

## Recognizing the Devil, Your Enemy

The god of this world, Satan, is not my God! I do not have to obey the desires that he has put in my flesh. Now Satan has always wanted to be lord over man, and he desires to be in charge of God's creation. However, he knows that if they only knew it, every Christian could rule over him. That is why he has to keep them deceived. Most of the time people are controlled by the devil without them even knowing Satan is around. He makes them think that his desires are their own desires. People are so easily controlled by him because he is unseen. He uses man's flesh to do his dirty work. If man could see the devil behind the scenes manipulating them, they would not yield their bodies to his control. Let's look at some Scriptures that show us the work of the devil and his desires.

Acts [10:38](#) KJV How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

We see in this verse that Jesus was anointed to heal those that were oppressed by the devil. This was one of Jesus' main jobs. In our modern day time we hardly ever hear anybody talking about people being oppressed by the devil. We hear that people are depressed, but most people never tell anybody that they are oppressed by a devil. That's my point! The devil is invisible, so most people don't even think that he is there. Well, you will never fight something that you don't think is there.

Before germs were discovered, doctors didn't understand the most important thing about disease... Germs! Now, how did man discover germs? You've got it! The microscope! When this wonderful invention came about, mankind could finally see the actual germs that were making people sick. Well, we have a microscope in the spirit! What causes us to be able to see in the spirit? Of course, it's the Word of God. When we read the Word of God, we can look through His words and see what God sees. Now I want you to read this verse in light of what you now understand...

Mark [4:15](#) KJV And these are they by the way side, where the Word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts.

What if every microscope was taken from mankind tomorrow? Thousands and thousands of people would die, because the doctors would not know what was wrong with their patients and would not be able to treat them properly. Likewise, this is the reason the devil does not want mankind to read and study the Bible. He wants them to be blind to him and his works.

I will leave you with a home work assignment...I encourage you to read the following Scriptures and study this subject more and more.

John 8:43-45 KJV Why do ye not understand My speech? even because ye cannot hear My Word. [44] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. [45] And because I tell you the truth, ye believe Me not.

Acts 13:7-12 KJV Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the Word of God. [8] But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. [9] Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, [10] And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? [11] And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. [12] Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

1 Timothy 4:1 KJV Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

James 4:7-8 KJV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Love you,

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