

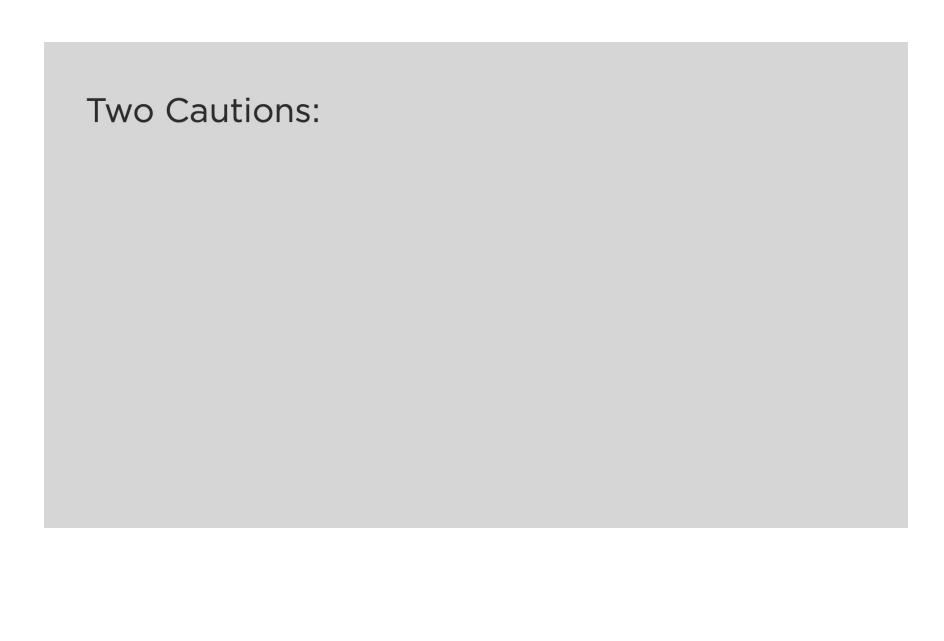


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Wisdom in an Online Age

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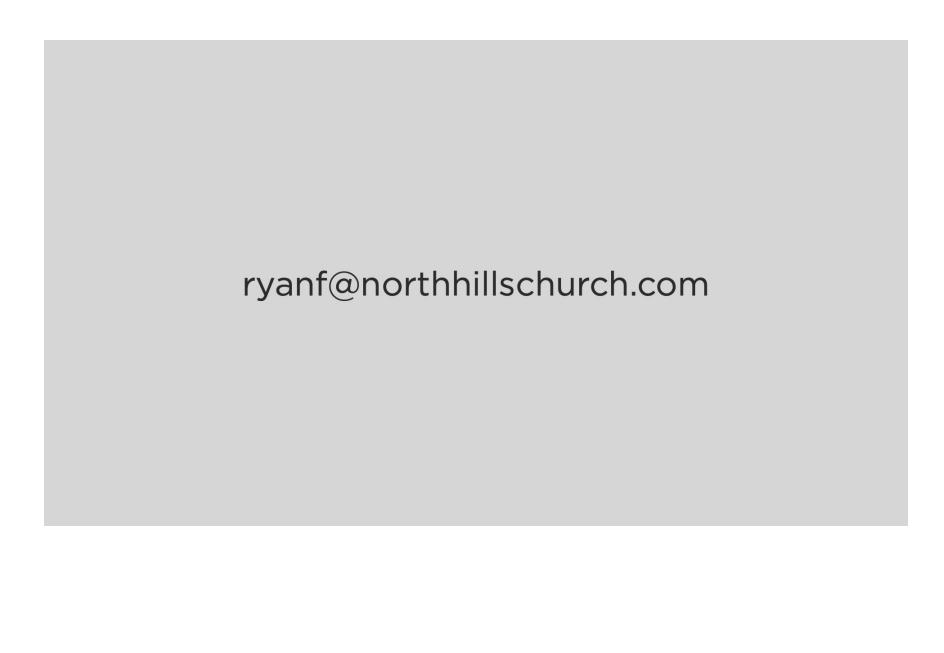
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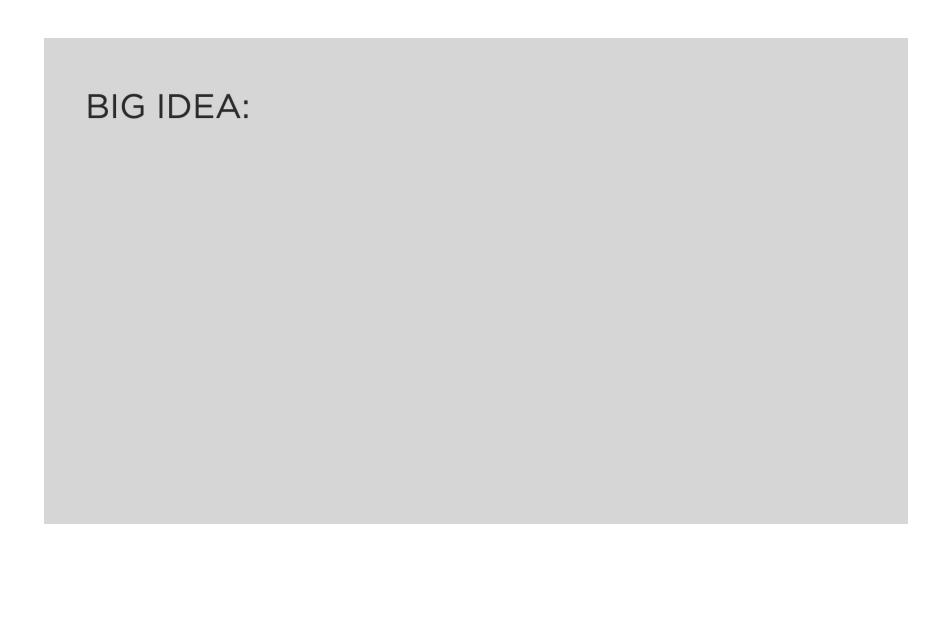
Does this verse within its near context and biblical context say what the teacher is saying?

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Don't immediately believe one-verse proof, but search the Scriptures to prove accuracy.





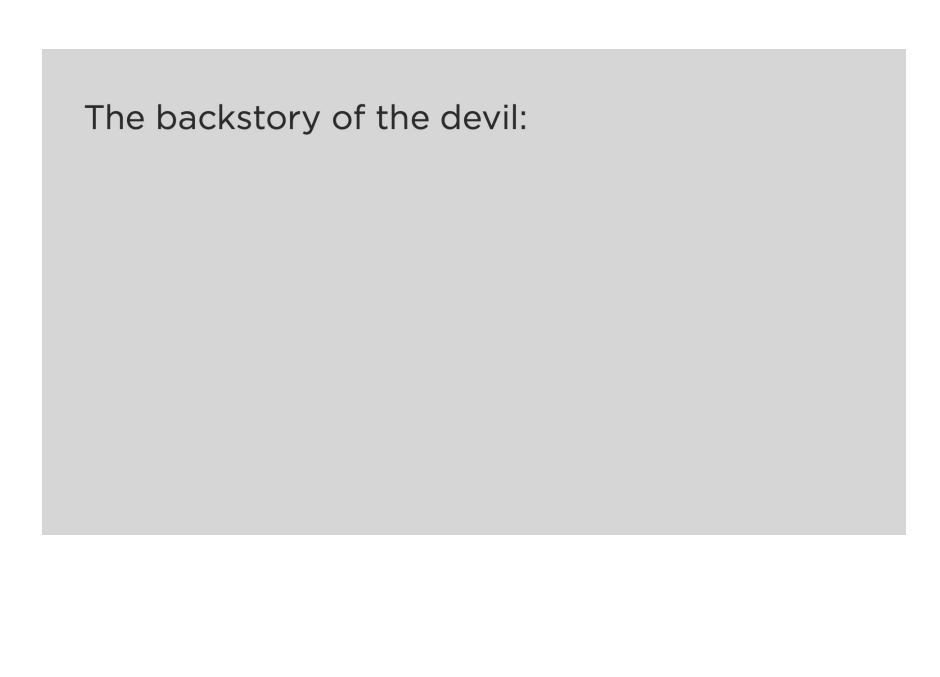
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"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them."

Genesis 2:1

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"He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him."

Colossians 1:15-16

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"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment ..."

2 Peter 2:4

"And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day."

Jude 1:6

"Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

"And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world — he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."

Revelation 12:7-9

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"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

"He [the serpent] said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?'

"And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

"But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate." Genesis 3:1-6

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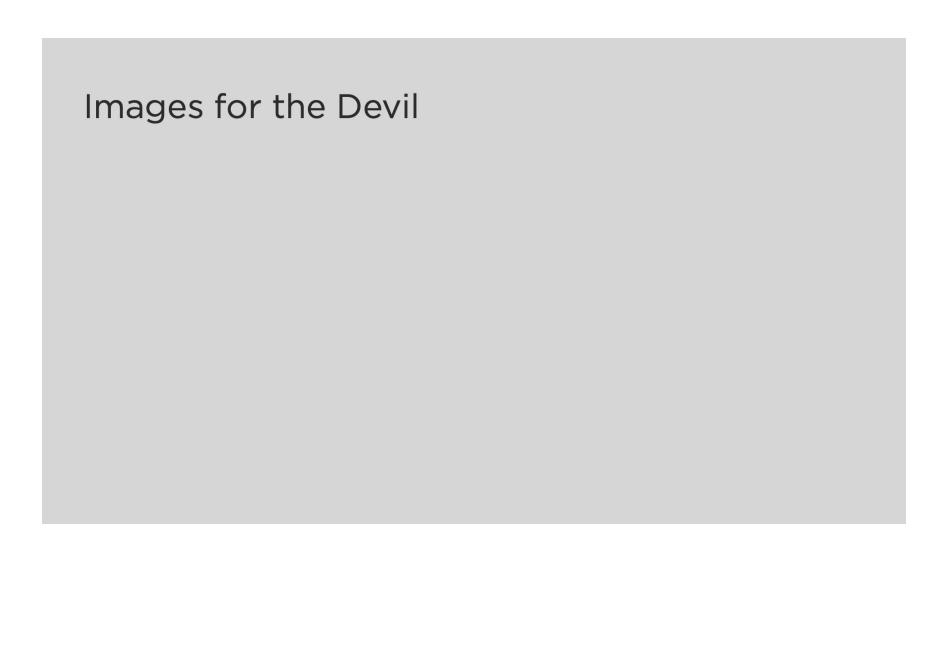
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- The <u>dragon</u>
- A <u>roaring lion</u>

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1 Peter 5:8

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"[the devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

John 8:44b

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 <u>light</u>."

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The devil is a created, active, spiritual being rebelling and inciting rebellion against God.

The backstory of the devil:

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- 5. Whatever God is, the devil is **anti**.

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"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Matthew 4:1

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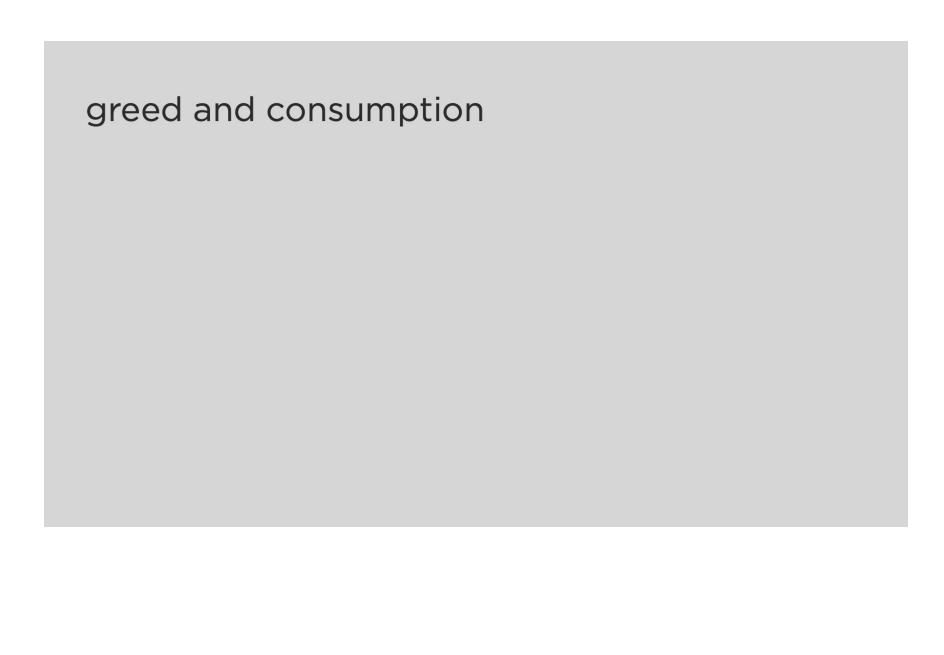
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"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

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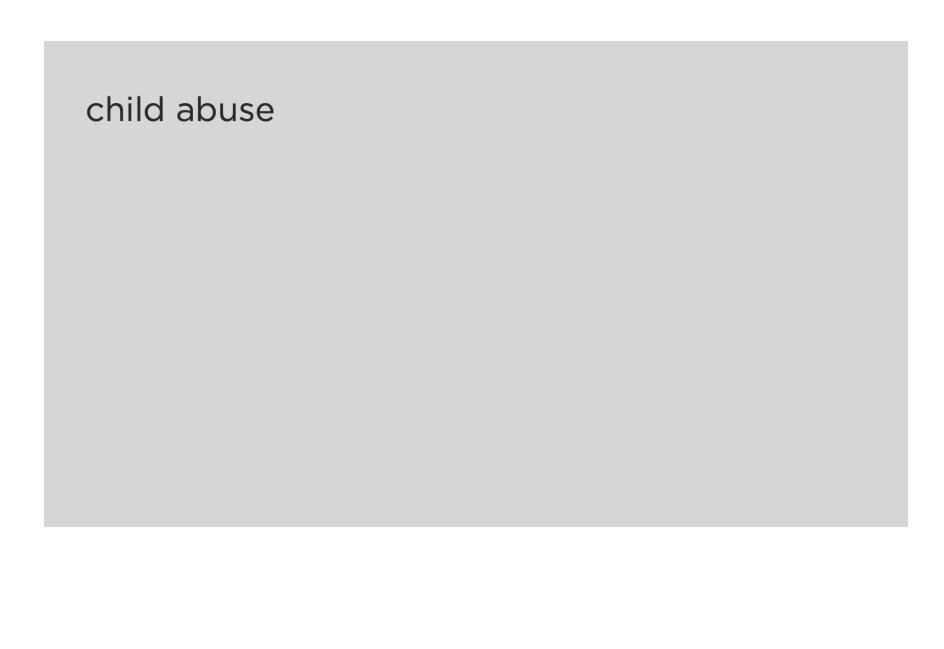
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Ephesians 6:12

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Let us possess a sober watchful view of the devil, and, more importantly, a limitless view of Jesus.