

## THE DEVILS DEVICES TO DECEIVE DISCIPLES

**Text: 1 Thes 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us. 1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

- A. First of all we might as well face the reality of the Devil's existence.
    - 1. LUCIFER, the shining one, was head of a host of angels placed of the realm of material things
    - 2. He was not satisfied and said... Isa 14:13 ..I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:...
  - B. God Cast Satan Out Of Heaven, And He Has Become The Fierce Enemy Of God And Man
    - 1. He is against all that is right and good.
    - 2. Some 40 names are given to this Sly – Cunning, Ugly - Ungodly - Deceptive - Sinister Figure.
  - C. This Message Sets Forth Some Of The DEVICES He Uses To Ruin And Destroy...
- I) HE MAKES SIN LOOK ATTRACTIVE.
- A) HE DECEIVES..
    - 1. The poor - lost deluded souls..
    - 2. He makes them into thinking that sin is the best thing in this life...
  - B) HE HAS MADE SIN SO ATTRACTIVE THAT THE HUMAN RACE CAN'T SEEM TO RESIST.
    - 1. Made the forbidden fruit in EDEN so attractive,
    - 2. Eve did not resist..
    - 3. Then she enticed and insisted that her husband eat also.
- II) SATAN SEEKS TO STOP THE WORD
- A) REMEMBER THIS.
    - 1. The Bible will keep you from sin..
    - 2. Sin will keep you from the Bible..
  - B) SATAN SEEKS TO STOP THE WORD.
    - 1. He don't want you to read the Bible.
    - 2. He don't want us preachers to preach or teach the Word of God.
    - 3. He don't want any Christian to believe the Word
  - C) SATAN'S IST LINE OF ATTACK IS AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD SPREAD THE WORD.
    - 1. In The O.T Israel Was God's Witness..
      - (a) Day and night Satan attacked this people..
      - (b) It seemed as though he was successful when Jesus came on the world in Human Form..
      - (c) "He Came To His Own {The Jews} And His Own Received Him Not."
      - (d) Satan's deception caused them, as a nation, to reject the Son Of God.
    - 2. In The N.T., The Age Of Grace, The Church Age.
      - (a) Satan made assault after assault on the Church.
      - (b) He knows that the Church has the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature.
    - 3. What Is His Attack??
      - (a) It consist of seeking to damage the influence of the members.
      - (b) He first sought to destroy the Church from the outside through SAUL of Tarsus.
      - (c) That failed because God saved SAUL and he became an Apostle and a soldier of the Lord.
    - 4. Satan Then Moved On The Inside Of The Church Seeking To Destroy It From Within...
      - (a) He gets members in the THORN PATCH & lets the Cares of this life Choke out their Fruitfulness

- (b) He gets them in the DOUBT PATCH so they will doubt all that is right.
  - (c) He gets them in the DON'T PATCH and they Don't go to Church - Don't Pray - Don't Read The Bible - Don't Witness.
  - 5. He Gets Members Cross-ways with each other.
    - (a) So that they become critical of the Church..
    - (b) So that they see what they want to see.
    - (c) So that they look at the poorest example of a Christian and say "If That's A Christian"
- III) HE ATTACKS GOD'S PREACHERS.
- A) TRUE THAT SATAN HAS HIS OWN PREACHERS
    - 1. He has transformed them into Angels of Light.
    - 2. They deceive poor lost sinners..
    - 3. 2 Cor 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
  - B) SATAN SEEKS TO DESTROY PREACHERS
    - 1. Those men who proclaim Thus Saith The Word
    - 2. God's real men today are under constant attack
  - C) HERE IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE THINK TODAY.
    - 1. Satan has better sense than attack God's man
    - 2. What better way does Satan have to accomplish his purpose than to attack God's Man.
    - 3. His purpose is to Hinder The Word, And God's man is the PROCLAIMER Of The Word.
  - D) HOW SATAN WILL HINDER GOD'S MAN.
    - 1. He will hinder him from the CALL of God.
      - (a) Moses and Jeremiah are Bible examples.
      - (b) Every preacher today will tell you that SATAN sought to hinder them from the call to preach..
    - 2. Hinder God's Man From Surrendering {JONAH}
    - 3. Wreck The Preacher Home Any Way Possible.
- IV) SATAN'S DECEIVING ATTACK UPON YOUNG PEOPLE.
- A) HOW DOES HE DECEIVE THE YOUNG?
    - 1. He gets as many hooked on DRUGS as possible.
    - 2. Gets them hooked on false hope and religion.
    - 3. He deceives them into living together rather than marriage.
  - B) SATAN DISCOURAGES THEM FROM CHURCH.
    - 1. To avoid the activities of Church
    - 2. To stay away from youth meetings.
- V) SATAN DECEPTION IS TO GIVE THE WORLD ANOTHER GOSPEL.
- A) A BLOODLESS - SOCIAL - GRACELESS FAITHLESS GOSPEL.
  - B) THERE IS NO OTHER GOSPEL. Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

#### CONCLUSION:

- 1. Satan discourages sinners from hearing and believing the Gospel of Christ.
- 2. Satan deceives by getting the sinner to believe there is No Hell – NO Heaven
- 3. Don't let Satan drag you to hell - Repent and believe Christ before it is too late.