## God's Agents—Have You Ever Met One? Erwin Lutzer

I. Introduction.

- A. God's first order of creation was angels.
- B. Every angel has a responsibility. (Hebrews 1:14)
- C. Text: Ezekiel 28.
- D. Ezekiel 28 is speaking of Satan.

II. Satan is not God—there is no way that God could ever create one equal with Him. Lucifer represents the best of God's creation within its parameters before he became Satan.

- A. He was beautiful.
- B. He was given responsibility to rule over the earth.
- C. He had access into the very presence of God.

III. Satan was cast out of heaven when he tried to be like God. He fell because of pride. (I Timothy 3)

A. Pride manifested itself when Satan did not pass credit on to God for His deeds.

B. He chose to ascend God in his heart. (Isaiah 14)

IV. There cannot be two allegiances in the world—one is either a follower of Satan or God. (Luke 4:5)

A. God could crush Satan with raw power, but He chooses to fight fairly.

B. Christ defeated Satan on the cross, but he is still strong because he is out on parole, so to speak.

- 1. He is currently frustrated in his activity. (Revelation 13:7)
- 2. He knows that his reign will be short.
- C. Satan will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and tormented forever along with his demons.
- D. God defeated Satan.

## **Application questions:**

1. Who is Satan?

2. Why was Satan not crushed immediately?

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3. What is God's ultimate plan for Satan?