

**Those to Serve**

(B) Mike Mallett  
(FV) Mike Lovell  
(O) Doug Pruett  
(A) Jorge Garza  
1st prayer Judd Wall  
2nd prayer Calvin Burks  
Announcements: Jack Wall  
Singing: Kevin Grant

**Prayer List:**

B W Pruett (Family)  
Kadence Payne  
Elyza-(Esperance Garza  
Daughter)  
Anita Adams  
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)  
Cheryl Burks  
Virginia Lovell  
Dora Martinez  
Letha Sheldon  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

*Happy Birthday*

**Connie Mallett April 30th**  
**Coryell Day May 7th**  
**Jana Wall May 18th**  
**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

*Happy Anniversary*

**April 18th**  
**Jack & Cindi Wall**  
**June 14th**  
**Will & Autumn Vann**

**April 16th**

*Mens Business Meeting*

**April 30th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**May 7th**

*Mission Fund*

**May 14th**

*Mother's Day*

**May 21th**

*Noon Fellowship*



**May 21st at the  
Noon Fellowship there will  
be a Graduation Party for  
Jana Wall.**

**We will be doing a money card  
for Jana, please contact, Tammy Burks or  
Lynette Vann.**

**James 4: 14 KJV**

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it  
not, to him it is sin.*

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**April 16, 2023**



*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through  
the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find  
in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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## ***The Devil And His Angels***

**Matthew 25:41** reads, "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" There is a lot of information in the Bible on the Devil and his angels, but there is probably even more outside of the Bible. Information that comes purely from the imagination of man (Dante's Inferno, Paradise Lost, Looney Tunes, Satan's Waitin'). What then is the truth about the Devil and his angels? Who is the Devil?

Even though the Devil is known primarily as the Devil and Satan throughout Scripture, he is also called the Accuser, Tempter, Adversary, Deceiver, Wicked one, Prince of this World, Father of lies, Murderer, Roaring Lion, Serpent, and Dragon among other things. From these designations, we can draw a fairly good picture of who Satan is, Evil! Some have claimed that when looking at books like Job that the Devil is pictured as not altogether bad. They must not have noticed how he destroyed Job's livelihood, killed his servants, killed his children, took his health, and turned his wife and friends against him (**Job 1:13-19; 2:7-9; 4ff**). Scripture lets us know that Satan is no different today than he was in Job's time

### ***Origin***

There are many different theories as to the origins of Satan, but they all come down to the fact that he is either an eternal being or was created. We know that God is an eternal being for the Scriptures tell us as much, "Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (**Ps. 90:2**). If Satan is eternal then the same thing that the psalmist said of God could be said of him. If that is the case then Satan would, at the very least, be a little god. However, to have Satan as deity causes a no end to doctrinal problems. The only solution is that he is a created being as we will see the Bible teaches. Speaking of Christ, the apostle Paul said, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him" (**Col. 1:16**). Paul then tells us that Satan is, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience" (**Eph. 2:2**). Since through Christ, all things were created, including every principality and power, and knowing that Satan is a prince and a power we can know that he is a created being.

The question then arises, how did a good God create an evil Satan? We are told in **Matthew 25:41** that hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. Also, they (the Devil and his angels) did not keep their proper domain but sinned (**Jude 1:6; 2 Pet. 2:4**). Since all things were created through Christ (**Jn. 1; Col. 1**), and all things that He created were very Good (**Gen. 1:31**) we can conclude that at one point in time, Satan was not evil. We can also know roughly when God created all of the spiritual beings that the Bible speaks of (aka angels). Nehemiah 9:6 reads, "You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host," and **Genesis 1:1** tells us when the heavens were created, "In the beginning, God created the heavens."

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Since everything that was created was good but Satan eventually shows up on the scene as the Tempter, it stands to reason that sometime between **Genesis 1:31 and 3:1**, Satan and those angels that followed him rebelled against God.

### ***Who are his angels?***

By understanding the origins of Satan we can also understand the origins of his angels. Not only that but when we know who and what Satan is we can get a pretty good idea of who and what his angels are. The word angel in Greek simply means messenger, so it is not a stretch to assume that the messengers of Satan are going to be following his will. We know that like Satan they rebelled against God (**Jude 1:6; 2 Pet. 2:4**), they are evil (**Eph. 2:1-2; Mat. 12:43-45**), and they know who Christ is, His plan for salvation, and who His servants are (**Jas. 2:19; Lk. 4:41; Acts 16:16,17**). Just as Christ told the Pharisees that they are "of their father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do" (**Jn. 8:44**), so also the Devil's angels desire and do (**Eph. 2:2; Matt. 12:43-45**).

### ***God's power over them***

Many today fear demons and demon possession, mainly because of false teachings and Hollywood. It is reasonable to fear what you cannot see and angels, even Satan's, are spirits (**Heb. 1:7**). We can be reassured however because Satan and his angels have been restricted by God (**Rev. 20:1-3**). Luke records for us Jesus telling His disciples, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (**Lk. 10:18**). He was not speaking about a literal, physical event (remember angels, Satan included, are spiritual, not physical beings), but a spiritual one. This fall of Satan took place at the cross as we are told in **Revelation 12:10-11a**, "for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." Satan has been bound (**Rev. 20:1-3**), and the thing that has bound him is the word of God (**Rev. 12:11**). Remember when he directly tempted Jesus in Matthew chapter four, with all three temptations Christ replied, "It is written" (**Matt. 4:4,7,10**). Jesus didn't have to pull out a physical sword to defeat the enemy of all mankind, not when He had the Sword of God!

### ***Satan's End***

Satan's reign on earth will end the same as the lives of all who are disobedient to God's will. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'" (**Matt. 25:41**). Hell is not a place that the Devil rules over, but a place of everlasting torment that was designed specifically for him. Not only for him but also for all those who follow after him. Praise be to God that He has given us the exact tools that we need to overcome the Devil and His angels! "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (**Eph. 6:10-13**). **By Will Vann**