

One God? – May 6

Angels – May 13

Satan – May 20

Heaven – May 27

Spiritual Warfare – June 3

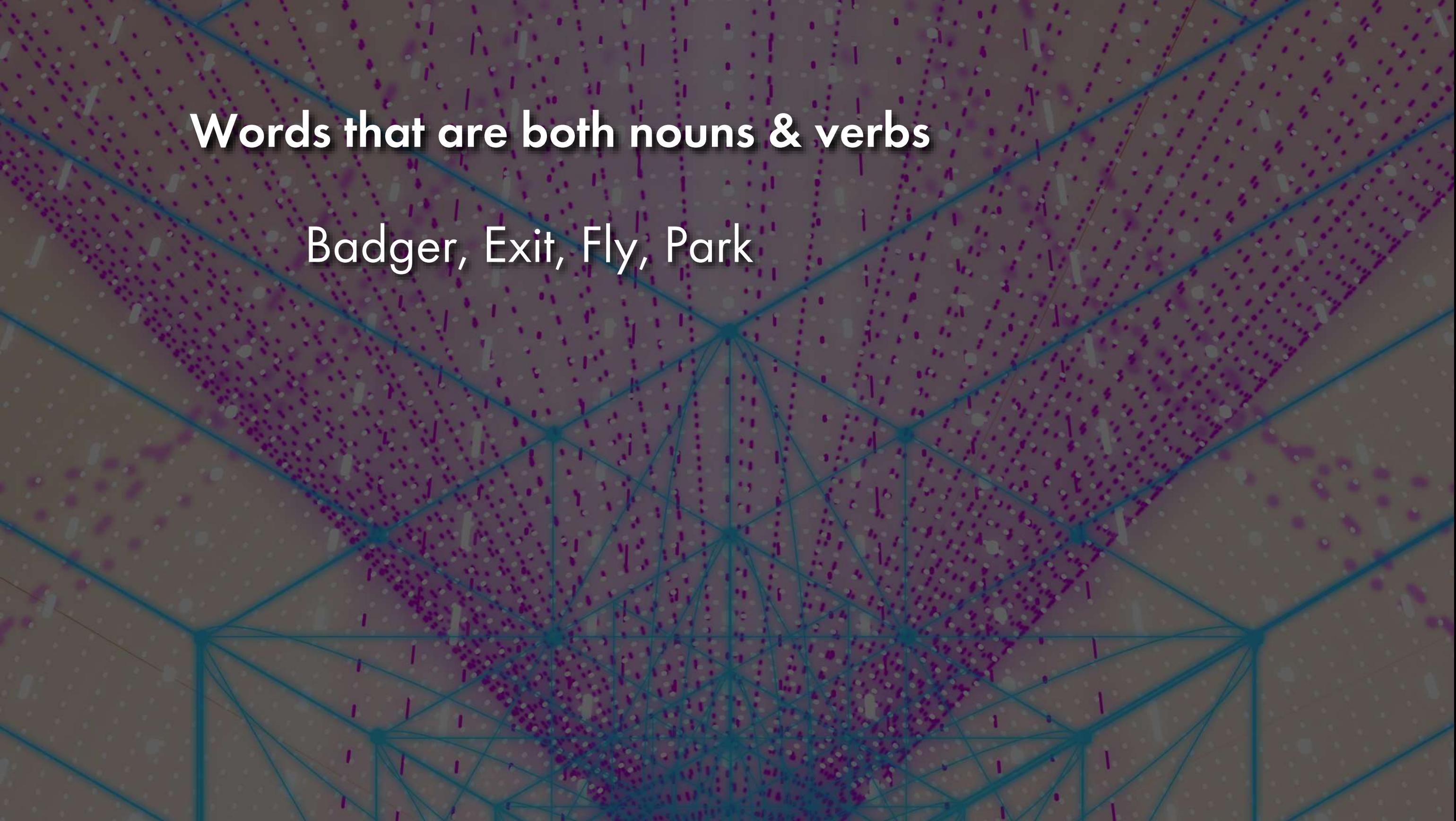
Hell – June 10

Jesus – June 17

“Four out of ten **Christians** (40%) strongly agreed that Satan
“is not a living being but is a symbol of evil.”

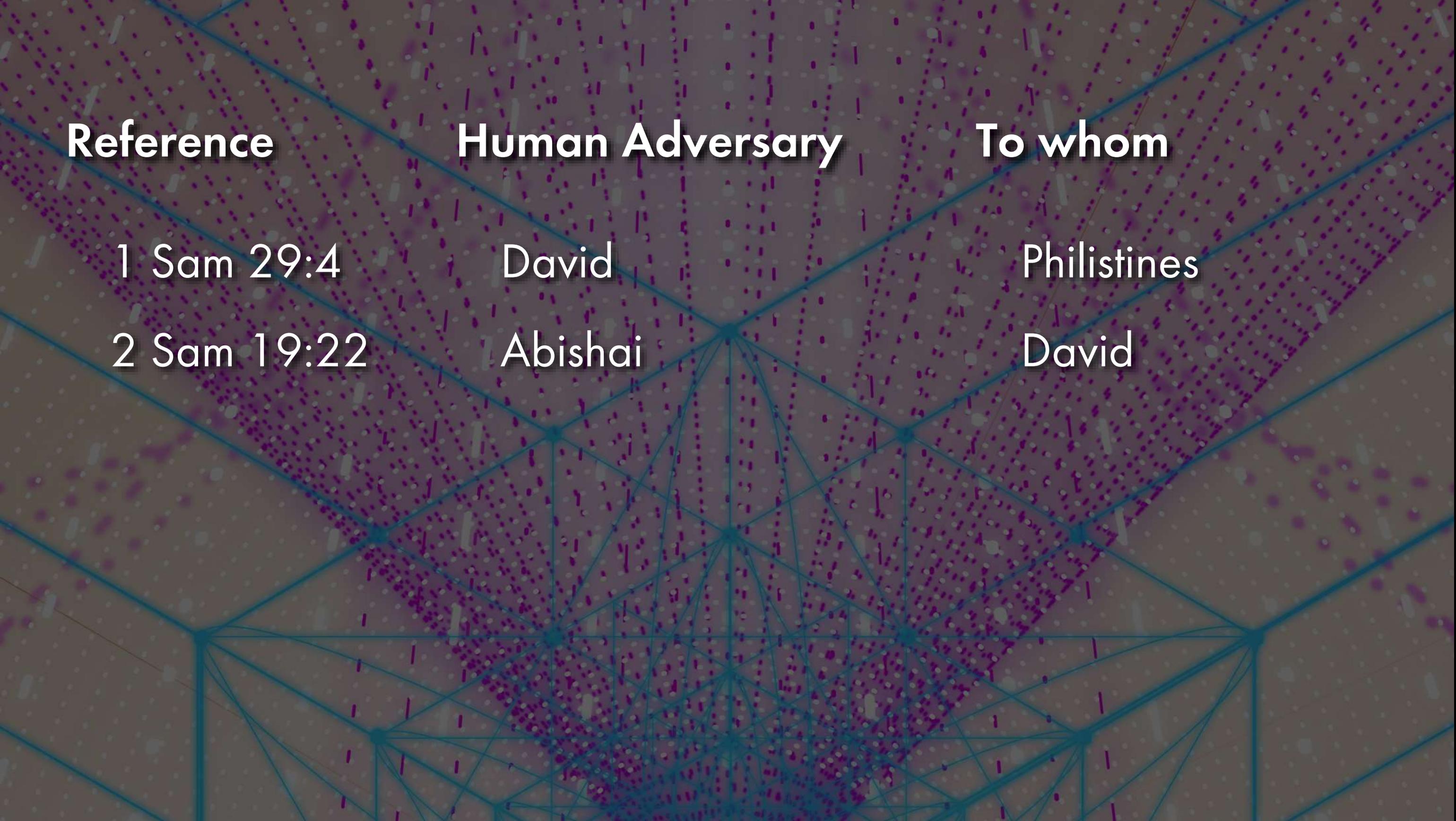
-Survey by the Barna Group, 2009

שָׂטָן (satan) means "adversary"



Words that are both nouns & verbs

Badger, Exit, Fly, Park



Reference

Human Adversary

To whom

1 Sam 29:4

David

Philistines

2 Sam 19:22

Abishai

David

Reference

Supernatural Adversary

To whom

Num 22:22

Angel of the Lord

Israel

Job 1:7

Angelic Adversary

Job

- Tempter (*Matthew 4.3*)
- Beelzebub (*Matthew 12.24*)
- Enemy (*Matthew 13:39*)
- Evil One (*Matthew 13.19*)
- Adversary (*1 Peter 5.8*)
- Deceiver (*Rev. 12.9*)
- Great Dragon (*Rev. 12.3*)
- Father of Lies (*John 8.44*)
- Murderer (*John 8.44*)

Διάβολος (Diabolos) = Devil (slanderer)

John 8:31-47

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

John 8:31-47

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father." ³⁹ "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰ As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. ⁴¹ You are doing the works of your own father."

John 8:31-47

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, **the devil**, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar** and the father of lies.

John 8:31-47

⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ⁴⁶ Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

John 8:38, 42

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John 8:43-44

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Satan's Goals

- Gather Followers (in both realms)
- Rule the Earth
- Win (He thinks this is possible)

Satan's Strategies

- Deceive *
- Divide *
- Destroy *

* especially God's followers

Genesis 3:1-6

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

Genesis 3:1-6

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:1

...“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:4-5

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The Deceiver's Plan

- Question God's Word
- Question God's Goodness
- Get people to believe: "I'll be happier if I get my own way."

John 8:31-32

³¹ Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



"Oh, man! The coffee's cold!
They thought of everything!"

Matthew 25:41

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

Satan is...

“the god of this age” (2 Cor. 4.4)

“the prince of this world” (John 16.11)

“the ruler of the kingdom of the air” (Eph. 2.2)

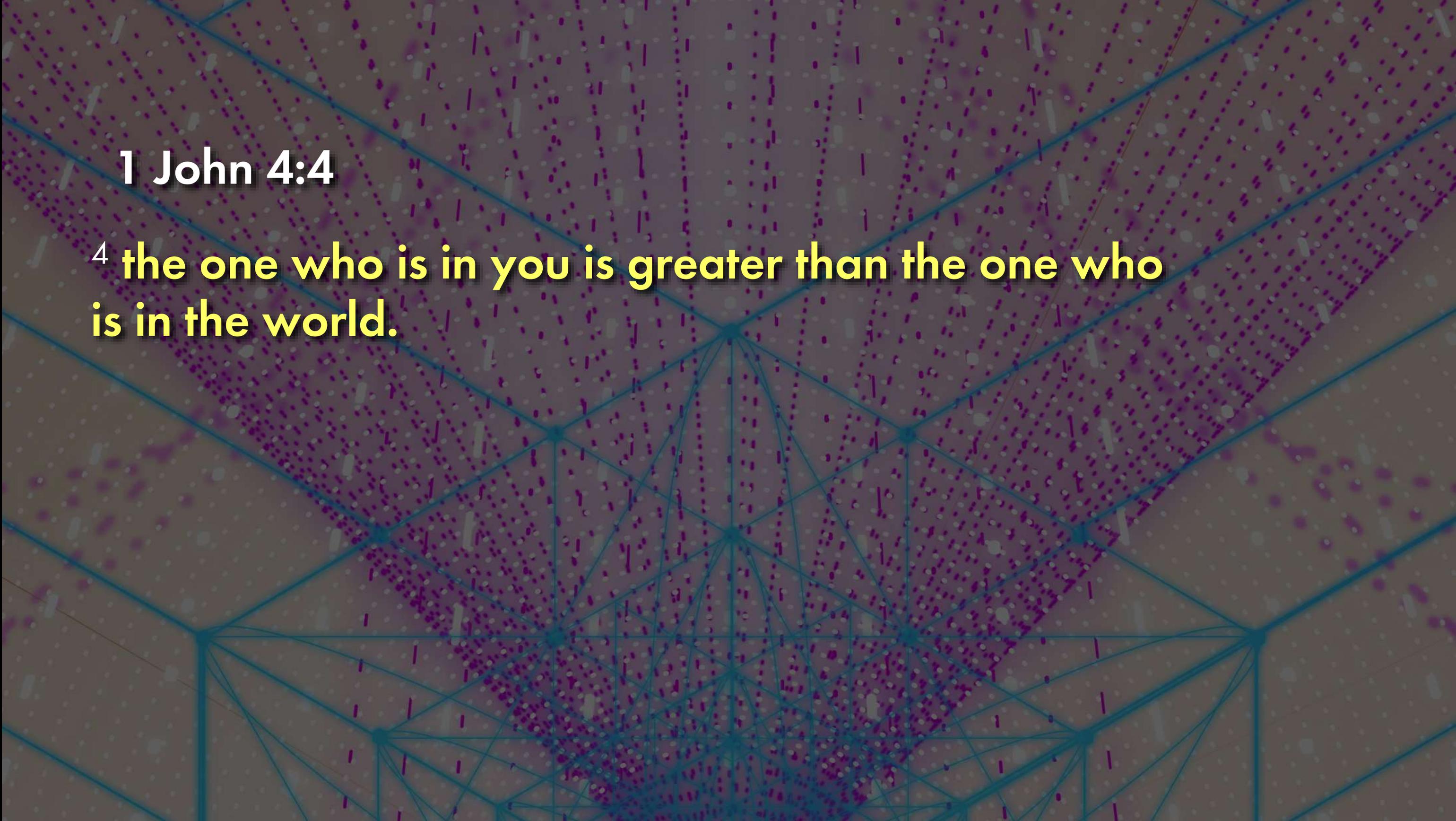
“The whole world is under the control of the Evil One”
(1 John 5.19)

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³ For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for **Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** ¹⁵ It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The background features a complex, abstract geometric pattern. It consists of a network of teal-colored lines that form various polygonal shapes, primarily triangles and quadrilaterals. These lines are interconnected, creating a dense, web-like structure. Scattered throughout this network are numerous small, purple, rectangular and circular shapes, which appear to be data points or markers. The overall color palette is muted, with teal and purple tones against a dark, almost black background.

1 John 4:4

4 the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters (1942)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 1

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 2

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 3

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 4