

# The Future of Satan



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Shortly after His baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus Christ was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the *diabolos* (i.e., the devil, the one causing confusion). He does not give into him; He always responds with, “*It is written ...*” Finally, the *diabolos* tries to have Jesus worship him. Notice how Jesus then settles the matter:

*Then Jesus is saying to him, “Go away, Satan, for it is written, ‘The Lord your God shall you be worshiping, and to Him only shall you be offering divine service’” (Matthew 4:10).*

## SATAN WILL WORSHIP THE LORD GOD

Since Satan (i.e., the Adversary) in this verse is directly addressed, it is logical that Jesus’ quotation also refers to Satan. In connection with it, we have to remember that “*you shall*” concerns a prophecy, in the same way as in 11:23 (“*To the unseen shall you subside*”), 17:27 (“*and opening its mouth, you will be finding a stater*”) or 21:2 (“*and immediately you will be finding an ass, bound*”), etc.

In other words, Satan got to hear from Jesus that he will worship the Lord his God. The word “*worship*” literally means “*bow forward*.” Indeed, that is what Satan will do: He will bow to the Lord his God. It does directly remind us of Paul’s words in Philippians 2:10, 11, where it says that in the name of Jesus (i.e., Yahweh Rescues) every knee will bow, “*terrestrials and celestials and subterraneans*” and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord, for the glory of God the Father!

How painful for Satan to be confronted with this truth! He therefore immediately slinks away:

*Then the Adversary is leaving Him. And lo! messengers approached and waited on Him. (Matthew 4:11).*

## NO SATAN ANYMORE

With some regularity I get asked whether I believe if Satan will be saved. My answer is, “No,” because he will bow to the Lord his God and that means that from that moment on he will no longer be Satan or the Adversary! So does God destroy His enemies: He changes them into friends! That is also what the word “*reconciliation*” implies: enmity changed into peace.

Through the blood of the cross God will reconcile all to Himself, whether those on the earth or those in the heavens (Colossians 1:20). Satan is one of those creatures in the heavenly realms that are hostile and estranged from God. Why? He does not know GOD (as yet); but also for him is the inescapable truth that he will bow before the Lord his God. Even though he is the father of speedy lies, the truth will overtake him!

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