

Sermon Series: BATTLEFIELD: CHURCH  
"Know Your Enemy"  
Isaiah 14:12-17

*"I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes." 2 Corinthians 2:11*

Satan's kingdom includes:

1. himself, as ruler
2. fallen angels and unregenerate humans, as subjects
3. the world system, as his domain

Satan's followers, the fallen angels, or demons "demon":

1. work against God's plan (Luke 22:31)
2. control nations (Daniel 10:13)
3. tempt believers (Acts 5:3-5)
4. have emotions and fear punishment (Luke 8:31)
5. are powerful (Mark 5:3-4) but their power is limited by:
  - a) the human will to consent
  - b) the permissive will of God
6. are intelligent
  - a) they're immortal and have been learning for thousands of years. they are observing the church (Ephesians 3:10)
  - b) they recognized Christ when most humans didn't (Mark 1:24)
  - c) they know a little about the future (Matthew 8:29)
  - d) they invent false doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1-3)
  - e) they are hopelessly immoral and unredeemable (2 Peter 2:4)