

## An Attitude called Satan

### SATAN THE ATTITUDE OF ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Is there a SPIRIT angel called "Satan?" Do you believe Satan exists, or that there are angels in heaven? If you do this study will be most interesting. Some may ask: Where is Satan now? What is his purpose? Can I be influenced by him? If you believe there is a Supreme God and the Bible is His word, then we will look there for the answers. There is mention of Satan threaded throughout the Bible from the beginning to the end. He is called "a demon, a viper, a devil, an evil spirit, a dragon, a deceiver, the father of liars, etc. Most people think of Satan as a red male creature with a long tail holding a large pitchfork. In reality he is still a powerful angel (messenger) often used by God to test His people. In this study we will take a more realistic view of him and what his function is. We will find that Satan was an extremely talented, a beautiful and perfect creature named "Lucifer" who once dwelled in the presence of God, loved by God. Wait a minute!! I thought spirit beings were "attitudes" as described in the article God is an "Attitude". That's true and we will discuss this. But we must realize that God has powers beyond our comprehensions. He has power to create other powers and to give them beauty for His own pleasure. Satan was not a "born" son, but a created spirit. Just because we can't see spirits (attitudes) doesn't mean that God can't. When Satan was first created he was the most beautiful attitude in God's realm. Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Some think that Lucifer (whose name means "Light-Bringer") was to be first born son of God, to shed light to the world, but because he became an attitude of pride, rebellion and greed he disqualified himself. The Bible tells us God predestinated to have a son, one that He knew in advance that would offer himself to be the sacrificed lamb and the first born son of many brethren..

Rom.8:29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Because of Lucifer's loss and his bitter jealousy he hates The Son, (Jesus) and every thing he stands for. From that time forward Satan determined to destroy Jesus and God's plan. Satan, like God, is a powerful attitude. He infects mankind with his attitude in an effort to destroy every potential child of God. Here we see some of Satan's history, how he influences great leaders of men.

Eze. 28:13 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.

14 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.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Satan is the god of this world. If one does not believe God Satan will blind him to the truth.

2Cor.4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

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.

Satan as the god of this world also rules in it's governments and the hearts of many rulers, politicians, many religious ministers and educators. A god can simply be figments of the imagination, lusts and greed. These all can become gods (attitudes) in our lives. Any time-consuming distraction from the Almighty Creator of Life can become a god. People make different things their gods. But there is only one true God who has created life. None of the other gods have ever created life out of nothing as He has. The Almighty Creator Attitude has the power to give mankind the option of choosing life or death. Deut. 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:  
20 That thou may love the LORD thy God, and that thou may obey his voice, and that thou may cleave unto him: for he is thy life, ..."

Our very first introduction to Satan is in Gen. 3:2-5 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

One of Satan's descriptions is of a serpent. We think of a modern snake of our times, but that was another world of species unknown to us. This serpent evidently was a willing participant in delivering this message to Eve for Satan. Satan lied by telling Eve she would not die. Satan is an attitude of disbelief. Eve committed the very vilest first sin. She chose to accept the attitude of disbelief. When she told Adam what the Serpent said he also believed Satan instead of God, his first sin. And it appears that Satan was correct. Eve and Adam did not die that very day. However, time is limitless to God, a day to God is as a thousand years. God wasn't speaking of physical death but of eternal death. They had, by disbelieving God, put themselves and all of their progeny under a death sentence. In other words, when they died they forfeited their option to be resurrected. Satan had told them a part truth in order to deceive them. That is how Satan works even today. Today he uses humans to deliver his messages. Jesus said Satan was not only a liar and a murderer, but the father of liars and those who do not believe Him are the children of Satan..

Jn. 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 ¶ Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Satan is incredibly cunning. He makes a lie sound like a truth. Eve didn't bother going back to God for better understanding before she made the decision not to believe God. When the first humans made the decision not to believe God their fate was sealed. They had chose death over life, for themselves and their many future progeny. Within the appointed time they all did die, to be under the curse of death. Except for six people they were all destroyed in a worldwide flood. Satan's goal was to destroy all of mankind thinking he eventually could take the place of a future Jesus who would rule the universe. You see, Satan is powerful and cunning, but not very wise. He doesn't know God's mind or plans. If Satan had understood God's plan he would have known that he couldn't prevent God from fulfilling the plan to appear on the earth and pay the penalty to redeem (buy back) all who were sold under the curse of

death, by his own death and resurrection. "The Word of God existed before mankind in the beginning. It was the glorified messenger called the "Word", God was reincarnated into a body of flesh to dwell among mankind.

Jn. 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 ¶ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

As Satan became more aware of God's plan he set in motion to have Jesus killed by king Herod as soon as he appeared. God, as the Father, intervened and spoiled his attempt. Rev.12:3-5, Mat.1:20-24, Mat.2:13-24

Mat.1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel (messenger) of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus (Saviour): for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.<sup>12</sup> And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Mt.2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

God, in the likeness of a man called Jesus, came to pay the penalty of death for mankind if and when they believe Him. However, Satan is cunning enough to know if he can get mankind to disbelieve God he has them in his power.

Satan doesn't care how religious one is, how good he is to his family, or how much he gives of himself to others. As matter of fact, Satan would much prefer one to be religious as long as they miss the mark of true religion of believing God. But not everyone chooses to be religious; that's okay with Satan, too. He uses the excessively greedy enough to reward them with wealth and power. He knows that affluences draws people away from God and will become a curse bringing down whole nations. And if nations war against each other, Satan is overjoyed. The more wars the better!

Satan's goal is still to keep mankind from knowing God and from believing what He says. Satan gets his kicks from watching rebellious mankind suffer the consequences of their wrong choices. He wants

mankind to get so involved in their own little goals and activities that they won't have time to get to know their creator and/or His plan. Satan wants mankind to establish their own gods and religions to distract them from believing the God of life. For those who want someone else to be responsible for leading them to God Satan will establish many crafty organizations eager to fill their desires.

2Pet 2:1-3 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbers not.

Satan wants mankind to do enough good works to become self-righteous.

If mankind chooses to reject religion Satan hopes they will live a lifestyle that will render them incapable of believing God's word. Rom. 10:2-4.

One of Satan's most effective tools is indifference. Often Satan makes indifferent people very successful in whatever their goals are. Remember this is Satan's world. He can reward or destroy any who disbelieve God. Satan hopes no one will believe even that God or himself exists. Likewise, if one does not believe Satan exists chances are they won't believe that God inspired writers of the Bible to write about him. Not believing God is one of the most offensive sins mankind can commit. Why? Because it leads to idolatry. God hates idolatry with a passion. What is idolatry? It is some one or some thing that leads away from believing God and prevents one from choosing life over death. Many nations have been destroyed because of their idolatry. God considers idolatry spiritual adultery. God demands His believers to be true to Him. He demands that believers worship him only and tells us how He wants it done. God does not want mankind to worship Him contrary to His instructions.

Deu. 4:1-6.1 ¶ Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

One of the ways God expects us to be true to Him is to keep His laws. Another important rule is not to add or take away anything that God tells how He wants to be worshipped. He hates paganism, and vain religions. Remember God is an Attitude and one of His emotional complaints is idolatry. He has set before mankind His Sabbath and holy days, but Satan has given mankind counterfeit days, breaking God's command.

Satan wants to convince any who are interested in knowing God to believe that Jesus came to change his Father's laws. To break God's laws would be to break His own laws. Jesus says:

Mt. 5:17-20. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

(We do not see every prophecy fulfilled as of yet.)

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Actually Jesus' first appearance came strictly to do those things that were prophesied in the Old Testament that he would do when he came. That was how he "fulfilled" the law. Satan is still

determined to destroy everything that God, through Jesus came to do. One might ask, "Why and how did Satan become so despicable?" To answer this we will go back to an ancient time. Satan began with the name Lucifer which means "Light Bringer". Is 14:12-15 Here we see at that time what a wonderful spirit Satan (Lucifer) was. God had tremendous plans for him. We also see that perhaps millions of years later Lucifer began to lust after control and authority. He became puffed up with pride, convinced that he deserved to be given top priority over God the Father.

Isa. 14:12-15 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!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, 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, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Satan is allowed to go before the Father where he is said to be "the Accuser" of the saints. But eventually, toward the end of this age, he will be cast down to earth with his angels (demons). Demons are attitudes with individual personalities with limited powers. Satan continues to destroy and weaken the nations. Up until Jesus' death and resurrection Satan had the power of death over mankind. However, Satan has lost this power, but only over those who believe God.

Heb. 2:14 ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Satan still has power to influence, deceive, and yield power over those who listen to and accept his lies leading them away from life into eternal death. Satan is constantly prowling and searching all through the earth testing whom he can deceive.

Job 2:11 ¶ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

1Pet. 5:8 ¶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:

We see Satan is wealthy and how he uses this wealth to entice mankind as he tested Jesus. We also see the ignorance of Satan when he should have known that the creator God owns the whole universe, even Satan himself. Satan discovered Jesus was not interested in gaining physical wealth. Just the same, Satan had to see for himself. God still uses Satan as a tool, testing to find those who will believe Him. Satan even tested Jesus. Satan was foolish enough to think Jesus was able to sin. He did not know that Jesus was God in the flesh. The thought of even one sin was repulsive to Jesus.

Mat. 4:8-11. Again, the devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

But many men yield to the influence of Satan. The story of Judas is an example of how Satan's attitude enters men's attitudes to commit horrible deeds. John 13:21,26-27

Satan especially uses world rulers and governments to rule the nations for him. Once a "Light Bringer" now he is a great dragon, a destroyer, a liar, a devil, and the enemy of all mankind. Rev. 12:9-10,12, 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Notice: Satan is deceiving the whole world, that includes religions.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

12 ¶ Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Here we see Satan as mankind's own self appointed prosecutor, accusing the believer of every infraction. Before this age ends Satan will be thrown out of heaven, no longer able to accuse the believer. He will have only a short time before he is to be imprisoned for a thousand years. He is full of hatred and wrath determined to destroy as many of God's believers as he can before he is imprisoned, knowing he has but a short time. Rev.20:2

With the assistance of his demon army he will go after God's chosen nation, Israel, then he turns to destroy the remainder of God's believers. Rev. 12:13-17.

At present Satan still has to fulfill the rest of the seven seals of Rev. chapter six. Chapter eight indexes the rest of Revelation events and inserts, up to the end of our age, ending in Rev. 20.

In Rev. 19: 11-21 John sees the future in a vision. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

A thousand years will give the earth time to recuperate from Satan's bombardment and a new civilization to grow into many nations again. During this time it's citizens will be taught to believe God

resulting in peace and tranquility. Although Christ and his believers will rule and teach God's truth, the people will still be human with carnal nature, subject to free choice, whether to believe God and choose life or disbelieve God and choose death. At the end of the thousand year period we see that Satan will be released. Why? Because God uses Satan once again to test the nations. Will they believe Him or Satan? Will they choose life or will they choose death?

Rev.20:1-3.1 ¶ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

At the end of the thousand year period Satan will fervently infiltrate the nations with his perverted attitude. Nations will begin to doubt God and turn back to their ancestor's religions and into idolatry. Wonderful and awesome things will unfold in this era of future history. We read in Eze. 37 of a resurrected peoples, called "The Whole House of Israel". The "whole" house of Israel includes all twelve tribes of Jacob's sons. They will infiltrate the Gentile nations who eventually assist them in returning into their own country, where these Whole House of Israelites will become more wealthy than the nations around them. God allows Satan to test the fast growing Israelite nations, this time with effluence. As they grow more and more wealthy they will travel among Gentile nations where they gradually accept idolatrous religions. Satan and his angels (demons) will do a good job broadcasting negative attitudes. The next step is to encourage war. When Israelites travel abroad they will flaunt their religious backgrounds and boast that they are God's chosen people and no matter how they live they are promised great blessings. Satan will work behind the scenes unifying many Gentile nations to strip Israel's wealth away from them.

Eze. 38:1-12,16-17. Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. 9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Satan is elated because younger generations will no longer believe God. Many Gentile nations and Israelites will fail their test. God will punish Israel by allowing Gentile nations to take them into captivity and slavery. Satan will think he is winning. But when the Gentile nations begin to occupy God's land He will become outraged with their arrogance.

Eze. chapter 38:17-23. Rev. 20:7-9.17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would

bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. 19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Rev. 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 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.

There is a happy ending to this very, very long and sad story but when all is said and done both Israelites and Gentile nations see the awesome power of God and turn back to believing God. Once that happens God blesses and prospers the whole world, settling Israel back in their land. At long last the promises God has made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of possessing a great land, blessed with an innumerable amount of offsprings will be fulfilled. Gen. 17:4-8, 26:3-4, 29:13-15 Eze. 28:24-26, 37:19-23

Gen: 17:4 ¶ As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7 ¶ And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Satan and his angels (demons) have served their purpose and Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire. Rev.20:10, After Satan is thrown into the lake of fire there will be many thousands of years of details left out. However, we see many resurrections taking place and many peoples who are resurrected will be judged and either given life or death according to the choices they make. Rev.20:11-15 And we see from that time forward there will be no more death. By then everyone left will have chosen life!

There is so much more detail left out of this future history but it all ends with Rev. chapters 21 and 22 where God the Father is Supreme Ruler of His kingdom and all things will be made new. What have we to loose for believing God? Praise The EverLiving Creator of Life, Father of all living things forever and ever! And may He instill the same powerful attitude in us that He is.