

Satan: A case study in failure

Text: John 8:44

- The above Scripture reminds us that Satan is the father of lies and the father of murder.
- But, I would suggest to you that he is also the father of **FAILURE!!!**
- **The following verses would substantiate this conclusion.**
- **Luke 10:18**
- **Matt. 25:41**
- **I Tim 3:6**

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- Let me try to describe who he is like:
 - He's that person who tries really hard to be somebody but he's really a nobody.
 - He's that person wanting an invitation to the party but he's just not welcome!
 - He's the slimy drug dealer that has to operate away from legitimate business.
 - He's the sneaky crime boss that has to demand respect through force or brutality.
- And no matter how hard he tries to be significant, he will always be on the outside looking in!!!! HE IS A FAILURE!!

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- **Failure at every turn**
 - In the Garden of Eden
 - In the Wilderness of Sin
 - In the Desert places of Judea
 - On the Hill of Golgotha
 - In the Palaces Rome
 - In the Terrorist camps of Syria
 - In the Supreme Court of America

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- Let me tell you a little secret, a sure fire way to failure, the quick path to loss;

ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW GOD!!!!

- Trying to match wits, or power, or preeminence with the Almighty!
- If we would just observe his example then maybe we could learn a valuable lesson!

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- But we too often like Satan attempt to overthrow God's will.
 - Marriage
 - Money
 - Church leadership
 - Church growth
 - Spirituality
- And, we like Satan are on the fast track to disappointment and defeat!!

Let's remember

He **WON!**

WE WIN!

VICTORY
OVER SATAN!