

God is getting a Bad Reputation

- A young couple's child dies with AIDS—God did it!
 - A family member is killed in auto accident—God did it!
 - A tornado devastates cities & families—God did it!
 - A tsunami kills thousands—God did it!
 - Terrorists slaughter innocents—God did it!
 - HIV/AIDS epidemic—God did it!
 - Covid-19 Pandemic—God did it!
- folks are angry at God. Why does He allow babies to starve in third world countries, why does He allow bad things to happen, why does He -- either actively or passively -- cause so much grief?



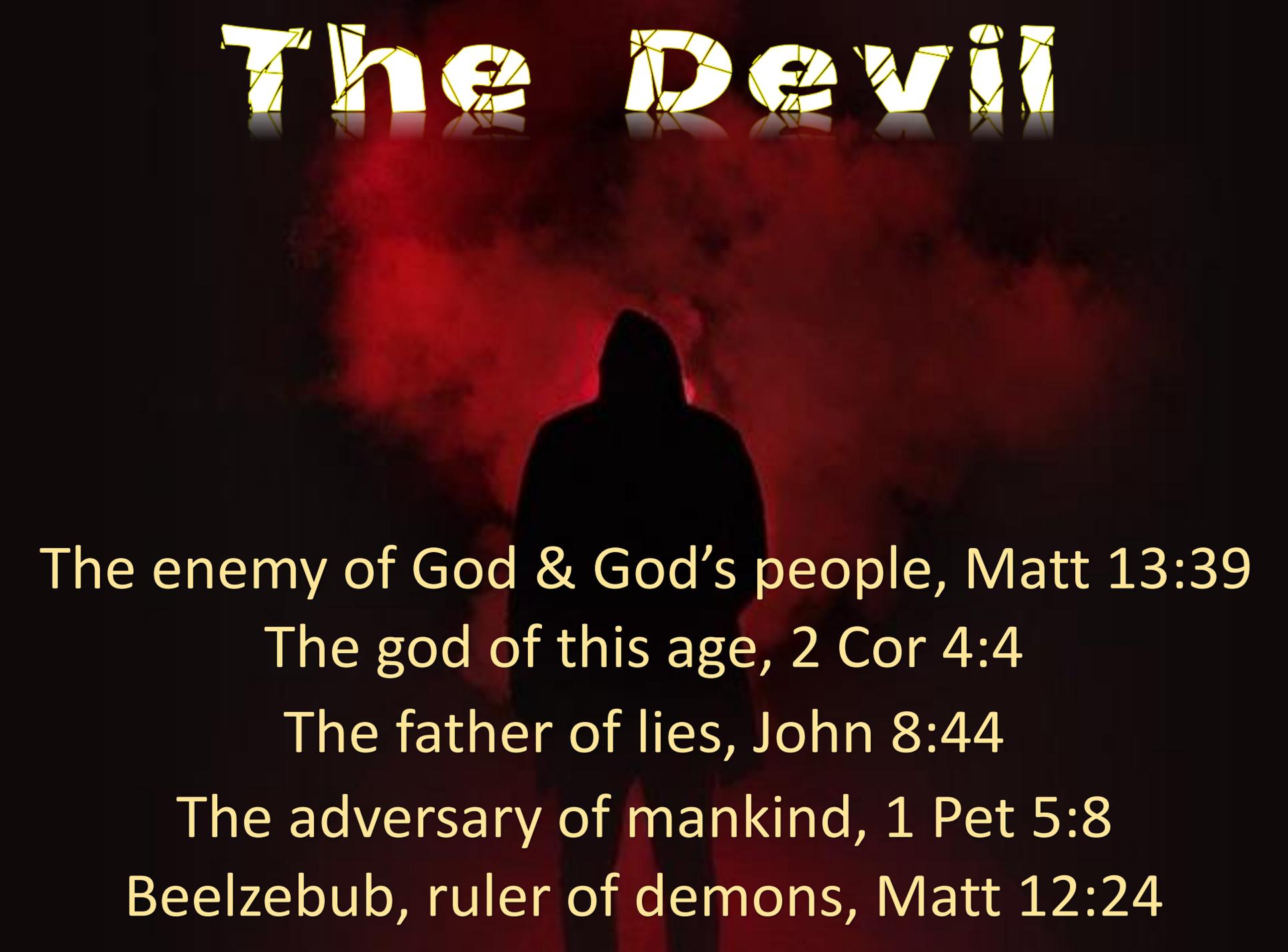
Wheat

Tares

**The enemy
who sowed
them is the
devil...**

**Matthew
13:39**

The Devil



The enemy of God & God's people, Matt 13:39

The god of this age, 2 Cor 4:4

The father of lies, John 8:44

The adversary of mankind, 1 Pet 5:8

Beelzebub, ruler of demons, Matt 12:24

The Devil

Revelation 12:9

So the great dragon was cast out, **that serpent of old,** called **the Devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Accuse Identifies him w/garden (Genesis 3), and he first the beguiling of Eve – the introduction of to m sin into the world, and with sin the slander headwaters of all mankind's struggles.

The Devil

- Is the Source of all our Temptations, Genesis 3:4-5
- Brought us Alienation from God, Genesis 3:6-8, 24
- The Cause of mankind's Despondency, Genesis 3:8
- Basis for our cursed Environment, Genesis 3:17-18
- Delivered Death to all mankind, Genesis 3:19, 22

