

The Contrast Between God and Satan

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Have you ever thought about the differences between God and Satan? Have you ever sat down and really contemplated the contrasts between their attributes, qualities, abilities, conduct, actions, methods, principles, and characters?

If you have never done so, I encourage you to take a few minutes and start a list. Then prayerfully note the differences—it is quite stark. As you consider this list, have you ever seen some attributes misapplied—some elements on Satan’s list being applied to God and vice versa?

Below is my own partial list of some of the differences between God and Satan; take a moment and read each element, contemplate the meaning, consider the implications for your life, and evaluate where and how you have seen this contrast at work in your experiences. Then consider what is happening in the world today and inquire: Who is at work, whose kingdom is advancing, with a particular activity, policy, or program? And when you see organizations, programs, activities, institutions, and even friends insist on using the methods of Satan to advance their causes, determine to divest yourself from them. Commit yourself to applying to your life only the attributes, principles, and methods of our Creator God—for there is no middle ground.

God is the Creator.
God builds up.

Satan is the destroyer.
Satan tears down.

God is the life-giver.
God is truth.
God is a constructionist.
God is love.
God is good.
God is kind.
God is patient.
God protects liberty.
God wins with truth and love.
God is beautiful.
God is trustworthy.
God is consistent.
God is gentle.
God brings order.
God is our friend.
God gives life meaning.
God is rational.
God brings clarity.
God's presence is peace.
God brings unity.
God is calm.
God is light.
God is meek.
God heals.
God is our remedy.
God protects.
God is for us.
God's laws treat everyone equally.
God is considerate.
God rejoices in doing good.
God inspires hope.
God keeps no record of wrongs.
God doesn't remind us of our sins.
God removes our guilt and shame.
God encourages.
God gives freedom.
God restores our self-control.
God does what is right.
God never fails.
God deserves our love, trust, and devotion.

Satan is the death-bringer.
Satan is the father of lies.
Satan is a deconstructionist.
Satan is selfish.
Satan is evil.
Satan is cruel.
Satan is demanding.
Satan coerces.
Satan dupes with tricks and treats.
Satan is grotesque.
Satan is untrustworthy.
Satan is inconsistent.
Satan is abusive.
Satan brings chaos.
Satan is our enemy.
Satan makes life meaningless.
Satan is irrational.
Satan causes confusion.
Satan's presence is terror.
Satan causes division.
Satan is frantic.
Satan is darkness.
Satan is arrogant.
Satan infects.
Satan is our malignancy.
Satan exploits.
Satan is against us.
Satan's laws cause inequity.
Satan is rude.
Satan delights in causing harm.
Satan instills despair.
Satan keeps score.
Satan throws our sins in our faces.
Satan is the source of guilt and shame.
Satan discourages.
Satan enslaves.
Satan makes us his pawns.
Satan does what is expedient.
Satan never wins.
Satan deserves our pity, distrust, and rejection.

Understanding the divergent methods, principles, and attributes of God and Satan can be an effective tool in helping the mature in Christ discern between what is good and what is evil in the world today. I encourage you to make your own list and actively seek to apply only God's methods to your life each day, to support those causes that live out God's methods, and to divest yourself from those systems that actively employ the methods of Satan.