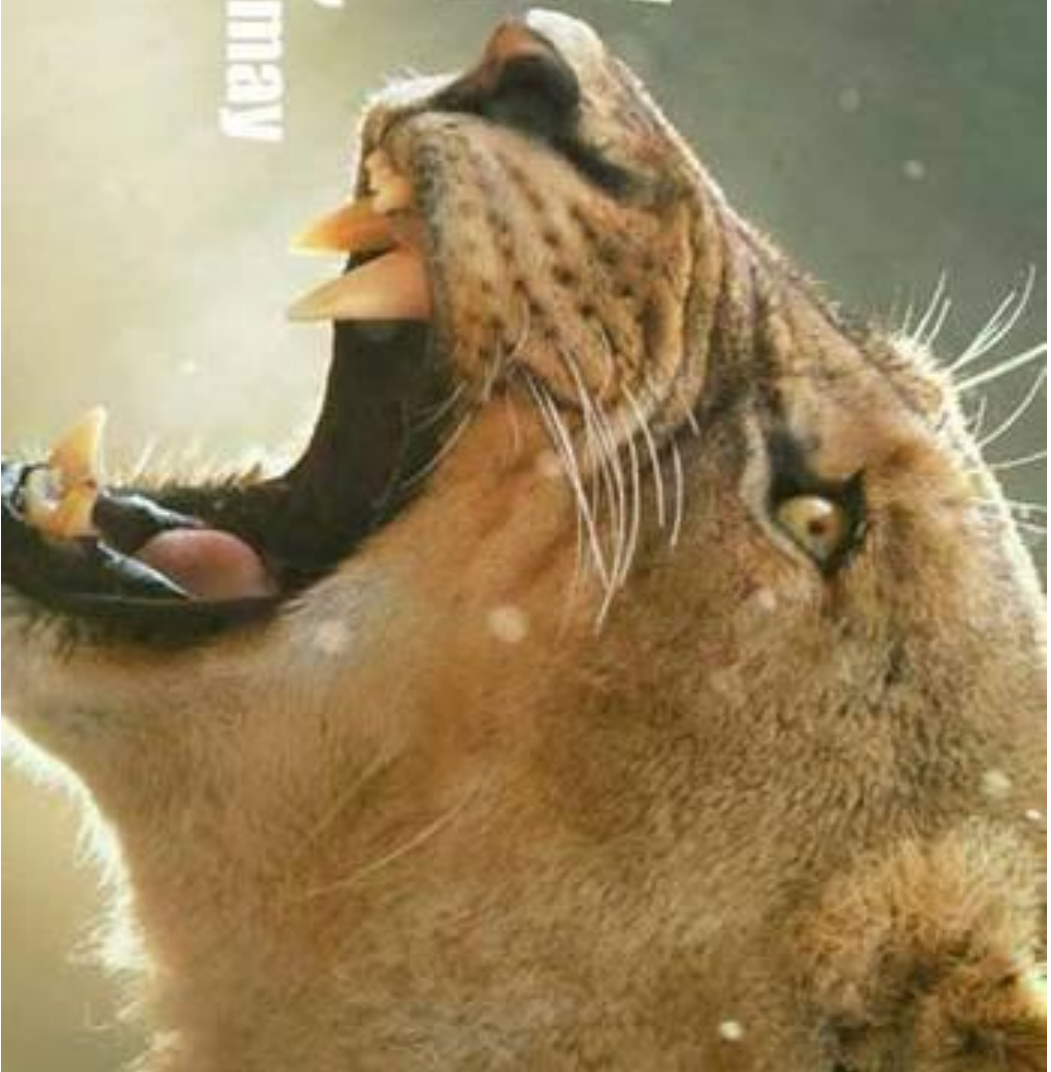
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**Be Sober,
be vigilant;
because your adversary
the devil
walks about like a
roaring lion,
seeking whom he may
devour. 1 Peter 5:8**



THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:13-17

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Salvation*

*The Breastplate
of Righteousness*

The Shield of Faith

The Belt of Truth

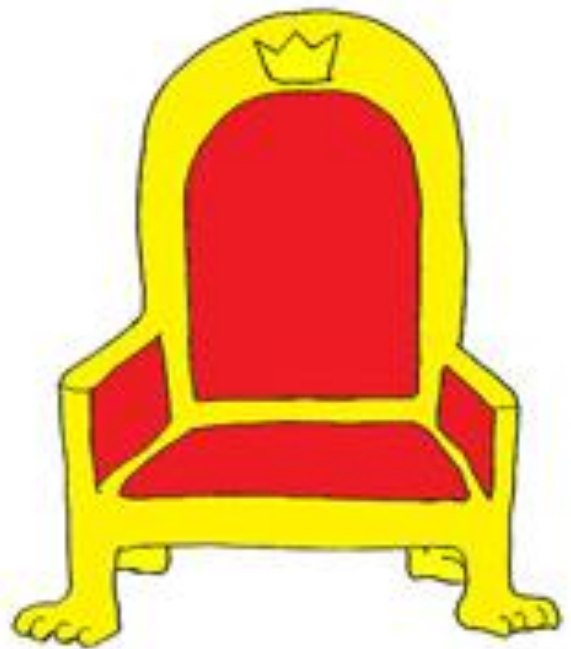
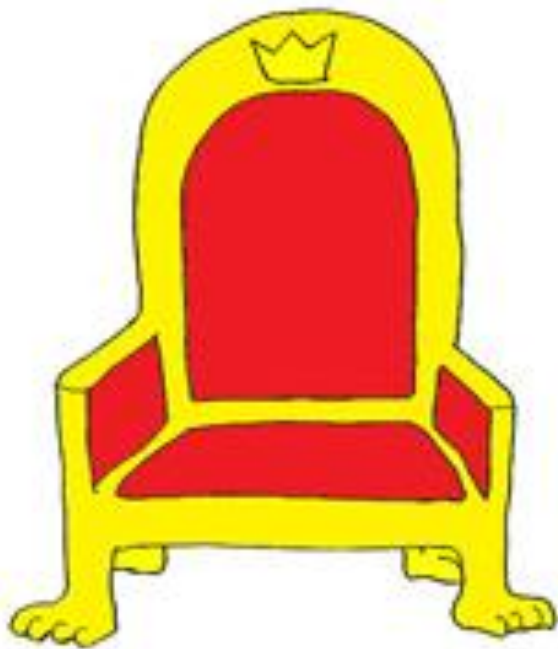
The Sword of the Spirit

*Your Feet Fitted with the Readiness
that comes from the Gospel of Peace*



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