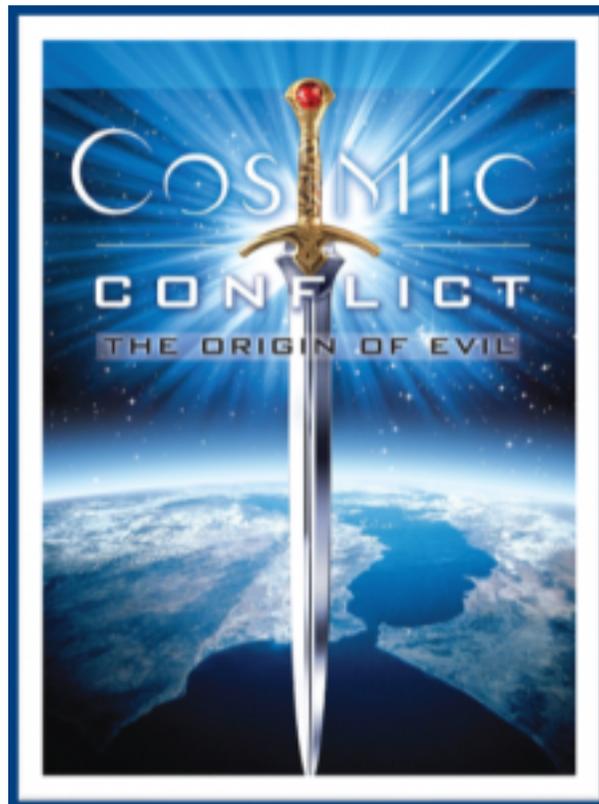


Understanding demons-Fallen Angels

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Cosmic System I & II



<u>COSMIC ONE</u>	<u>COSMIC TWO</u>
1. Emphasizes arrogance; preoccupation with self	1. Emphasizes animosity, hatred, and antagonism toward God & His plan.
2. Target: ego, self- consciousness of soul.	2. Target: truth or doctrine.
3. Result of hit: preoccupation and obsession with self to the exclusion of God and man.	3. Result of hit: antagonism toward Christ as the living word and Doctrine as the written word.
4. Emphasizes self in contrast to God and objective reality.	4. Stresses human viewpoint over Divine viewpoint
5. Represents Satan's attitude at the time of his prehistoric fall	5. Represents Satan's attitude at the time of man's historical fall.
6. Represents Satan's philosophy in the prehistoric angelic conflict when he was obsessed with self in maximum arrogance.	6. Represents Satan's philosophy as ruler of world after the fall of man. Now he's obsessed with destroying the plan of God as the #1 enemy of the plan of God.
7. Believer in cosmic one assumes the arrogance of Satan before human history.	7. Believer in cosmic two becomes inculcated with the attitude of Satan during human history.
8. Believer is slave to self.	8. Believer is a slave to Satan.

Demon Influence

Definition:

Demon influence is demonization of the soul and personality of the believer or unbeliever living in the Cosmic System. There are degrees of demon influence. It depends on how long you reside in the Cosmic System without the use of rebound (**1 John 1:9**). Demon influence is thought transference of demon doctrine to the believer or unbeliever residing in the cosmic system.

Demon influence is the invasion of the soul, especially the mind, emotion, and self-consciousness of the soul. The result is the invasion of the human personality of the believer or unbeliever who lives in the cosmic system.

Demon influence is the infiltration of satanic thought. It isn't expressed in terms of evil, but in terms of improving this world, doing nice things for your fellow man, and supporting crusades. This is exactly what Judas was doing when he turned in Jesus. He thought he was doing a good thing for Israel and the people.

Demon influence is the invasion of the soul with thought that is false thinking, i.e., the policy and principles by which Satan operated prior to the creation of man and afterwards as the ruler of this world.

The unbeliever is protected from both demon influence and demon possession by the Laws of Divine Establishment. The believer is protected from demon influence by Bible doctrine only!

Only the truth can keep false thinking and false doctrine out of the soul. If the believer only understands the Laws of Divine Establishment, that gives him some protection. But the greatest victims of demon influence are believers, as a result of the genius plan of Satan to distract them from the Predesigned Protocol Plan of God.

The Cosmic System, Satan's Classroom for Demon Influence:

There are two categories of Satan's Cosmic System. Cosmic One emphasizes preoccupation with self in arrogance, and Cosmic Two emphasizes antagonism towards God, His Plan, and His truth.

As someone falls further and further away from their relationship with God, they fall from Cosmic One to Cosmic Two.

When the believer gets outside of God's plan and power system for their life, he inevitably enters the first stages of Cosmic One and Cosmic Two.

The first stage of Cosmic One is the whole system of prehistoric sins, which are connected to arrogance and the arrogance complex of sins. This is called motivational arrogance, which is a complex of mental attitude sins, all of which are related to arrogance or have their foundation in the basic concept of the sin of pride.

The complex of sins in motivational arrogance include; pride, jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, revenge motivation, self-pity, guilt reaction, and operation overthink.

Vanity, pride, and conceit was the original sin of the greatest genius creature of all time: Satan, Lucifer the son of the morning. **Isa 14:12-14** and **Ezek 28:14-17** reveal Satan's vanity of thought in his fall. Arrogance is the original sin of the prehistoric angelic conflict, and became the motivation for the woman's original sin in the garden.

If the sins of arrogance are allowed to continue, it is inevitable that the believer in Cosmic One will become an abnormal person. Once this abnormality sets in, there is a system of locked-in arrogance that totally rejects truth or distorts truth by hallucination.

The first stage of Cosmic Two is comprised of all the historical sins, motivational antagonism toward Bible doctrine and the Plan of God, which is our Old Sin Nature. This is a built-in system of antagonism toward God.

The Old Sin Nature is the primary source of temptation in life, **Rom 6:6**.

Rom 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin."

But more than that, it represents the corruption of the cell structure of the body through our relationship with Adam. **Rom 5:12ff.**

Rom 5:12, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."

There are two general categories of temptation in life: Inner temptation from the old sin nature and overt temptation from Satan, demons, people, and situations or circumstances of life.

So, the believer out of fellowship can commit either prehistoric or historic categories of sins.

Many of the prehistoric categories of sins are related to human sacrifice and the various functions of demonism.

Demon influenced believers show tremendous predilection (a preference formed as the result of personal leanings or disposition rather than from objective knowledge) toward violence, especially in a psychotic state.

Now, the second stage of Cosmic One is rejection of Bible doctrine, because you are preoccupied with yourself, which is an indirect rejection of the Word of God.

People who are preoccupied with self, seeking pleasure and approbation for self, have no time for God's Word; rather, they substitute self-indulgence for learning Bible doctrine.

Likewise, the second stage of Cosmic Two is also negative volition toward Bible doctrine, but true rejection is due to antagonism toward God's Word.

We enter the cosmic system through an active or a passive decision from our free will. Once inside the cosmic system, negative volition towards the truth of the Word of God creates a vacuum through which doctrines of demons enter. **1 Tim 4:1, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons."**

The quickest way to enter into the Cosmic System is to sin, **1 John 3:4-10. 1 John 3:8, "When anyone practices (*commits habitually*) a sin, he has become the agent of the devil."** Just as the devil invented the Cosmic System, so he also invented sin.

When a believer enters into and remains inside Satan's Cosmic System, sucking in false information through the vacuum of their soul, they enter into and remain in a state called "reversionism" (a.k.a. backsliding). Reversionism is in effect the varying degrees of demonic influence a believer enters into when living inside of Satan's Cosmic System.

1 Cor 2:5, "So that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

The "wisdom of man" illustrates demon influence in the Cosmic System. At the time of writing First Corinthians, "**wisdom of men**" was throughout the Greek culture and religion which was pagan, without any true understanding of the God and Christ.

But Christ came to destroy the basis for Satan's entire system, when he was judged for our sins at the cross. **1 John 3:5, 8b, 16a**

1 Cor 2:5 also alludes to another way of entrance into the Cosmic System and demon influence, which is through psychological living instead of spiritual living. This is when the believer seeks counsel from so called educated people to provide answers and solutions to the problems in their life, instead of seeking out and applying the counsel found in the Word of God. This is humanistic thinking by applying such concepts as mind over matter and the power of positive thinking. This also includes such things as palm reading, tarot card readings, and psychic séances.

All too often, believers seek out the wisdom of men, which perpetuates the lifestyle of spiritual death and living a reversionistic lifestyle inside Satan's Cosmic System under demon influence.

Saul's encounter with the witch of Endor is a classic example of reversionistic demon influence. **1 Sam 28:3-14**

When a believer is in Cosmic One, he grieves the Holy Spirit by cutting off the ministry of the Holy Spirit within his own soul. This believer sins without rebounding (**1 John 1:9**); therefore, he is without the filling of the Holy Spirit, **Eph 5:18**, (i.e. out of fellowship with the Spirit), so that the Spirit cannot teach or lead him within his soul.

Eph 4:30, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice (i.e. all arrogance)."

Verse 31 tells us that various sins are exuding from this believer, as a result of preoccupation with self. They are not applying the doctrine they have learned and are instead giving over to mental attitude and verbal sins.

When a believer is in Cosmic Two, he quenches the Holy Spirit by hindering the Spirit's ministry in lives of others. This believer is likewise out of fellowship with the Spirit but is additionally antagonistic towards God. As a result, this believer is not a vessel of honor for God to use, and he attacks and belittles the things of God in the sight of others. This may occur intentionally or unintentionally based on the lifestyle of the Cosmic Two reversionist.

1 Thess 5:19, "Do not quench (extinguish) the Spirit; ²⁰do not despise prophetic utterances."

"Prophetic Utterances" is the Greek word **PROPHETEIAS – προφητείας** (prof-ay-ti'-ahs) in the Accusative, Feminine, Plural, which means, "prophecy," but more specifically, "preaching the message of God, the gift of preaching the message of God; an inspired message or utterance; intelligible preaching, or an intelligible message."

So, quenching the Holy Spirit is antagonism towards the teaching ministry of God the Holy Spirit. This antagonism begins, within your own soul, negatively affecting you from taking in and/or applying the Word of God, and results in affecting others and their intake and/or application of the Word of God.

We must always remember that all spiritual living occurs inside God's power system under the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit. There is no other way to live the spiritual life.

Living inside God's power system is called the "**Filling of the Spirit,**" **Eph 5:18**. This is the active power of God working inside of our souls. As **Eph 5:18** tells us, we can either be living in sin or having the active power of the Spirit working within us.

The Filling of God the Holy Spirit is separate from the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.

The Indwelling of the Spirit is a permanent abode of the Spirit inside the born-again believer, which is not dependent on your volition once you have believed. **John 14:16; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 3:16; Eph 1:13-14**. You never lose the indwelling of the Spirit, because He is THE permanent SEAL ensuring our salvation, which too we never lose. **2 Cor 1:22; Eph 4:30**

- The Indwelling of the Spirit protects the believer from Demon Possession.
- The Filling of the Spirit protects the believer from Demon Influence.

Unlike the Indwelling, the Filling of the Spirit is temporal and depends on your positive and negative volition.

In negative volition, you sin and lose the filling of the Spirit. This is called being out of fellowship with the Spirit. That is why we have been given **Eph 5:18**. You see, there is a matter of choice here. We can either live in sin, which is the analogy of being "**drunk with wine**" or we can be "**filled with the Spirit.**" This is not a salvation verse. This is a verse of application for the believer. Remember what the preceding verse says, "**17So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**" The will of the Lord is for His children to walk in the Spirit.

All of this is part of the fantastic grace policy of God. He knows that post-salvation we still have our Adamic nature, (Old Sin Nature), and that we will sin. The issue is, "what do you do once you sin?" Do you apply His grace, or do you continue living in sin?

When we apply positive volition, we appropriate the grace of God by recognizing we have committed a sin or are living in sin, and we confess those sin(s) according to **1 John 1:9**. When you confess your sins, you interrupt the cycle of sinning in your soul and receive in grace cleansing from God.

This is what Jesus told his disciples in the Upper Room in **John 13** when He washed their feet. In **verse 10**, Jesus said, "**He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet but is completely clean and you are clean.**"

"**Bathed**" is the Greek word **LOUO** – **λούω** (loo'-o) in the Perfect Tense and Passive Voice. It means, "washing of the entire body." This is the overall cleansing we receive at the moment of salvation, **John 15:3; Acts 22:16; Eph 2:5-6; Titus 3:5**. In the Perfect/Passive, it means, "a completed act which we received in the past with the results continuing into the future."

This is similar to the analogy that we are "**dead to our sins**" in **Rom 6:1-14**.

Rom 6:1, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ²May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin.

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore (*speaking to believers*) do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace." (Italic in parentheses mine)

Now **LOUO** in **John 13:10** is a primary verb in the Greek meaning, "to bath the whole person;" as compared to the Greek word **NIPTO – νίπτω** (nip'-to) which means, "to wet a part only," and the Greek word **PLUNO – πλύνω** (plooo'-no) which means, "cleanse garments exclusively."

So, we understand **LOUO**, to bath, is speaking of our whole-body cleansing at the moment of salvation. A cleansing that we received once and for all time (Perfect/Passive). This cleansing is in regards to our salvation, which we received once and for all time. **1 Cor 6:11; Heb 10:22**

1 Cor 6:11, "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

Next, we have the phrase "**only to wash his feet.**" Here we have the Greek word **NIPTO**, which means to wet a part only and is used when speaking of ceremonial cleansing. The analogy here is to wash off the filth we pick up when walking about in our day. This is in reference to the post-salvation sins we commit.

NIPTO is used in the Septuagint translation of **Exo 40:30-32** that speaks of the ceremonial washing at the Brazen Laver inside the Tabernacle. This washing represented post-salvation

cleansing, as the priest would wash the sprinklings of blood off of their hands, feet, and garments. This was not a whole-body bath. The priest had to perform this ceremonial washing before they could serve the Lord inside the Holy Place and Holy of holies.

This occurred after the sacrifice at the Brazen Altar, which represented the payment of sin and salvation, with the result of whole body cleansing.

Therefore, the ceremonial washing at the Laver, after the Altar sacrifice, is analogous to washing of the feet after our body has been bathed at salvation, which in turn represents confession of post-salvation sins, (i.e. rebounding), corresponding to **1 John 1:9**.

Keep in mind that both the Laver and Altar are pictures of Christ's work upon the cross as the entire Tabernacle was literally arranged in the form of the cross from an aerial view, just as the entire encampment of Israel formed the cross.

It is no coincidence that the Apostle John writes these two passages, **John 13:10** and **1 John 1:9**, which give us understanding here. This follows along with what Paul wrote in **Rom 6:15-19**.

Rom 6:15-19, "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! ¹⁶Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification."

So, we understand from **Eph 5:18**, which gives us a choice, and **John 13:10** and **1 John 1:9**, which are telling us to keep doing something, that the filling of the Holy Spirit is temporal.

We are filled with the Spirit at the moment of salvation and lose the filling when we first sin after our salvation, yet we do not lose the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. Then when we confess our sin(s) (i.e. wash our feet), we regain the filling of the Spirit. At that moment, the indwelling Holy Spirit fills us so we can learn and apply the Word of God in faith. This is called, **"walking in the Spirit"** or "being in fellowship with the Spirit." This is part of God's power system for our lives. Functioning in God's power system is also called, **"walking by means of the Spirit"** in **Gal 5:16-18; 25**.

An analogy to this is using the telephone. When we are filled with the Spirit, we have a good connection with the Spirit, and we are communicating with each other. But when we sin, it is like hanging up on the Spirit. He is still on the other end waiting to hear from us, but we

have hung up on Him. Then, if we confess our sins, it is like picking up the phone and communicating with Him again.

So, from God's Word, we understand that we have protection from both Demon Possession and Demon Influence. Nevertheless, if we do not remain filled with the Spirit, we are vulnerable to Demon Influence. This why a warning is given to Church Age believers to not superimpose the life of spiritual death (our former manner of life) on the Christian way of life. In other Words, don't walk in sin, but walk in the Spirit.

1 John 2:15-16. "Stop loving the world [*Cosmic System*] or anything in the world [*Cosmic System*]. If anyone keeps loving the world [*Cosmic System One and Two*], the love of the Father is not in him. Because all that is in the world [*Cosmic System*], the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life [*arrogant pattern of life*], is not from the Father but is from the world [*Cosmic System*]."

Loving the Cosmic System means – Demon Influence of your motivation, your thought pattern, your decision making, and your actions.

In **1 John 2:15**, the "**love of the Father**" refers to virtue-love, which is motivation to grow in your relationship with God. This is one of the highest Problem-Solving Devices in the Christian life.

The "**lust of the flesh**" is the Old Sin Nature seeking to control the soul.

The "**lust of the eyes**" is motivational evil in the first stage of Cosmic One. The arrogant pattern of life is the functional evil of all the other negative stages in Cosmic One.

As the leader of all fallen angels and as the ruler of planet earth, Satan has been able to compile a cosmic system which is a mass of thoughts, opinions, speculations, systems of false doctrines, panaceas, plans, systems of all categories for deceit, policies, and objectives by which Satan seeks to control the world which he rules.

Although Satan is the ruler of this world, he does not necessarily control the people of this world; that depends upon individual volition. Satan seeks to control both mankind and the millions of fallen angels still loose, called demons.

In Cosmic One (preoccupation with self in arrogance), Satan has his own "communion" celebration and elements, **1 Cor 10:21.**

True communion is the celebration and thanksgiving of our Lord's work upon the Cross that the believer shares in.

Satan's communion is his process of sharing his Cosmic System of lies and falsehoods with mankind.

The believer participates in Satan's "communion" when he does not walk by means of the Spirit.

In **1 Cor 10:21** it says, "**You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and (at the same time) the cup of demons.**"

Drinking the cup of the Lord is focusing on the forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Christ. This is telling us that our sins are forgiven, and we have died to our Sin Nature, though it is still alive in us. The analogy here is telling the believer that when he sins, he is not walking in the Spirit. He is out of fellowship and outside of God's power system. As a result, the believer is walking under demon influence, drinking from the "**cup of the demons.**" We cannot do both at the same time. We are either walking by means of the Spirit or we are walking under demon influence.

When it says, "**you cannot partake of the table of the Lord [Eucharist] and the table of demons,**" it is drawing the analogy of the body and blood of Christ, and our whole fellowship with the Lord in both body and spirit. So, if we are not walking with Christ in body and spirit, we are instead wholly walking under demon influence, both in body and spirit. Walking under demon influence is what we have noted previously as psychological living in Satan's Cosmic System. So, drinking the cup speaks to our spirituality and the table speaks to both body and spirit. In both, we have a choice to be in fellowship with the Lord spiritually and bodily, or in fellowship with Satan's Cosmic System.

In Cosmic Two (antagonism towards God), Satan's false doctrine results in the human viewpoint of life, which resents Bible doctrine and any truth. **1 Tim 4:1-2**

1 Tim 4:1-2, "But the Spirit [God the Holy Spirit] explicitly communicates that in latter periods of time [Incarnation, Church Age, Tribulation], some believers will fall away from doctrine, giving attention to deceitful spirits, even doctrines from demons [demon influence in cosmic system]. By means of hypocrisy of liars, they are seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron."

This passage teaches thought telepathy from demons. "**Doctrine**" here means, "a system of teaching," which is transferred to anyone who resides in the Cosmic System.

Believers believe liars because of their facade of sweet and pleasing words, and the warmth of their personality. In psychological living, you are so preoccupied with yourself that you assume that any speaker who pleases you, stimulates you, and warms you must be telling you the truth.

A "**burned-out or seared conscience**" is a result of demon influence. Demon influence destroys the norms and standards of truth. When a believer or unbeliever remains in the Cosmic System long enough, all his norms and standards related to truth are gone, seared, and burnt.

Eph 2:2 says, "In which sphere [*real spiritual death*] you formerly walked according to the lifestyle of the Cosmic System [*world*], according to the prince of the power of the air [*Satan*] of the spirit [*demon influence*] that is now working in the sons of disobedience."

In the sphere of real spiritual death from birth, all unbelievers reside in Satan's Cosmic System and are influenced by it to some degree, depending upon their adherence to the Laws of Divine Establishment.

The degree of influence from Satan's Cosmic System can only be negated for the unbeliever by knowing and adhering to the Laws of Divine Establishment. But this only frees the unbeliever from some of Satan's policies; it does not give him salvation.

Living in Satan's Cosmic System as an unbeliever includes three modes of living:

- Demon possession.
- Demon influence.
- A combination of these two, a.k.a. psychological living.

Living in Satan's Cosmic System as a believer includes two potential modes of living:

- Demon influence.
- Psychological living.

The believer cannot be demon possessed, because his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who indwells him. No demon can be in the presence of the Holy Spirit. **Rom 8:9-14; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:14-7; Eph 2:1-5**

The Laws of Divine Establishment protect the unbeliever from demon possession. That's why demon possession is prevalent in countries where there is no establishment, such as in Africa, India, South America, and among the Indian tribes of North America.

The Bible speaks of four different kinds of "spiritual children:"

We are born by nature children of wrath (**Eph 2:3**); when we reach the age of accountability and deliberately sin, we become children of disobedience (**Eph 2:2**). When we have faith in Christ, we become the children of God (**John 1:12**). But the person who finally rejects the Savior and prefers self-righteousness (the devil's substitute) becomes a child of the devil. (See: **Matt 13:24-30, 36-43**, where the children of the devil are portrayed as counterfeit Christians.) Jesus pointed out the characteristics of the children of the devil in **John 8:**

- They will not give place to the Word of God (**vs. 37**).
- They trust in the flesh—human birth, works (**vs. 39**).
- They hate Christ and seek to kill Him (**vs. 40, 44**).
- Satan is a murderer and his children imitate him.
- They do not love Christ or the things of Christ (**vs. 42**).
- They do not understand the Word—blinded by Satan (**vs. 43**).
- They are liars and love lies more than the truth (**vs. 44**).
- They will not hear the Word of God; they hate it (**vs. 47**).

Remember, these “children of the devil” were not grossly immoral people; they were self-righteous, religious people who rejected Christ. Many people today are deluded by Satan into an outward form of godliness that lacks the power of the Gospel, but these people think they are truly saved and going to heaven.

Mandates Against Demon Influence: Eph 4:27; James 4:1-8.

Eph 4:27, “And do not give the devil an opportunity.”

First, I want to mention that in every passage where **Prov 3:34** is quoted from the LXX, as it is in **James 4:8**, there is always a reference to demon influence.

Prov 3:34, “Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted.” The afflicted are those weighed down with demon influence.

For those bombarded with demon influence, God has devised a plan of grace so that we can overcome their influence. Therefore, this is a reminder from God that we always have His grace available to us to overcome Demon Influence.

Now, **James 4:8** has several interesting analogies that tie back to **John 13:10** regarding cleansing and washing related to demon influence.

The Greek word for “**cleanse**” is **KATHARIZO – καθαρίζω** (kath-ar-id’-zo), which means, “to cleanse or purify.” The root word **KATHAROS – καθαρὸς** (kath-ar-os’) means, “clean, innocent, or pure.”

This is the analogy of “**washing our hands**” [**CHEIR – χεῖρ** (khire)], rebounding in **1 John 1:9**, so that we can draw near and walk with God. When we wash our hands, we are clean and pure and are able to fellowship with God. If our hands are dirty, which means we have sins on our soul that have not been confessed, we are not near to God. We are in fact out of fellowship with Him. This is exactly the same message Jesus gave the disciples when washing their feet.

Next, we have the Greek word for “**purify**,” **HAGNIZO – ἁγνίζω** (hag-nid’-zo), which means, “purify or cleanse,” where its root word **HAGNOS – ἁγνός** (hag-nos’) means, “to be free from ceremonial defilement.” This word is also closely related to **HAGIAZO – ἁγιάζω** (hag-ee-ad’-zo), which means, “to make holy,” and **HAGIOS – ἅγιος** (hag’-ee-os), “holy.”

So, first we are told to cleanse our hands, and then we are told to purify our hearts.

“**Hearts**” is not talking about your blood-pumping organ. This does not tell us to eat right, get our cholesterol down and be physically healthy to be godly.

The heart [**KARDIA – καρδιά** (kar-dee’-ah)] speaks to the place in your soul where you store and retain the Word of God. This can also be called the right lobe of the soul. So, the

command is to get the Word of God into the right lobe of our souls. This is only accomplished through the Grace Apparatus for Perception (GAP), another facet of God's grace plan for mankind.

Bible doctrine in the right lobe of your soul is the greatest filtration system the world has ever seen. Doctrine resident in your soul purifies your soul from demon influence. Demon influence is the garbage of cosmic thinking that penetrates your soul. When you have the Word of God resident in your soul, the garbage in your soul from demon influence is cleaned out.

So, rebounding and the intake of Bible doctrine in the right lobe of your soul through GAP is the offensive action against demon influence. This correlates to the phrase "**sword of the Spirit**" in **Eph 6:17**.

Next, we have the phrase being "**double-minded**" which is the Greek word **DIPSUCHOS** – **διψυχος** (dip'-soo-khos) in the vocative, "to call someone by name or to get their attention." It is a compound word from **DIS** – **δις** (dece): "twice or doubly," and **PSUCHE** – **ψυχή** (psoo-khay'): "breath, soul, or heart."

DIPSUCHOS means, "two spirited, that is, vacillating (in opinion or purpose), of two minds, wavering, of divided loyalty, or undecided."

Here it means, "to have some true doctrine resident in your soul while in God's power system, while at the same time having some doctrine of demons stored in the right lobe." Therefore, there is conflict. You are divided in your allegiance.

Because of this conflict, we must allow God in grace to purify the right lobe of our soul. This is the only means of true and sustained allegiance to God. Only through consistent and daily faith perception of Bible doctrine through the GAP is our soul purified from demon influence, which results in single mindedness of the believer. **Rom 12:16; 15:5; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2**

Phil 2:2, "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

Your volition is your first line of defense in two categories.

- Either by rejecting the temptation signals from the Old Sin Nature coming into the soul, or
- Once in the Cosmic System, to name your sins via rebound, and escape the Cosmic System. Otherwise, the believer will become demonized and become "**an enemy of the cross,**" **Phil 3:18**.

Once you engage your positive volition towards God, you then can put up the line of defense on your soul called the Problem-Solving Devices and enact the offensive weaponry of the (s)word of God in your soul. This is the only means for defeating the advancement of demon influence on your soul. If not defeated, you will succumb to demon influence and its categories of sin under Cosmic One (preoccupation with self) and Cosmic Two (antagonism)

Demon Influence is Relative:

The degrees of demon influence correspond to the degree of reversionism. The longer one resides in the Cosmic System without rebound, the greater the degree of demon influence. Past a certain point, you cannot distinguish between the believer and unbeliever in the Cosmic System. The Cosmic System does not distinguish between its students, and is equally effective with both categories, believer and unbeliever.

Therefore, demon influence is a process of demonization in which every facet of the soul is eventually controlled by demon doctrine, so that there is a complete personality change to some form of sociopathic or psychopathic personality.

The False Doctrine of Demon Influence:

- **1 Pet 5:1-11** tells us that God has designed a system of communicating His word for the protection of the believer from demon influence. For the believer who utilizes God's system of protection and is diligent in faith perception and application of the Word of God, there is protection in time from demon influence, the "**roaring lion**," as well as rewards waiting for them in heaven. The "**roaring lion**" is Satan's Cosmic System trying to knock you off of the path of righteousness, which is executing God's Plan for your life by utilizing His power system.

Under God's Plan, we are to "**cast all our cares on Him**" with the result of having inner peace, happiness, and contentment in our lives. This is sharing in the happiness of God, which is only accomplished when we trust in Him. If we have any achievement in the spiritual life, all the glory belongs to God while in turn He shares His happiness with us.

But demon influence reverses this principle and says, "achievement belongs to the person; therefore, I am the one responsible for making myself happy as long as I live." As a result, people soon find out that they are not really happy. Instead of humbling themselves before God and receiving His happiness, (**verse 6**), they continue in their never-ending pursuit of happiness inside Satan's Cosmic System under demon influence.

In **verse 8**, "**Be of sober spirit [NEPHO – νήφω (nay'-fo)] and on alert [GREGOREO – γρηγορέω (gray-gor-yoo'-o)]**" which means, "being organized and self-disciplined in your life, which begins in your soul." Both of the Greek words are in the Aorist Tense, Active voice, and Imperative mood. So, this is a command or exhortation for you to do something, which is to remain inside God's power system and execute His Plan for your life, by staying away from the destructive influences of Demon Influence inside Satan's Cosmic System.

Your organization starts with the mentality of your soul, which is your thinking that requires categorical teaching of Bible doctrine. Being self-discipline is critical to remaining inside God's power system.

2 Cor 10:5, "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

The only way to be organized, self-disciplined, and take every thought captive is through the intake and application of the Word of God through the power of God the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 5 also tells us that there is a parallel between our Lord delegating authority in the human race, through the Pastor Teacher, for the protection of the believer and Satan's "**prowling around**," which includes delegated authority to disembodied spirit demons, trying to devour the believer. We will see more of this when discussing demon possession.

So, the false doctrine is that you can run your own life and create your own happiness apart from God.

- **James 3:13-16** also reminds us of the traps of that false teaching. "**Jealousy**", [**ZELOS – ζήλος** (dzay'-los)] qualifies for both Cosmic One, preoccupation with self, and Cosmic Two, antagonism towards God.

Jealousy is a mental attitude sin from the arrogance complex of the soul, which demands exclusive devotion and is intolerant of rivalry. It is total preoccupation with self. It is discontent with the blessings, successes, or status symbols of other people. It is resentment of the attractiveness or approbation that a person receives. It is total selfishness and is incapable of love.

As we have noted, achievement arrogance is the blasphemy of taking achievement away from God and placing it in your own hands. Therefore, achievement arrogance destroys human happiness and replaces it with boasting and gloating ambition.

This form of Arrogance motivates the person to strive for success and to compete from inordinate ambition. In the process, Bible doctrine is neglected, virtue is ignored, happiness is rejected, and demon influence becomes the order of the day.

Since achievement belongs to God, He can give or share it with anyone He wishes. Therefore, God provides us with both achievement and happiness, but only when we reside inside His power system.

Under arrogance and jealousy, we try to gain achievement and happiness on our own. Yet, if we would only humble ourselves and walk in the plan and power of God, He would give us achievement and happiness which is lasting and forever.

So, the false doctrine is arrogance, which is the direct route to demon influence. It is the demoralization, as well as the demonization of the soul.

The Avoidance of Demon Influence:

Demon influence can only be avoided through life inside God's power system for the believer.

Resistance to demon influence is a matter of learning Bible doctrine. Therefore, there are four R's in the Grace Apparatus for Perception: Reception, Retention, Recall, and Resistance.

What really counts is retention, which is **GNOSIS** – **γνώσις** (gno'-sis) doctrine converted into **EPIGNOSIS** – **ἐπίγνωσις** (ep-ig'-no-sis) doctrine. Then at recall, you can apply a percentage of what you retained. But to resist demonization, you must have the first three steps.

Ignorance cannot make application to experience; it can only emote in the face of testing or disaster. So, standing firm in the Word of God through the filling of the Holy Spirit is the issue in resisting the devil, **1 Pet 5:9**.

Protection from Demon Influence:

There are two forms of protection from demon influence.

- The unbeliever is protected by living according to Divine Establishment Principles defined as freedom in terms of privacy, property, and authority. Both the privacy of the individual and the function of legitimate authority are necessary for the function of human freedom. When the unbeliever honors establishment, he is protected from demon influence, which is anti-establishment. Establishment is God's system of human freedom through authority in four categories; volition, marriage, family, and nationalism.
- The believer is also protected from demon influence by Divine Establishment Principles, yet living according to the Pre-Designed Protocol Plan of God, from metabolized Bible doctrine resident in his soul, additionally protects him.

Demon Possession

Definition:

- All demons are fallen angels under the command of Satan, in contrast to elect angels under the command of God.
- Satan is the ruler of demons, **Mat 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15.**
- Demons are called ministers of Satan, **Luke 4:32-36; 9:1; 4:2; John 10:21.**
- Demons are well-organized under Satan, **Eph 6:10-12.** There is rank and authority in Satan's organization. Every angel is smarter than all human beings.

Eph 6:12, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

- **"Powers"** = Officers.
- **"Rulers of this world"** = Counter Intelligence.
- **"Principalities"** = Generals in Satan's Forces.
- **"Spiritual wickedness in high place"** = Privates, Lower Rank Demons.

Biblical Nomenclature:

Hebrew:

- **SAIR** – שָׂעִיר means, "hairy, shaggy, rough one; used for a he-goat, or a demon; a satyr." **Lev 17:7; 2 Chron 11:15; Isa 13:21; 34:14.**
- **SHED** – שְׂדֵיִם means, "idols or demons;" idols represent demons. It also means "destroyers," a reference to human child sacrifice, **Deut 32:17; Psa 106:37.**

Greek:

- **DAIMON** – δαίμων (dah'-ee-mown) means, "demon," **Mat 8:31; Mark 5:12; Luke 8:29; Rev 16:14.** This word almost always refers to a disembodied spirit, compare with **Mat 12:43-45.**
- **DAIMONION** – δαιμόνιον (dahee-mon'-ee-on) refers to, "a specific category of demons determined by the context," **Mat 7:22; 9:33-34; 12:24-28; Mark 1:34, 39; Luke 4:33-35, 41; 8:27-38; 11:14-20; John 8:48-52; 1 Cor 10:20-21.**
- **DAIMONIODES** – δαιμονιώδης (dahee-mon-ee-o'-dace) means, "demonic," **James 3:15.**
- **DAIMONIZOMAI** – δαιμονίζομαι (dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahee) means, "to be demon possessed or to be tormented by a demon," **Mat 8:16, 28, 33; 15:22; Mark 5:15-16, 18;** or "to be influenced by a demon."

Demon Possession Versus Demon Influence:

- Demon possession is defined as demon invasion of the body of the unbeliever only. Generally, this occurs through the phallic cult or some form of way-out religion.
- In contrast, demon influence is the demon invasion of the soul with satanic thought. Satanic thought isn't just expressed in terms of evil, but in terms of improving this world, doing nice things for your fellow man, and supporting crusades. It is false thinking comprising of the policy and principles by which Satan operates.
- All demonic activity is related to man's free will; human consent must be involved. Demon possession never occurs apart from human consent; whereby, some form of bad decision is made, so that the demon can invade the body of the unbeliever only.
- The believer is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit who makes a temple out of the body of the believer, **1 Cor 6:19-20**. A demon cannot dwell in that temple.
- The attack on the unbeliever is to line him up with Satan's policy. The attack on the believer is to discredit him and to utilize him in some way against the Lord.

Decisions or Methods that Result in Demon Possession Include:

- **Idolatry, 1 Cor 10:19-21**. Wherever idolatry is practiced today, there are demons behind the idols.
- **Drug addiction**. Users of drugs are all liable to demon possession in the case of unbelievers, or demon influence in the case of those who are born again, **Gal 5:20**.
- **The phallic cult is a basis for contact with demons, Isa 2:6; Luke 8:2; Mark 16:9**. This includes demonic orgiastic response, auto-eroticism, lesbianism, homosexuality, verbal response demons, promiscuity demons, group orgies, human sacrifice, idolatry, and unrestrained sexual lust. (In themselves, these things do not imply demon possession.)
- **Mental attitude sins carried to the extreme**. Many cases of neurosis and psychosis are cases of demon influence, **Mark 5**, where the demon-possessed individuals had all of the characteristics of psychosis.
- **Religious reversionistic sensitivity, dabbling in the occult, playing with the Ouija board, consulting mediums, the function of necromancy, Isa 8:19**. This is designed to turn the body and soul over to some higher type of power, i.e. demons.
- However, **idolatry** is the basic system for demon possession, as taught in **Lev 17:7; Deut 32:17; Psa 96:5; 106:37-39**.
- **Demon influence**, by way of contrast, is the infiltration of **satanic thought into the soul of a believer or unbeliever, 1 Tim 4:1; Eph 4:17**, or the substitution of emotion for thought. The believer enters demon influence through the various stages of reversionism.
- Satan uses certain demons to produce **disease or physical handicaps** in human beings, **Job 2:6-8; Mat 12:22; Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38**. Demon influence attacks the body through demon-induced illness. When the mentality of the soul is in certain conditions, it brings on certain kinds of diseases.

Demonism Related to Idolatry and Human Sacrifice:

- Sacrifice to demons is prohibited by God, **Lev 17:7; Deut 32:17**.

- Heathen nations and their worship were strictly demon possessed and influenced, **Psa 96:5**. The idols of these nations were demons.
- Demon worship and idolatry included the most horrible sexual practices, such as; rape, homosexuality, bestiality, and the sacrifice of children, **Psa 106:37-39**.

Two Goals of Demon Possession:

Angels of Light: They appear as servants of righteousness to deceive the weak into believing various falsehoods purported to be "true worship" or Christianity, **2 Cor 11:13-15**.

They Teach a Worthless Savior:

1) John warned his readers to test the spirits, for demons influence false (human) prophets, **1 John 4:1-4**. A major test of orthodoxy, though not the only one, was the affirmation of the reality of the Incarnation; for if Christ had not taken on Himself a human body, He could not have died and been our Savior.

2) Paul also warned of this attack on the Incarnation in the teachings of demons, **1 Tim 3:16-4:3**. If **1 Tim 3:16** is a summary of truth contained in what was likely part of an early Christian hymn, then we may assume that demons attack not only the Incarnation, but also the historical resurrection and ascension of the Lord.

They teach a works salvation, 1 Tim 4:3-4: By promoting asceticism as a good work, they replace the grace of God with a works program for salvation.

They teach a libertine ethic: The "**deep things of Satan,**" undoubtedly promoted by his demons, attempt to teach people that wrong is right, **Rev 2:20-24**.

Roaring Lions, 1 Peter 5:8: They are wicked, unclean, and vicious. Many passages might be quoted in proof of this statement.

Mat 8:28, "When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way."

Mat 10:1, "Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

- There seem to be degrees of wickedness represented by these spirits. **Mat 12:43-45** states that the demon, returning to his house, "**takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself.**"
- Demon possession explains supernatural phenomena. Supernatural phenomena includes such things as; "divine healing," speaking in tongues, the rise of certain world rulers, certain wars, anti-Semitism, contacting the dead, etc. Demons attack both through weirdo activity and antithetically through culture and intellect.

Demon Possession Today:

The question is often raised whether demon possession exists at the present time. Although the authentic records of such control are mostly limited to the three years of the public ministry of Jesus, it is improbable that demon possession did not exist before that time, or has not existed since. It is reasonable to conclude that they like their monarch adapt their manner of activity to the culture of the age and locality. In the case of cultural recognition of God's Divine Institutions and Divine Establishment Principles, God will impede gross demon activity, which results in the more sublime nature of false righteousness. In the case of cultures where there is an absence of that authority orientation, the more extravagant the manifestations of demon possession. Therefore, it is evident that they are not now less inclined than before to enter and dominate a body.

Demon possession in the present time is often unsuspected because of the generally unrecognized fact that demons are capable of inspiring a moral and exemplary life. This is further disguised by appearing as the dominating spirit of a "spiritist" or "medium."

Missionaries observing conditions in heathen lands record the grosser manifestations of demon possession. These demons too, like their king, sometimes appear as "angels of light" but more often as "roaring lions."

One description of voodoo possession in the country of Haiti is as follows. *"The subject enters a trance like state (usually after undergoing convulsions), during which one of the loas enters his or her body and 'rides' it. The human personality is displaced by the superhuman, the human features take on the characteristics of the spirit's desire (masculine or feminine, good or evil, old or young, crafty or honest), and the human throat utters the loas's words, some of them in wholly unintelligible 'tongues.' The possession may last minutes or hours or sometimes days, during which time the person invaded by the spirit is fed the spirit's favorite food and drink (often quite impossible for unpossessed humans to consume) and offered his favorite diversions. Afterward, the human remembers nothing of his behavior as a god."* (Carter Harman, "The West Indies," *Life World Library* [New York: Time, Inc., 1963], pp. 53-4).

The characteristics of demon-possession can be as varied as the activities of demons, ranging from mild to severe and even bizarre. A few specific symptoms of demon-possession are described in the Bible, which includes the following physical and mental abnormalities like:

- Dumbness, blindness, and convulsions, **Mat 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:15-18; Mark 1:26; 9:20; Luke 9:39.**
- Tendencies to self-destruction, **Mat 17:15; Mark 5:5; Luke 9:42.**
- Abnormally violent, **Mat 8:28.**
- Inflict suffering, illnesses, and deformities, **Mark 9:20; Luke 9:29; 13:11-17.**
- Insanity, **Mark 5:5; Luke 8:26-35; John 10:20.**
- Nakedness in public, **Luke 8:27.**

- Grinding the teeth, **Mark 9:18.**
- Living among dead bodies, **Mark 5:3.**
- Superhuman strength, **Mark 5:3-4; Luke 8:29; Acts 19:15-16.**
- Occult powers, **Acts 16:16-18.**

Satan uses healers in his false system of religion. Satan orders the removal of a demon induced illness and the person appears to be cured. He also "heals" in certain strategic times, like during the tribulation, **Mat 24:24; Acts 19:13-14; 2 Thes 2:9; Rev 16:14.**

Though demons can do these things in people, this does not mean that all illness comes from demon activity. The Bible clearly distinguishes demon-induced diseases from illnesses due to other more natural causes, **Mat 4:24; Mark 1:32-42; Luke 7:21; 9:1; Acts 5:16.**

Mat 4:24, "The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them."

Demonism and Judgment:

Demonism and possession was the basis for the administration of capital punishment, **Lev 20:27.** Authority Orientation is necessary to restrain demonism.

Jesus Christ controls history by the restraint of demonism. An example of His control was the first-born judgment on Egypt, **Exo 12:12.** At the same time, demons were also judged, **Num 33:4.** Without the judgment of demons in Egypt, Israel would not have become a nation. Conversely, demons are powerless to change the course of history, **Isa 19:3.**

The nations of Canaan were destroyed because of their demon activity, **Deut 18:9-12.** The same is true of Athens, Persia, Assyria, and the Mycenaeans. Military disaster can occur because of demon influenced leadership.

The practice of necromancy was the cause of personal judgment to Saul and Manasseh, **1 Chron 10:13-14; 2 Kings 21:2-9.** The Jews reached the lowest form of apostasy because of demon activity.

Demonism brings the fifth cycle of discipline to a nation, **Isa 47; Jer 27:6-10.**

Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem on the basis of divination, **Ezek 21:21 ff.**

Demon Possession is a Source of the Present Tongues Movement:

- Tongues was a sign to warn the Jews of the coming of the fifth cycle of discipline. They were warned by being evangelized in foreign languages for forty years. **Isa 28:9-13** is said to be fulfilled in **1 Cor 14:21-22.**

1 Corinthians 1:22-24, "For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles

foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

- The first historical reference in **Acts 2:1-11** states that the purpose is to turn cursing into blessing.
- Tongues was given to the Gentiles in the early church at or just after salvation as part of the sign to Israel. To show that the Gentiles were also partakers of the gifts of the Holy Spirit entering them into the Royal Family of God for the Church Age, **Acts 10:27-48**. It also demonstrated the beginning of the changeover of client nation status from Jews to Gentiles, **Rom 12:11-25, 30**.
- After the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and the completion of the Canon of Scriptures, the gift was removed, **1 Cor 13:8-10**.
- Tongues continues to be perpetuated by Satan for his use in the Tribulation, **2 Thess 2:7-12**.
- The mechanics of tongues is related to the Engastramuthos (ventriloquist) demons, **Isa 8:19; 29:4; Rev 16:13-14**.
- Tongues is a satanic cheap substitute for doctrine, **2 Cor 6:11-16; Rom 16:17-20**.
- Tongues becomes an authorized spiritual function again only in the Millennium, **Joel 2:28-29**.

Should We be Afraid of Demon Possession or the Demon Possessed? 1 John 4:4; 2 Tim 1:7

*"At times, I hear people talking about demons, and I am amazed at the great power they ascribe to the devil and his cohorts. While I certainly believe in demonic power, I don't quake at the thought of it. I am in union with One who is so far greater than all the demons of hell put together that there truly is no comparison. The devil is a creature, made by God and always under God's dominion. He exists only because God allows him to exist. He has no authority over God, no ability to win a victory over God, and no power equal to that of God. As believers, we should give very little credit to the devil and demons. They exist, they exert influence, but they are totally within the confines of God's authority. The Bible states very clearly that the Holy Spirit resident in us is far superior to any power manifested by evil. John wrote, **"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them (the false teachers, antichrists that reject the Person of Christ), because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."** (1 John 4:4)". (Charles Stanley on Satan, Our Unmet Needs, page 33)*

Summary:

- Demon possession can only occur to an unbeliever.
- Demon possession never occurs apart from human consent, either consciously or unwittingly.
- Some bad decision is made which results in demon invasion of the body of the unbeliever.
- These decisions are related to cosmic involvement, idolatry, the occult, drugs, etc.

- The phallic cult uses human sacrifice, idolatry, and unrestrained sexual lust.
- Idolatry is a basic system for demon possession.
- Passive submission to demons is accomplished through drug addiction, idolatry, the phallic cult, the deliberate development of emotional revolt of the soul, the satanic mass, and any prolonged involvement in the cosmic system.
- Active submission to demon possession can be both violent and painful, **Luke 13:11-17**. This woman was positive, trying to get to Jesus and apparently couldn't speak because of the demon.
- Whenever Jesus cast out a demon, there was always some arrogant, self-righteous, person standing around to challenge exorcism by Jesus, **Mat 12:22-28; Luke 13:11-15**.
- In **Mark 3:15**, Jesus delegated the authority of exorcism to his disciples. In **Acts 5:16; 8:7; 19:12**, He delegated that authority to the apostles of the church.

Because demon possession involves human sacrifice, it was the basis for capital punishment under the laws of divine establishment, **Lev 20:27**.

- In the control of historical trends, our Lord often judges demon activity, **Exo 12:12**.
- Demons are powerless to control history, **Isa 19:3**.
- Demon activity results in the administration of the fifth cycle of discipline, **Deut 18:9-12**.
- Demons are often used by God for the administration of the sin unto death, **1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tim 1:19-20**.
- Demonization of a nation results in the destruction of that nation, **Isa 47; Jer 27:6-10**.
- Satan uses certain demons to produce disease. Some diseases are demon induced. Healing is often Satan removing one of his demons to produce a cure.
- Demon possession is a source of the current tongues movement.
- The believer should not fear demon possession or the demon possessed.
- Demon influence, like the activity of Satan, is prompted by two motives: both to hinder the purpose of God for humanity, and to extend the authority of Satan. Those demonically influenced, therefore, at the command of their king, willingly cooperate in all his God-dishonoring undertakings. Their influence is exercised both to mislead the unsaved and to wage an unceasing warfare against the believers, **Eph 6:12**.

John 13:2, 27, "During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him; (v.27) After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly.""

Divining, Witchcraft, Spiritism

Num 23:3 – Balaam [apparently] expected to mark some phenomenon in the sky or in nature, which he would be able, according to the rules of his former art, to interpret as an omen/sign, **Num 23:23 w/ 24:1.**

We know Balaam was a diviner based on **Josh 13:22** and other verses.

Josh 13:22, “The sons of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among the rest of their slain.”

He went off by himself; where he might practice rites and ceremonies, with a view to obtain a response of the oracle, message from God. Heathen soothsayers were accustomed to select the lonely and barren summits of mountains for their auspices. I guess they would get in touch with nature.

The first principle is: When in the presence of unbelievers, do not isolate yourself in the worship of God. Be a visible witness. Otherwise, how will they know about the Word of God. Unfortunately, in Balaam’s case, his sneaking off was to perform demonic ceremonies.

Acts 22:15, “For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.”

Ezk 21:21, “For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shakes the arrows, he consults the household idols, he looks at the liver (hepatoscopy).”

Saul, the first Hebrew king, is said to have **“removed from the land those who were mediums and spiritists.” 1 Sam 28:3**, but even he, later sought out a necromancer, **1 Sam 28:7.**

The prophet speaks under a strong impulse and from a sense of duty. The heathen diviner used his calling for money.

The true prophet believed God directly guided him.

The Greek **μαντις – mantis** – “The Seer / Diviner worked himself into a state of frenzy and thought to imply inspiration by music and certain drugs.”

Divining or fortune telling was forbidden for God’s people, **Lev 19:26.**

Lev 19:26, “You shall not practice divination or soothsaying.”

In this verse, the word "**Divination**" – נַחֲשׁ – **nachash**; (Enchantments). Which means to practice divination, observe signs, practice fortune telling, take as an omen. This word is also used in other scriptures to mean, "**serpent.**" **Gen 3:1**

The superstition here that is prohibited by God may be what the Greeks called **Ophiomanteia** or divination by serpents.

We also have the word "**Soothsaying,**" which is **anan** (aw-nan') – אָנָן. Anan means, "to bring (clouds), practice soothsaying, conjure, to observe times, or spiritism, magic, augury, witchcraft. An enchanter, sorceress, fortuneteller."

The Principal Signs a Diviner Deduced His Omens From Were:

- Celestial signs: lightning and thunder, the direction of lightning (right to left a good sign, and vice versa).
- Signs from the flight, cries and feeding of birds.
- Signs from the movements and audible sounds of animals, including serpents.
- Signs from the examination of the entrails, liver of animals, (hepatoscopy).
- By arrows; (belomancy).
- By lot, (sortilege).

Among the Romans as among other nations (Babylonians, etc.), a sacrifice was offered before omens were taken, so as to propitiate the gods. It's interesting that Balaam did the same thing.

God's word directs us to not get involved with this type of evil. **Deut 18:9-14.**

In Deut 18-9f, we have several words that shed more light on the "demonic practices." They are:

Pass through the fire; – Worship of Molech – Human Sacrifices

One who uses divination; (Diviner of divinations) – General term for the types in the list that follows, "**augury**" and "**soothsayer's token,**" or the omen that was superstitiously observed.

Terms for Diviners:

"Soothsayer" is the term applied to Balaam in **Josh 13:22.**

Divination is from the verb **qasam**, "to divide," which means, "to give false prophecy or seek to determine the will of the gods by examining and interpreting omens." **Qasam** is also used in **Josh 13:22; 1 Sam 6:2; 28:8; 2 Kings 17:17; Isa 3:2; 44:25; Jer 27:9; 29:8; Ezek 13:6, 9, 23; 21:21, 23, 29; 22:28; Micah 3:6-7, 11; Zech 10:2.**

One who practices witchcraft; (Soothsayer), – Practicing hidden arts.

Observer of times—מַעוֹנֵן **meonen**. One who pretends to foretell future events by present occurrences, and who predicts great political or physical changes from the aspects of the planets, eclipses, motion of the clouds, etc. The root word here is **anan**; to practice soothsaying: — diviners' to cloud over; figuratively to act covertly, that is, practice magic, enchanter.

Sorcery – מְעוֹנָן – **mə·ō·w·nên**, **Deut 18:10, 14**; cf. **Lev 19:26**; **2 Kings 21:6**; **Isa 2:6**; **Micah 5:12**, “**cast spells**”). This is the attempt to control people or circumstances through power given by evil spirits (demons).

One who interprets omens, (Warlock) – Looking at nature and the stars for signs. To interpret omens is to tell the future based on “signs” such as the movements of birds, fire, or rain.

Enchanter—אֲשַׁף **ashaph**, from **ashshaph**, and means, “to view attentively; one who inspected the entrails of beasts, observed the flight of birds, etc., and drew auguries thence.” Some think divination by serpents is meant, (**Nachash = serpent**) which was common among the heathen. **Lev 19:26**.

A Sorcerer – A practitioner of spells and occult magic.

A Witch – כַּשָּׁף **kashaph**. Probably those who by means of drugs, herbs, perfumes, etc., pretended to bring certain celestial influences to their aid. The root word means Witchcraft (**kashaph**). Involves practicing magic by incantations. **Ex 7:11**; **Dan 2:2**; **Mal 3:5**

One who casts a spell; (Charmer of charms); One who casts spells is literally, “one who ties knots” (**melachashîm**), thus one who binds other people by magical mutterings.

A Charmer – חוֹבֵר חוֹבֵר, **chober chaber**: One who uses spells; the term implies, of words or things, tying knots, etc., for the purposes of divination. **Psa 58:5**

A Medium; One who supposedly communicates with the dead, but who actually communicates with demons (Medium of dead spirits).

A consulter with familiar spirits – שׂוֹאֵל אוֹב – **shoel ob**, a **Pythoness**. One who inquires by the means of one spirit to get oracular answers from another of a superior order. **Lev. 19:31**

A Spiritist, (Channeler): One who pretends to know about the unseen world.

A Wizard – יַדְדֵּוֹנִי **yddeoni**, a wise one, a knowing one. Wizard was formerly considered as the masculine of witch, both practicing divination by similar means. **Lev 19:31**

One who calls up the dead, (Necromancer). One who consults the dead, may mean the spiritists' attempt to contact the dead to gain advice, information on the future, or help in manipulation.

Necromancer—**דרש אל המתים – doresh el hammethim**. One who seeks from or inquires of the dead. Such as the witch at Endor, who professed to evoke the dead, in order to get them to disclose the secrets of the spiritual world. **1 Sam 28**

All these practices are forbidden, because they divorce life from morality.

Several factors make this clear:

- The future is “determined” by one’s choice and decisions for or against God, not by magical manipulation.
- Using magic to manipulate your circumstances is a futile attempt to flee from the Lord’s ethical laws which promote life and blessing.
- The use of magic and divination is a refusal to acknowledge the sovereignty of the LORD.
- Reliance on these practices indicated a corresponding failure to trust the LORD with your life.

The true prophet is determined by the outcome of his word having 100% accuracy. **Deut 18:20-22**

Even though these things are mentioned in the Old Testament, if you just look at society today, you see these very same things in use. Between TV shows with individuals who supposedly talk to the dead. or have psychic powers to talk with animals, or those who are called “**Channelers**,” who represent past lives, or those that tell fortunes, or read Tarot cards.

**These practices from Satan are still in use today,
and they are here to deceive man away from God.**

Night/Darkness Related to Evil

Doctrine of Night

1) John 13:30, "it kept on being night," symbolically signifies the darkness of Judas' heart, his soul was black as night. This then was the hour for the power of darkness to perform, **Luke 22:53.**

Luke 22:53, "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

Eph 6:12, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Judas knew the significance of the morsel, yet he chose to continue in his rejection of the Messiah and instead desired 30 pieces of silver. Therefore, he rushed down the road of sin. He was drawn away by his lusts and ambition. Once his lust had conceived, it brought forth sin. When the sin was complete or full [**PLEROO – πληρόω** (play-ro'-o)], it brought forth his death, **James 1:14-15; cf. Mat 27:5; Acts 1:18.**

James 1:14-17, "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."

2) As Judas, the unbeliever became like the night in darkness in his betrayal, our Lord is the Light come into the world, Psa 104:20; cf. John 8:12; 9:5.

Psa 104:20, "You appoint darkness and it becomes night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about."

John 8:12, "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life'."

John 9:5, "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

3) The contrast between light and darkness is first noted in the restoration of planet earth, Gen 1:2-5.

Gen 1:2-5, "The earth was [TOHU WAW BOHU] formless and void (*waste and emptiness*), and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving (*hovering*) over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day."

The restoration of light to creation typifies the incarnation of the Son of God who is the Light of the world, **John 12:35-36, 46**.

John 12:35, "So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. ³⁶While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.""

John 12:46, "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness."

4) The believer in Christ is also the light of the world, **Mat 5:14-16**. The believer is reflecting the Light of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ when he is in fellowship with God, by obeying the Father's will as it is revealed by the Spirit through the communication of the Word of God, **Phil 2:15**.

Philippians 2:15, "So that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world."

5) Light and darkness are used as an analogy of separation, **Gen 1:14-19**, (There we also see the analogy of the believer as reflecting the light of Christ.).

Likewise, the believer is to be separated from evil, **Rom 13:12; 2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:8-17; Col 1:13; 1 Thess 5:4-10; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:5-6; 2:9-11**.

Rom 13:12, "The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts."

6) Evil loves the darkness and hates the light; **Job 24:13; John 1:5; 3:16-21; 8:12; 12:35, 46**.

Job 24:13, "Others have been with those who rebel against the light; they do not want to know its ways nor abide in its paths. ¹⁴The murderer arises at dawn; he kills the poor and the needy, and at night he is as a thief."

John 1:5, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

7) Darkness exists in the thought pattern of the soul. Evil and degeneracy start with a thought, **Mat 6:23; 15:18-19.**

Mat 6:23, "But if your eye is evil, the entire body is full of darkness (*cosmic involvement*)."

Mat 15:18-19 "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart (*right lobe of the soul*), and those defile the man. For out of the heart comes evil thoughts."

8) Fear is related to Darkness, **Gen 15:12; Exo 10:21-22; Job 15:22-24; John 3:19-20.**

Gen 15:12, "Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him."

This passage is a prophecy of the darkness that would befall Israel, "**sun going down,**" in her decline as a people, leading to the rejection of the Messiah. "**A deep sleep**" is analogous to death. "**Terror and great darkness**" speaks to the fear of death, especially a death that results in eternity in Sheol. In comparison with **Hebrews 2:15**, we see that this is the mental attitude of the legalist who through fear maintain their false religious systems. Christ came to free man of that fear by bringing light to the darkness.

9) John presents the conflict between light and darkness. Light symbolizes salvation, holiness, and life; while darkness stands for condemnation, sin, and death. John speaks of four different kinds of darkness:

Mental darkness: **John 1:5-8, 26**, the minds of sinners are blinded by Satan, **2 Cor 4:3-6**, and they cannot see spiritual truths.

Moral darkness: **John 3:18-21**, the unsaved love sin and hate the light.

Judicial darkness: **John 12:35-36**, if men don't obey the light, God sends the darkness and Christ is hidden from them.

Eternal darkness: **John 12:46**, to "remain" in darkness means to live in hell forever.

In **John 12:42-50**, he quotes Christ and shows why many people reject the light. Some reject Christ because of the fear of man, **verses 42-43**. **Rev 21:8** lists the kind of people who will go to hell, and at the head of the list are the fearful.

10) Judgment is related to darkness, **Deut 28:29; 1 Sam 2:9; Prov 20:20; Isa 5:20; Mat 8:12; 22:13; 25:30**, (the outer darkness); **2 Peter 2:4, 17; Jude 1:6, 13**.

Isa 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

11) Light is given to overcome evil (darkness) and protect the believer, **Prov 2:10-15; Acts 26:18; John 11:9; Col 1:12**.

Rom 12:9, "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good."

Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

John 11:9-10, "Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.""

Prov 2:10-15, "For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; ¹¹discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you, ¹²to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things; ¹³from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴Who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil; ¹⁵whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways."

Eccl 2:13-14, "And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. ¹⁴The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness."

12) Bible Doctrine resident in the Soul protects the believer from the evils of darkness. **2 Sam 22:29; Psa 18:28; Prov 2:10-15; 2 Cor 4:6**

2 Sam 22:29 & Psa 18:28, "For You are my lamp, O LORD; and the LORD illumines my darkness."

- The Balance of Residency of the soul [Maximum Bible doctrine in the soul ready for application plus the filling of God the Holy Spirit; i.e., residence, function, momentum inside God's Power System (GPS)] avoids thinking evil. It takes lots of Bible doctrine to reject evil, **Prov 23:7-9**.

2 Cor 4:6, "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

13) There will be no night or darkness in the eternal kingdom

Doctrine of Darkness

Believers, as all believers, used to walk outside of God's Plan, when they were unbelievers inside of Satan's cosmic kingdom, termed here as "**darkness**," SKOTOS, σκότος meaning, "dark, darkness, or gloom."

SKOTOS is used here and in **vs. 11**, as well as elsewhere in Scripture. Here it is in the Predicate Nominative, Neuter, Singular. It addresses evil and death by a lesser term, "darkness." In classical Greek writings, darkness typically implied the inability to see and thus the inability to know how to walk, **John 12:35**. From this, "darkness" implied a sense of anxiety or apprehension of what lay ahead. Therefore, darkness and its ominous character became linked to the ultimate anxiety; death. Therefore, we see the unbeliever who walks in their spiritually dead state, living in sin.

In addition, metaphorically "darkness" denotes "ignorance or obscurity," and it has come to describe the human condition or behavior that is absent of God and His Word. Therefore, we see darkness representing being ignorant of God's Word, and light meaning having the awareness of God's Word, (i.e., being "awake," **vs. 14**).

SKOTOS, "darkness," is used over 30 times in the NT to figuratively depict:

- Evil as a reality that has power, **Luke 22:53**.
- All men are being influenced by the principalities, authorities, and rulers of "darkness," (Satan's demonic forces that rule his cosmic system), **Eph 6:12**.
- The world and its ways are darkness, but Jesus is the light, **John 1:5; 8:12; 12:35**.

John 8:12, "Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life"."

- The effects of darkness on men take different forms.
- In **Rom 2:19** it is used of intellectual "darkness," that refers to moral or spiritual "darkness," as a result of not knowing God's Word, **Luke 1:79; 11:35; John 3:19; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor 6:14; Col 1:13; 1 Thes 5:4-5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:6**.

- In **Mat 6:22ff**. Jesus taught that the “sound eye” permits light’s entrance, but the “evil eye” makes the whole body “darkness.” Here darkness is evil and “sound” is light and good.
- In our passage it depicts those who were previously spiritually dead and devoid of God’s Word, “in darkness,” but now they “are light,” i.e., spiritually alive, born again, and have Bible doctrine in their souls.
- Other passages referring to the unbeliever in a state of darkness include, **1 Sam 2:9; Isa 42:7; 49:9; John 8:12; 13:30; Rom 1:21; Col 1:13.**

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- Evil loves the darkness and hates the light; Job **24:13; John 1:5; 3:16-21; 8:12:12:35, 46.**
- Going from darkness to light begins by faith in Jesus Christ, and is the work of God, **Isa 9:2; Mat 4:16; Acts 26:18; Col 1:13.**

Mat 4:16, that quotes Isa 9:2 says, “THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING (*living*) IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

Acts 26:18, “To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

Col 1:13, “For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

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2 Sam 22:29 and Psa 18:28, “For You are my lamp, O LORD; and the LORD illumines my darkness.”

2 Cor 4:6, “For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

- Having been removed from the domain of darkness, we are to be heralds of God and our Lord, **1 Peter 2:9**.

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

- Those in the light have nothing in common with those living in darkness, **2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:11; 1 Thes 5:4**.
- Judgement is related to darkness, **Deut 28:29; 1 Sam 2:9; Prov 20:20; Isa 5:20; Mat 8:12; 22:13; 25:30, (the outer darkness); 2 Peter 2:4, 17; Jude 1:6, 13**.

Isa 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

- Ultimately, darkness will be the punishment of the wicked, that is, separation from God, **2 Peter 2:17; Jude 13**, and in that place of punishment there will be **"weeping and gnashing of teeth," Mat 8:12**.
- Those whose names are written in the Book of Life will live where there is no darkness, i.e., "night," **Rev 21:25; 22:5**.
- There the influences and effects of "darkness" are forever conquered by the Lamb who is the "light" of the city, **Rev 21:23**, and His glory will shine over His redeemed, **Rev 22:5**.

Now that the soul is saved, the condition of the unbeliever's soul should no longer exist. As unbelievers we were in darkness, yet now our soul is saved as of the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, therefore light ought to characterize the soul. As we will see, light refers to Bible doctrine in the soul. If the believer lives a normal Christian life and functions in a normal, progressive, growing way, then he will have light in the soul.

Satan and His Strategies

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John 2:13, "During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son of Simon*, to betray Him."

Greek: τοῦ διαβόλου ἤδη, βεβληκότος εἰς τὴν καρδίαν ἵνα παραδοῖ αὐτὸν Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτου*,

Greek Transliteration: **TOU DIABOLOUD EDE, BEBLEKOTOS EIS TEN KARDIAN HINA PARADOI AUTON IOUDAS EIMONOS ISKARIOTOU***,

The | devil | having already | put | into | the | heart | in order to | betray | Him | Judas | *the son of Simon*, | Iscariot*,

The first Greek word we come to is **DIABOLOS** which we translate as, "**devil.**" Here devil is a pronominal adjective, which resembles a pronoun by specifying a person, place, or thing.

"**Devil**" = **DIABOLOS** – **διαβόλου** (dee-ab'-ol-os); comes from [**diaballó** – **διαβάλλω** (dee-ab-al'-lo) ô; which is from **DIA** – **διά** (dee-ah') = (through, on account of, because of) and **BALLO** – **βάλλω** (bal'-lo) = (to throw or let go of a thing without caring where it falls, to scatter or cast into.)].

DIABOLOS comes to mean, "to bring charges (usually with hostile intent): slanderous, accusing falsely, or malicious gossips," and it stands for the devil.

This word is not a name but more of a description of the one we call the Devil or Satan. This will lead us into the subtopic of Satan and his strategies followed by the topic of Demonic Influence.

1.) The Designations of Satan / the Devil:

In twenty-five of the twenty-nine passages in the Gospels which speak of Satan, our Lord is speaking. In some of those passages, there can be no question of Christ's accommodating His teaching to the crowd's supposed ignorances or faulty concepts of Satan, due to Persian dualism. Notice especially passages like Matt 13:39; Luke 10:18; and 11:18. (Charles C. Ryrie, Basic Theology, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1987, p. 137.)

Persian Dualism:

A doctrine that the universe is under the dominion of two opposing principles; one of which is good and the other evil which is called ZOROASTRIANISM. This is a religion founded in ancient Persia by the prophet Zoroaster. The doctrines preached by Zoroaster are preserved in his metrical Gathas (psalms), which form part of the sacred scripture known as the Avesta (q.v.). Tenets: The basic tenets of the Gathas consist of a monotheistic worship of Ahura Mazda (the "Lord Wisdom") and an ethical dualism opposing Truth (Asha) and Lie, which permeate the entire universe. All that is good derives from, and is supported by, Ahura

Mazda's emanations: Spenta Mainyu (the "Holy Spirit" or "Incremental Spirit," a creative force) and his six assisting entities, Good Mind, Truth, Power, Devotion, Health, and Life. All evil is caused by the "twin" of Spenta Mainyu, who is Angra Mainyu (the "Fiendish Spirit;" Pers. Ahriman), and by his assistants. Angra Mainyu is evil by choice, having allied himself with Lie; whereas, Spenta Mainyu has chosen Truth. So too, human beings must choose. Upon death, each person's soul will be judged at the Bridge of Discrimination; the follower of Truth will cross and be led to paradise, and the adherents of Lie will fall into hell. All evil will eventually be eliminated on earth in an ordeal of fire and molten metal. Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia.

I share these things with you so that you can understand that false doctrines have permeated human society since Satan first instructed Adam and the woman to cover their nakedness (sin) with fig leaves after their willful act of rejecting God's plan. This "Persian Dualism," though not practiced openly today, has its roots in many false religions today, where human goodness is elevated over the grace of God.

Now, interestingly enough, Satan has two main designations since his fall. Originally, he was called Lucifer, the Son of Light or Lucifer, Son of the Morning, **Isa 14:12**. This name means, "morning star or shining one" and is added to the phrase "son of the dawn."

The Hebrew word for Lucifer (KJV translation) is **HELEL** – הֵילֵל (hay-lale') literally, "the shining one." It comes from a Hebrew form, **HALAL** – הָלַל (haw-lal'). This word has two meanings: It means, "to shine," or it can mean, depending on the context, "to boast or praise." This name draws our attention to his pre-fall condition and to the nature of the cause of his fall—pride. He was the bright and shining angel in the throne room of God, the highest-ranking creature of all time, the most beautiful and attractive in appearance and personality.

Also note that Satan often appears as an angel of light promising what is supposed to be good, (**Gen 3:1f; 2 Cor 11:14**). But it is only a sham to further aid him in his work as the arch enemy and adversary in opposition to God and what is truly good.

Once his fall occurred in prehistoric times, he was called **SATAN** – שָׂטָן (saw-tawn') in the Hebrew, which means, "enemy and adversary," (**Job 1:6-9; Matt 4:10**). The title "Satan" occurs 53 times in 47 verses in the Bible.

The Greek word is **SATANAS** – Σατανᾶς (sat-an-as') and the Hebrew is **SATAN**. The primary idea is "adversary, one who withstands." It points to Satan as the opponent of God, of believers, and all that is right and good.

The New Testament title is Devil, as we have in our passage and **Matt 4:1, 5, 11; Eph 4:27; 1 Peter 5:8; Rev 12:9; 20:2**.

As we have seen, Devil means, "slanderer, false accuser, malicious gossip," etc.

In **1 Peter 5:8**, this title is emphasized with the adjective “**adversary**,” which is the Greek word **ANTIDIKOS** – ἀντιδικός (an-tid’-ee-kos), which is made up of two words **ANTI** – ἀντί (an-tee’) = “against,” and **DIKE** – δίκη (dee’-kay) = “right or justices.” **ANTIDIKOS** refers to ‘an opponent in a lawsuit’ often used of a courtroom scene where accusations are made.

God indicted Satan, found him guilty, and sentenced him to the Lake of Fire. It appears Satan appealed the sentence by calling God unfair, unjust, and unloving. So, as God’s opponent and ours, he is the slanderer, the devil.

He is also called: The Serpent (**Gen 3:1; 2 Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9,15**); The Evil One (**John 17:15; 1 John 5:9**); The Dragon (**Rev 12:7, 17**); The Prince or Ruler of this world (**John 12:31**); The God of this World or Age (**2 Cor 4:4**); The Prince of the Power of the Air (**Eph 2:2a**) as the head of the demonic hosts; The Spirit who works in the Sons of Disobedience (**Eph. 2:2b**); The Accuser of the Brethren (**Rev 12:10**); The Tempter (**Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5**); Belial or Beliar “lord of the forest” (**2 Cor 6:15**), “worthless” or “hopeless ruin,” the source of all idolatry and religion; Beelzebul (**Matt 12:24; Mark 3:22**); and Abaddon, Apollyon (**Rev 9:11**).

Beelzebul has three possible spellings and each has a different meaning:

(1) *Beezebul* means: “lord of the dung”

(2) *Beelzebub* means: “lord of the flies”

Either one of these are names of reproach and are names of uncleanness applied to Satan, the prince of the demons and uncleanness.

(3) *Beelzeboul* means: “the lord of the dwelling.” This would identify Satan as the god of unclean spirits of demon possession.

This name epitomizes Satan as the leader of the demon hosts and the cause of the demon possession.

Abaddon is the Hebrew form, and *Apollyon* is the Greek equivalent. These words mean, ‘destruction’ and ‘destroyer,’ respectfully. The name connects Satan as the head over the demons of the abyss and their work of destruction that will occur when he is given the key to the abyss in the Tribulation and releases these demon hordes on the people of the earth, **Rev 9 & 12**. Primarily, however, this title stresses his work of destruction; he works to destroy the glory of God and God’s purpose with man. He further works to destroy societies and mankind.

2.) The Person of Satan:

He was the highest ranking of all angels, and ruler of all fallen angels **Mat 8:28; 9:34; 12:26; Luke 11:18–19**.

He is called the Anointed Cherub, **Ezek 28:14**. As such, he held the highest position of all angelic creatures.

He is now lower than the Seraphim, which are in command of the elect angels.

He is the most perfect and beautiful creature to come from the hand of God.

He has a voice like a pipe organ.

He is superior in genius, beauty, personality, persuasiveness, and is invisible.

As a creature Satan had a throne, **Isa 14:13**, **"I will raise my throne above the stars [angels] of God."**

He is a prehistoric super-creature, **Isa 14:12-17; Ezek 28:11-19**.

He was so brilliant in his defense during God's trial that God created man to resolve the conflict.

He has three falls – two are in the future:

- His angelic sin of arrogance in which he said, **"I will be like the Most High God."** He revolted against God, taking one-third of all angels with him, **Isa 14:13-14; Ezek 28:12-19; Rev 12:4**.
- He is cast out of heaven in the middle of the Tribulation, **Rev 12:7 & 9**.
- He is cast into the lake of fire, **Isa 14; Ezek 28; Rev 20:10**.

He has two advents:

- His first advent was in the Garden of Eden, **Gen 3**.
- His second advent is when he returns at the end of the Millennium to start a revolt against perfect environment, **Rev 20:8**.
- His advents are always related to perfect environment.

He is the central antagonist of the angelic conflict, **Heb 1-2; Gen 6; 1 Pet 3:18-22**.

He is an organizational genius with a great organization of demons, **Eph 6:10-12**. There are four major demon attacks on the human race.

- The genetic attack on the antediluvian civilization in **Gen 6:1-**
- The attack of demon possession.
- The attack of demon influence.
- The attack of demon armies in the Tribulation, **Rev 9**.

He is the origin of murder and violence in the human race, **Gen 6:4-11; John 8:44**.

He doesn't play by any rules. **1 John 3:15** tells us that hating your brother is being a murderer.

John 8:44, **"You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, ..."**

This is typified in Cain murdering Abel in **Gen 4**, because Cain desired creature approbation from God. Just as Satan does.

He is the enemy of Bible doctrine, **Mat 13:1-9, 39; Rev 12:13, 15**, and as such attacks your capacity for life.

Rev 12:15, "And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood."

Water here (as opposed to the living waters of Jesus Christ) represents false doctrines that lead people away from the Plan and Will of God for their lives.

He is the enemy of the Church (The Royal Family), **Rev 2:9-13, 24**.

He is the enemy of Christ, **Rev 12:4**.

He is the greatest deceiver of history. To be such a deceiver the devil must be the greatest and most effective liar in history, **John 8:44**.

John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, ... he does not stand for the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, from his own nature he speaks; because he is a liar, and the father of lies."

When there is no doctrine or Divine establishment truth circulating in the stream of consciousness of either believers or unbelievers, they will automatically lie.

When Satan is the mentor of anyone, they have no truth and follow in the function of the mentor. Satan never tells the truth.

The power of the truth in your soul as a believer is one of the greatest factors in insulating you against the power of Satan.

Satan works through human beings who are liars, **2 Thes 2:9-10**.

2 Thes 2:9-10, "That is, the one (*Antichrist*) whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with every deception of unrighteousness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love for the truth with the result that they might be delivered."

Believers are deceived as easily as unbelievers are by Satan's strategies.

3.) All World Systems Apart from the Laws of Divine Establishment are a Part of Satanic Policy and Administration:

All environmental programs, socialism, and welfare programs are of Satanic origin.

4.) Satan and His Seven Strategies:

By way of reminder, Satan / the devil is an angelic creature. He is a genius, smarter than any human being or creature who ever lived. He is also very attractive and has a beautiful voice. **Isa 14:12-17; Ezek 28:11-19** gives us a total picture of Satan as a personality, a person of the highest possible mentality. Other passages through the Bible tell us other things about Satan; he is the biggest liar; he is the father of lies, **John 8:44**. He is a murderer, **1 John 3:8**. And he is the highest ruler of the authority of the atmosphere as he is the ruler of this world, **Luke 4:5-7; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2**.

As the ruler of this world Satan has strategy regarding the nations. Satan is anti-nationalism; he despises nationalism. Nationalism frustrates the function of his rulership. Nationalism is a part of the Laws of Divine Establishment to preserve human freedom in the devil's kingdom, **Rev 12:9; 20:3, 8**. In order to rule the world, Satan has to have strategy, he has to function on principles. For example, the two greatest enemies of Satan in ruling the world are Bible doctrine and the Laws of Divine Establishment. So, Satan counterattacks with religion. Religion is designed to neutralize doctrine. He counterattacks with revolution. Revolution is a Satanic device to neutralize the Laws of Divine Establishment. That is why all revolutionists in their doctrine are internationalists and anti-nationalism. Nationalism frustrates Satan's function on the earth. Nationalism is a part of the Laws of Divine Establishment and basically it includes:

- The military establishment to protect the freedom of the nation involved. This immediately knocks out the possibility of any Christian being a conscientious objector;
- Law plus a police system. This is one of the most important foundations for the preservation of privacy, rights, and freedoms;
- Free enterprise, with no government interference.

Religion is man by man's efforts seeking to gain the approbation of God. It is working, man's plans and man's devices, superimposed upon God. The devil is the author of religion, the author of revolution, the author of internationalism; it is all a part of his strategy as the ruler of the world.

Since everyone is born into the world as an unbeliever and spiritually dead, we are born citizens of Satan's kingdom. Spiritual death is the citizenship papers in Satan's strategic plan. Therefore, the devil has to have strategy with regard to people. He has to do everything possible to keep people as unbelievers. It is the devil's objective that no one believes in Jesus Christ, **Luke 8:12; 2 Cor 4:3-4; 2 Thess 2:9, 10; Col 2:8**.

Therefore, when a person believes in Christ, the devil does not give up on them. They are members of the family of God and in God's plan, and totally separated from Satan's plan. So, the devil has to have strategy regarding believers, **2 Cor 2:1**.

There are Seven Strategies:

1.) The devil's strategy is to accuse believers. The devil is always embarrassed about sin. What he tries to do in his kingdom is what God produced in innocence. So, one of his objectives is to ignore sin with all unbelievers and to make a great stir about the sins of

believers. Satan makes an accusation about the sins of believers to God the Father. God the Son is seated at the right hand of the Father, and at that point, Jesus Christ takes on a new role, which is very closely related to His celebrityship. He acts as the believer's defense attorney immediately and presents the case that every sin that the devil mentions has already been judged. Law of double jeopardy applies: You cannot be judged twice for the same offense. So, Jesus Christ mentions that and God the Father as the Judge throws the case out of court, **Rev 12:9, 10; Job 1:6-11; Zech 3:1, 2; 1 John 2:1-2.**

2.) It is Satan's objective to sponsor reversionism. The devil has been working for a long time to get one whole generation of believers in reversionism, **1 Cor 10:19-21.** The devil has a communion table and it is designed to sponsor reversionism. This communion table is for reversionists. **2 Cor 11:3, 13-15.** Illustration: **1 Chron 21.**

3.) It is the strategy of the devil with regard to believers to frustrate the will of God in the believer's life. The will of God is categorized and classified in three ways; mental, operational, and geographical.

Mental will of God: What does He want me to think?

Operational will of God: What does he want me to do?

Geographical will of God: Where does He want me to be?

It is the Satanic objective to frustrate all three categories:

The mental: **Eph 4:14;** he tries to frustrate Divine viewpoint.

Operational: **James 4:7-8.**

Geographical: **1 Thes 2:18.**

4.) It is the strategy of the devil to neutralize the believer's soul through worry and anxiety, **1 Peter 5:7-9.**

5.) It is Satan's objective to obscure the focus of the believer, Occupation with Christ or the super-grace life. He does this in three ways:

- Getting eyes on self, **1 Kings 19:10.**
- Getting eyes on people, **Jer 17:5.**
- Getting eyes on things, **Heb 13:5-6.**

6.) It is the Satanic objective to involve the believer in humanistic, temporal solutions to man's problems so that Divine solutions are obscured and excluded, e.g. the so-called social gospel, (social action).

7.) It is the strategy of the devil to instill in believers a fear of death, **Heb 2:14-15.**

Religion as a satanic system. The basic principle of religion is to counterfeit what God has done. There are nine different counterfeits in religion:

- Counterfeit gospel, **2 Cor 11:3-4.**
- Counterfeit ministers, **2 Cor 11:13-15.**
- Counterfeit doctrine, **2 Tim 4:1.**
- Counterfeit communion table, **1 Cor 10:19-21.**
- Counterfeit righteousness, **Matt 19:16-28.**
- Counterfeit way of life, **Matt 23.** (Whitewashed tombstones)
- Counterfeit power, **2 Thess 2:8-10.**
- Counterfeit gods, **2 Thess 2:3-4.**

False teachers and false teaching is a part of the devil's strategy.

- False teachers always have a phony façade, **Matt 7:15; Rom 16:18.** This facade is a kind of Madison Avenue presentation to impress people.
- False teachers court believers, **Gal 4:17-18; 2 Tim 3:5-7.**
- False teachers always appeal to human pride, **2 Cor 10:12.**
- False teachers like to promote idolatry, because it is a quick way to demon possession, **Hab 2:18-19.**
- False teachers often promote legalism, **1 Tim 1:7-8.**
- False teachers will continue throughout the cosmic era of Satan's rulership, **1 John 4:1.**

Chafer notes: "**Next to the lie itself, the greatest delusion Satan imposes — reaching to all unsaved and to a large proportion of Christians — is the supposition that only such things as society considers evil could originate with the devil — if, indeed, there be any devil to originate anything. It is not the reason of man, but the revelation of God, which points out that governments, morals, education, art, commercialism, vast enterprises and organizations, and much of religious activity are included in the cosmos diabolicus. That is, the system which Satan has constructed includes all the good which he can incorporate into it and be consistent in the thing he aims to accomplish. A serious question arises whether the presence of gross evil in the world is due to Satan's intention to have it so, or whether it indicates Satan's inability to execute all he has designed. The probability is great that Satan's ambition has led him to undertake more than any creature could ever administer. Revelation declares that the whole cosmos-system must be annihilated — not its evil alone, but all that is in it, both good and bad. God will incorporate nothing of Satan's failure into that kingdom which He will set up in the earth.**" (Lewis Sperry Chafer, "Systematic Theology," Vol. 2, PP 100-101)

Religion is a Part of Satan's Strategy: Religion is the creation of Satan's genius to counterfeit the plan of God. Religion is man seeking to use his own merits, his own works to gain the approbation of God. Satan's counterfeits of the plan of God in religion include a counterfeit:

- Gospel, **2 Cor 4:3-4.**
- Ministers, **2 Cor 11:13-15; 2 Peter 2:1-3**
- Doctrine, **1 Tim 4:1-7; 2 Tim 4:1-4.**
- Communion table, **1 Cor 10:19-21.**

- Spirituality, **Gal 3:2-3.**
- Righteousness, **Mat 19:16-28.**
- Self-righteousness, **Mat 23:13-36.** The Mosaic Law is distorted into self-righteousness, which rejects faith in Christ for relationship with God. This self-righteousness is based on morality in the Cosmic System.
- Power and dynamics (miracles, healing, tongues), **2 Thes 2:8-10.**
- System of gods, **Rom 1:21-23; 2 Thes 2:3-4.**

5.) **Satan's Origins:**

Satan is a created being. His creation occurred in eternity past in the dateless period between the creation of the heavens and the earth in that perfect form in which they first appeared (**Gen 1:1**), and the desolating judgments which ended that period (**Gen 1:2; Isa 24:1; Jer 4:23-26**).

Ezek 28:11-19 tells us of his creation.

Although these passages are addressed to the king of Tyre, it is also telling us about Satan himself.

This is similar in that the Psalms speak of David's greater son in supernatural terms that distinguish our Lord Jesus Christ, so too do these verses identify the highest of the angels.

Other evidence includes the terminology expressed for his creation, "**seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**"

These terms would not be used for unregenerated man.

"In Eden the garden of God." The only members of the human race in the garden were Adam and the women.

"Cherubim" – This group of angels is related to the throne of God as protectors and defenders of His holiness. No man was given this role.

In reference to **"walking in the midst of the stones of fire,"** this may represent Jesus Christ Himself in reference to His authority to judge. In that case, this would allude to Satan's walk with the Lord in unbroken relation to Christ's Divine holiness (righteousness and justice combined).

Finally, **verse 15** states that he was created and created in perfection. Again, only Adam and the woman and Jesus Christ were created perfect as members of the human race.

Like Adam, all angels were created in perfection. In this passage, God recorded the origin, estate, character, and sin of the greatest of angels.

God created a holy angel possessing the power of choice between good and evil and he chose evil.

As a result of the degenerating power of sin, Satan became a completely different being than what God had originally created.

6.) Satan's Sin: Isa 14:12-17

Ezekiel's prophetic vision looks from the viewpoint of angelic creation prospectively to the end of Satan's career, while Isaiah's prophetic vision stands at the end of this history and looks retrospectively at what occurred.

In speaking about Satan's sin, we note that it was intended to be done in secret because of the phrase **"you said in your heart."**

This also indicates the primary sin of arrogance in his heart which brought forth evil intentions.

The Five "I wills" are really one sin of arrogance with five outgrowths of evil intention.

This is noted in Paul's writing to Timothy with instructions on choosing Deacons for the church. **1 Tim 3:6, "and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil."**

So, Satan's sin is categorized as, *"seeking to rise above the sphere in which he was created, and above the purpose and service assigned to him."* (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vol. 2, pg. 47).

That is the definition of arrogance. Chafer also states, *"The essential evil character of sin...is an unwillingness on the part of the creature to abide in the precise position in which he has been placed by the Creator."*

As Satan wanted to be like God, he also used that same ambition in tempting Adam and the women in **Gen 3:5, "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

7.) Satan's Activities Judged at the Cross:

Satan's activities are recorded in the New Testament starting with the gospels that show heightened activity during the incarnation and First Advent of Christ. **Matt 8:28-34**

The last book of the Bible then shows extreme activity prior to His Second Advent. **Rev 9:1-5; 12:7-17**

From these revelations, we understand that Satan has a kingdom of evil spirits and that he has a kingdom here on earth as the **"god of this world," 2 Cor 4:4.**

2 Cor 4:4, "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Every activity of Satan will be related to one or the other of these spheres of authority.

For all of Satan's sin and evil activity, He too was judged at the cross of Jesus Christ. **Col 1:15-22.**

The word for "reconcile" here is **ἀποκαταλλάσσω – APOKATALLASSO** – [ap-ok-at-al-las'-so] (ap-ok-at-al-las'-so)

This is an Infinitive verb in the Aorist Tense and Active Voice.

The Constative Aorist Tense is used here for simple action and looks at the action as a whole, in summary fashion, without focusing on the beginning or end of the action specifically. This could also be a Futuristic (Proleptic) Aorist, which stresses a future event as though it were past because the Reconciliation of all things is culminated at the Second Coming of our Lord. But the Constative is viewing the action as a whole which is centered on the Cross of Jesus Christ.

This is also an Infinitive of Purpose. An Infinitive causes the verb to take on noun aspects, in this case reconciliation being a "thing" that we receive. The Infinitive of Purpose indicates the purpose or goal of the action. It means, in order to do something or for the purpose of something, in this case, in order to reconcile all things to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now **APOKATALLASSO** is a compound word from three Greek words. **APO** – **ἀπό** (apo') which means, "from or away from," plus **KATA** – **κατά** (kat-ah'), which means, "down, against, according to," and **ALLASSO** – **ἀλλάσσω** (al-las'-so), which means, "to change or alter," where its root **ALLOS** – **ἄλλος** (al'-los) means, "another, other, else, or different."

Now the typical Greek word for reconcile is **KATALLASSO** – **καταλλάσσω** (kat-al-las'-so), which means, "to change, exchange, as coins for others of equivalent value, or to reconcile (those who are at variance)." It also can mean, "return to favor with or be reconciled to one, and to receive one into favor."

But in **Col 1:20** as in **Eph 2:16** the prefix **APO** is added for emphasis, to carry the understanding of something that was away from the sphere of judgment of God that is now brought near to God for judgment.

With **ALLASSO** as the root word, in this passage "reconciled" means, "to change thoroughly," and therefore in relation to God, all things have been completely changed by the cross of Jesus Christ.

"This change or reconciliation means that the cross has provided the grounds for judgment of those who have rejected God's provision for salvation and redemption for those whom God has chosen based on their acceptance of His provisions for salvation." (L.S. Chafer)

Satan is in the former class along with all fallen angels and unregenerated members of the human race.

This two-fold result of reconciliation is also seen in **Col 2:14-15**.

Col 2:14-15, "Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him".

The cross is effective in salvation and eternal condemnation for both man and angels.

The judgment of Satan at the cross is also seen in **John 12:31; 16:11; and Heb 2:14**.

John 12:31, "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

John 16:11, "And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

Heb 2:14, "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."

"The Bible reiterates the truth that Satan and his hosts came to judgment, even being spoiled, unveiled, triumphed over, judged, and cast out by Christ in His death." (L.S. Chafer, *ibid*, pg. 54)

And finally, remember that there is a difference between a judgment and the carrying out of a sentence. The judgment has been made against Satan. The sentence is to be carried out in the near future.

8.) The Execution of Satan's Judgments:

Satan has already received three separate judgments.

- The moral degradation and corresponding loss of standing which was due to the fall. **Isa 14:12, 19; Ezek 28:14-16**
Isa 14:12, 19, "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! ¹⁹"But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch, clothed

with the slain who are pierced with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit like a trampled corpse.”

Ezek 28:14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you *there*. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ “You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ “By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”

- The sentence pronounced against him in the Garden of Eden. **Gen 3:14-15**
Gen 3:14, “The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.””

- The judgment of the cross. **Col 1:19-20**
Col 1:19, “For it was the *Father’s* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

As a result of the judgment of the cross of Jesus Christ, the execution of the judgment will occur in three stages.

- Satan will be cast out of heaven and restricted to the sphere of the earth along with all fallen angels. **Rev 12:7-12**
Under the leadership of Michael, Satan and the fallen angels are overpowered by the elect holy angels.

At that moment, Satan finally realizes his impending demise and takes it out on the people of earth in what is called the great Tribulation. **Matt 24:21; Dan 12:1; Rev 12:13-17**

As you know, all believers will stand before the BEMA seat of Jesus Christ, **1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:10**. At that time, no mention of our sins will be made because of the Cross. Such silence in heaven can only be achieved when the accuser of the brethren, **Rev 12:10**, is cast out, **Rev 12:7-9**.

- Satan will be imprisoned at the Second Advent of Christ.
At the second coming of Jesus Christ, which terminates the Tribulation, **Matt 24:30**, and ends the reign of the man of Sin, **2 Thess 2:8-10**, Satan will be bound with chains and thrown into the abyss. **Rev 20:1-3**.

At this time, and for 1,000 years, the earth will be free from the deceptions of Satan.

Towards the end of the 1,000 years, he will be **“loosed for a little while,” Rev 20:7**. At that time, war will break the span of peace created by the righteousness of Christ, **Isa 2:1-4**, as Satan continues his activities, **Rev 20:8-9**. This is a good indication that all wars are the result of satanic activity.

“This two-fold truth that there is no war on earth when Satan’s power and deceptions are withdrawn and that it is immediately revived as soon as these deceptions are again cast over the earth, demonstrates clearly the cause of all wars in the earth.” L.S. Chafer Systematic Theology, Vol. 2, pg. 61

The fact that Satan and all fallen angels are imprisoned is prophesized in **Isa 24:21-23**.

Principle: What befalls a king befalls his kingdom, **Dan 2:37-38**.

Some in Satan’s kingdom are already imprisoned, **Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4**, the others will be at the time of Satan’s incarceration.

- Satan’s Final Sentencing.

The final sentencing upon Satan occurs at the end of the Millennial reign, just prior to the Great White Throne Judgment of Jesus Christ, **Rev 20:10**. There he is cast into the eternal lake of fire, along with all fallen angels, and followed by the internment of all unregenerated members of the human race, **Rev 20:11-15**.

9.) Satan’s Evil Character:

Angelic sin is primarily made up of the arrogance of ambitious pride and lying or untruth. I would not be surprised if the 7-sins that are an abomination to God related to mankind find their origin in angelic rebellion.

Prov 6:16, “There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, ¹⁹ a false witness *who* utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.”

Nevertheless, angelic sinfulness and evil will not be discovered in comparing the wickedness of men, but by comparing the holiness of God and what He has required of angelic beings.

God is the embodiment of good, therefore Satan is the embodiment of evil. Satan is the antigod.

God is all truth, Satan is anti-truth in realms that challenge the most astute biblical student.

- Ambition Pride: **1 Tim 3:6; Ezek 28:17; Isa 14:12-14**

In **1 Tim 3:6**, the understanding is that the new believer could easily fall into the same snare that Satan fell into in lifting himself up unduly or thinking more highly of himself than he ought to, **Rom 12:3**.

The term “**conceited**” or “**lifted up**” is the Greek verb **tuphoó** – **τυφώω** (toof-o’-o), and literally means, “to raise a smoke, to wrap in a mist / cloud.” See also: **1 Tim 6:4; 2 Tim 3:4.**

In all passages, it is in the Passive Voice, which means that you receive the action of the verb. In other words, you become engulfed in or blinded by the situation or position. That is what beset the mind of Satan leading to his sin.

In **Ezek 28:17**, “**lifted up**” is the Hebrew word **GABAHH** – **גָּבַהּ** [gaw- bah]. It is a primitive root meaning, “to soar, that is or be lofty.” Figuratively, it means, “to be haughty: exalt, be (make) high(er), lift up, mount up, be proud, raise up great height, upward.”

Again, we see the self-promoting pride of Satan. Ezekiel tells us that this came from consciousness and pride of his creation, “**full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**”

“**Perfect**” is the Hebrew word **KALIL** – **קָלִיל** (kaw-leel’) and is from the root word **KALAL** – **קָלַל** (kaw-lal’). It means, entire, whole, a holocaust: all, burned entirely, completely, entirely, perfect, perfection, pure, whole, whole burnt offering, whole burnt offerings.”

So, we see a description of the who Satan was, when we understand that he was created in perfection. He was a type of full or satisfying offering unto the Lord. Yet, due to his ambitious pride, he lost that status, **verse 17.**

“With that befogging of mind which pride engenders, it is possible so to be misguided as to undertake the very opposite line of action from that which infinite wisdom dictates.” L.S. Chafer, Ibid, pg. 64

Then in **Isa 14:12-14**, pride prompted this angel to unholy ambition. Here dissatisfaction with the estate into which he was divinely placed clouds his thinking.

Pride was the thing that clouded his thinking and led him into all the subsequent evil recorded in the Bible. As a result, he did not stand in the truth.

Comparing the seven abominable sins in **Prov 6:16-19** with the description of Satan in **John 8:44**, we see the genesis of man’s evil nature. Compare **John 8:44** with **Prov 6:16-19**, which is in italic parentheses below.

John 8:44, “**You are of your father the devil (*DIABOLOS* – slanderer, accusing falsely), and you want to do the desires (*Haughty eyes*) of your father. He was a murderer (*shed innocent blood*) from the beginning, and does not stand (*feet that run rapidly to evil*) in the truth (*lying tongue*) because there is no truth (*false witness*) in him.**”

- Untruth: **John 8:44**

In **John 8:44**, Our Lord made a statement regarding the Pharisees in how they have followed in the footsteps of Satan. As such, they are Satan's disobedient children, **Eph 2:2; 5:6; Col 3:6; 2 Peter 2:14**.

"Since this is a federal and not personal disobedience, the implications of the title are as applicable to one unregenerated person as to another and without regard to personal subservience." L.S. Chafer Ibid pg.65

Therefore, Satan is the federal head of unregenerated man because of his lies and deceptions that led to man's fall.

Rom 5:12, "Therefore, just as through one man (Adam as a result of satanic influence) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"

Rom 5:19, "For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

Compare the Scriptures regarding children of disobedience above to the instructions to God's children in **1 Peter 1:14**.

1 Peter 1:14, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior."

The apostles also fell into the cloud of untruth and pride when bickering about whom is the greatest, in **Matt 18:1-4; Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46; 22:24**.

Matt 18:1-4, "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, ³and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

So, we understand that Satan's murderous title is a result of seducing angels and men into sin, which subjected them to death.

He subjected Adam and the women unto death in the Garden.

Gen 2:16-17, "The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

The Hebrew is **MOTH TAMUTH** - מות תָּמוּת which means, "dying you shall die." That is, dying spiritually will lead to your physical death too.

Therefore, when Satan led them to sin, he was the one who brought death to the human race and is therefore a murderer because of his lies.

It was the clouded mind (**TUPHOO** – arrogance) of Cain operating in the untruth of human approbation that led him to murder his brother Abel, **Gen 4:1-8**.

1 John 3:12, 15, “Not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous... ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

As Chafer puts it, *“In its essential nature untruth is anti-god. Being as it is not only a misrepresentation of the Person and character of God, but a distortion of His purpose and ways.... It is a choice of one principle or philosophy over another.”* L.S. Chafer Ibid pg. 66

Likewise, we see in **1 John 2:22-25** that the liar is the one who denies Jesus is the Christ. As a result, his denial leads to eternal death, **John 3:18, 36** w/ **Rev 20:14**. In contrast, the one who has the Son has eternal life.

So, we see the consequences and results of untruth, spiritual death which leads to physical death and eternal condemnation.

Now the way of Satan and his lie is opposition to and independence from God. Yet the creature, be it human or angelic, was designed to be guided by God. **Jer 10:23**

Jer 10:23, “I know, O LORD, that a man’s way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.”

To attempt an independent or self-directed life is the only course where man may satisfy his inherent satanic desire to resemble God. This resemblance serves to satisfy the insanity which sin really is.

Therefore, it should be of no surprise that misery is rampant in the world when we understand that almost every member of the human race lives a life without any conscious reliance upon God.

To walk in the Lord, as He has designed, is the highest destiny possible for the creature. To depart from His plan for our lives is to experience the present and future penalties of evil. **1 John 1:6-8, 10; 2:4-7; Heb 12:1-17** (speaking to the believer) and **Rev 20:14** (speaking to the unbeliever).

Satan’s evil was not just a disregard for an existing code of conduct; it was a complete rejection of God himself, the Lawgiver, and all of His provisions for eternal life.

The Greek word for sin [**HARMATIA** – **ἁμαρτία** (ham-ar-tee’-ah)] certainly tells it all, as it means, “to miss the mark.” And that is what Satan and his evil policies do.

Beyond rejecting God's eternal plan and provisions, evil also seeks to enthrone self and proclaim a God dishonoring self-sufficient life style, as subtle as it may be at times.

"Satan's sin was not merely negative in its rejection of God; it was positive also in that it constructed a philosophy of life, a line of action, which originated with Satan, was self-centered, and excluded God. In its ultimate form, untruth is a substitution of self for God and the assumption of a self-designed plan of life for that (which was originally) purposed by the Creator." L.S. Chafer, Ibid, pg. 67. Italic mine.

All untruth, as seen in misguided lives, partakes of and grows out of Satan's lie in disowning the truth which God is. **Rom 1:21-31; Psa 2:1-3**

Psa 2:1-3, "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed (the Messiah), saying, ³ "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"

This God rejecting evil will ultimately be unveiled in the person of the Antichrist with all his satanic given powers and lies. The consequences of following this evil are told in **2 Thes 2:9-10.**

2 Thes 2:9-10, "That is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, ¹⁰and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved."

10.) Satan's Sinfulness:

The Bible tells us that Satan has his own doctrines and principles which he uses to deceive mankind. **Rev 2:24; 1 Tim 4:1**

Rev 2:24, "But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you."

1 Tim 4:1, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ²by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron."

These doctrines exalt self and are based on self-promoted righteousness.

That way of life is wholly independent of God, whatever elements of truth it may borrow or incorporate, even if done in the name of the Lord.

2 Cor 11:4, "For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear *this* beautifully."

As a result of these false doctrines, Satan leads many to blinding darkness in regards to the true gospel of Jesus Christ. If Satan loses the first battle, he embarks to win a second battle of keeping the believer in perpetual infancy due to a lack of spiritual growth that is only obtained by means of faith perception and faith application of the Word of God as taught by the Holy Spirit.

This is the makeup of Satan's sinfulness, blinding or holding down members of the human race from having or understanding their relationship with God.

Therefore, Satan holds the unenviable title of chief of all sinners, because he is the original sinner, he has brought on the most injury, he has practiced sin longer than any other, and he sinned against the greatest light.

Chafer said it well when he said, *"Only God can compute the extent and hideous character of Satan's sinfulness."*

Following is a partial list of the indictment God brings against Satan from Chafer's Systematic Theology vol. 2 pg. 73.

- 1) He repudiated God in the beginning (**Isa 14:12-14**).
- 2) He drew a third part of the stars of heaven after him (**Rev 12:4**).
- 3) He sinned from the beginning (**1 John 3:8**).
- 4) He is a liar from the beginning (**John 8:44**).
- 5) In the Garden of Eden, he belittled God and advised the first parents to repudiate God (**Gen. 3:1-5**).
- 6) He insinuated to Jehovah that Job loved and served Him only as he was hired to do so (**Job 1:9**). No greater insult could be addressed to Jehovah than that He is not really to be loved on the grounds of His own worthiness, but being rich, is able to hire men like Job to pretend that they love Him.
- 7) When permitted to act his own part, Satan brought five terrible calamities on Job (**Job 1:13-2:7**).
- 8) He stood up against Israel (**1 Chron 21:1; Psa 109:6; Zech 3:1-2**).
- 9) He weakened the nations (**Isa 14:12**).

- 10) He made the earth to tremble (**Isa 14:16**).
- 11) He did shake kingdoms (**Isa 14:16**).
- 12) He makes the world a wilderness (**Isa 14:17**).
- 13) He destroys the cities thereof (**Isa 14:17**).
- 14) He opened not the house of his prisoners (**Isa 14:17**).
- 15) He causes war on earth with all its horrors; for when bound, war ceases, and when loosed, war is resumed (**Rev 20:2, 7-8**).
- 16) He tempted the Son of God forty days and then left Him but for a season. He proposed to Christ that He forsake His mission, that He distrust His Father's goodness, and that He worship the devil (**Luke 4:1-13**).
- 17) He bound a daughter of Abraham eighteen years (**Luke 13:16; cf. Acts 10:38**).
- 18) He entered Judas and prompted him to betray the Son of God (**John 13:2, 27**).
- 19) He blinds the minds of those who are lost (**2 Cor 4:3-4**).
- 20) He takes away the Word out of the hearts of the unsaved, lest they should believe and be saved (**Luke 8:12**).
- 21) He deals with saints with wiles and snares (**Eph 6: 11; 2 Tim 2:26**).
- 22) He has exercised and abused the power of death (**Heb 2:14; cf. Rev 1:18**).
- 23) He, an adversary, as a roaring lion goes about seeking whom he may devour (**1 Pet 5:8**).
- 24) He is opposed to God; is the persecutor of saints, the "father" of lies.
- 25) Through his emissaries he dethrones reason, tortures human beings, and moves them to superstition and idolatry.

"Sin severs the soul from God; and severed from him, the soul is deprived of his favor, and of his strength to uphold it in virtue and goodness; and deprived of his favor and sustaining power, it is thrown upon itself, and becomes actuated by its own selfish instinct; and as selfishness becomes intensified, there is no sin, however deep in guilt and malignity, that may not grow out of it. The selfishness which engendered the first sin has, during the lapse of ages, produced and developed every malignant principle which now so darkly stains their condition. ... All the sin and misery of our world for six thousand years, and all the sin and misery of its future history, and all the misery of hell, is not only the result of his agency and

influence, but results in which he and his minions find their gratification.” Dr. William Cooke, Christian Theology, pp. 631-32

11.) Satan’s Influence on Man:

Satan has “introduced to the human race his own sin, which is a philosophy of life and a mode of procedure that is directly opposed to the revealed will of God. It is a lie in the sense that it contradicts that which is infinitely true.” L.S. Chafer Ibid, pg. 56

1 Chron 21:1, “Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.”

Satan’s influence on man is to distract him from God and His will by any means possible. There is documented for us, however, the primary means he uses to lead us astray.

That means is called temptation through appetite, beauty, and ambitious pride. **Gen 3:1-6; Luke 4:3-12; 1 John 2:16**

These three passages all identify Satan as the means of temptation towards mankind. All three passages identify the same means for tempting man away from God’s will. It began in the Garden in the book of Genesis, was applied towards Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospels accounts, and is used towards us today as recorded by the apostle John in his first epistle. The genius of Satan has devised a scheme utilizing three powerful influences to lead us astray. It worked in the garden. It has worked throughout human history, and therefore we assume that it worked on the fallen angels too in its origin.

This scheme has led him to captivate, not only fallen angels, but also unregenerated man. His goal is to so completely influence every member of the human race that he holds them all captivated if he can, **Isa 14:17.**

In one instance, Satan’s scheme did not work, and that was in the case of our triumphant Lord who demonstrated that the Word of God rightly applied is more powerful than the designs of the superior intellect of the creature called Satan.

Through the efficacious work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who demonstrated the power available to us to overcome Satan’s influence, He made available freedom to those held in captivity, **Isa 61:1; Luke 4:16-21.**

“The power of Satan and his fallen angels is limited. They are but finite creatures who can do nothing outside the permissive will of God. Satan could do nothing against Job (and this was his complaint) until Divinely permitted to do so. Satan and his angels are in possession of great knowledge, but they are not omniscient; they have vast power, when permitted to employ it, but they are not omnipotent; they cover the world by their delegated responsibility, but they are not omnipresent. They can suggest evil, but cannot coerce the will of another creature. They may spread snares and devices to ruin the children of God, but

they cannot compel any other being to comply with their designs. They have power over nature when permitted to use it, but they can create nothing, nor can they employ God's creation other than as He decrees. They never defeated God. In truth, God uses Satan as an instrument to chasten and correct the erring saints (Luke 22:31-32; 1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tim 1:20). The knowledge of these limitations cannot but be a comfort to those Christians who take seriously their conflict with the powers of darkness." L.S. Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vol. 21, pg. 75

Satan's power is not greater than God's power. This reminds us of God's grace. As humans, we are an inferior, rational creation. All angels are superior to us. Satan is the **ARCHON** – ἄρχων (ar'-khone), ruler of all angels, whose power is therefore far greater than ours is. Yet, God has made available to us His power. **1 John 4:4**

1 John 4:4, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

Charles Stanley on Satan says in, "Our Unmet Needs," page 33, "At times I hear people talking about demons, and I am amazed at the great power they ascribe to the devil and his cohorts. While I certainly believe in demonic power, I don't quake at the thought of it. I am in union with One who is so far greater than all the demons of hell put together that there truly is no comparison. The devil is a creature, made by God and always under God's dominion. He exists only because God allows him to exist. He has no authority over God, no ability to win a victory over God, and no power equal to that of God. As believers, we should give very little credit to the devil and demons. They exist, they exert influence, but they are totally within the confines of God's authority. The Bible states very clearly that the Holy Spirit resident in us is far superior to any power manifested by evil. John wrote, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them (the false teachers, antichrists that reject the Person of Christ), because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (**1 John 4:4**).

12.) False Teachers are a Part of Satan's Strategy: 1 John 4:1-6

False teachers possess a false spirit and are inspirational but do not function by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Cor 11:4, "For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear *this* beautifully."

They have a phony, hypocritical facade.

They are bleeding heart do-gooders, who "love" everyone, being all things to all men apart from any standards based on Bible doctrine. **Matt 7:15**

Matt 7:15, "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

They seek to stimulate your ego with human public relations systems including, the power of positive thinking, legalistic flirtation, activism, and mutual admiration society concepts to court and tempt believers away. **Rom 16:18; Gal 4:17-18, 21; 2 Tim 3:5-7**

Rom 16:18, "For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting."

They appeal to human ego, arrogance, and pride to distract believers from grace. **1 John 2:16; Col 2:18**

Col 2:18-19, "Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head,"

They love to counsel others to promote their arrogance. **2 Cor 10:12**

2 Cor 10:12, "For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding."

They promote idolatry as a part of Satan's communion table. **Hab 2:18-19 w/ 1 Cor 10:21**

They promote legalism as a system of pseudo-spirituality. **1 Tim 1:6-7**

1 John 4:1, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

13.) Satan's Goal – Interrupt the Worship of God: (Inspired by Warren Wiersbe's book, Real Worship, Chapter 13)

God and Satan have something in common. They both desire the worship of man.

God's desire emanates from His love for us, where in grace He allows us free will to worship Him or not. He wants us to worship Him based on who He is and His worthiness with the result that He can provide for us everlasting life.

On the other hand, Satan wants us to worship him to achieve his diabolical purpose of self-promotion (**Isa 14:13-14**) with the result of our personal destruction (**2 Thes 2:9-10**). He could care less about man and truly just wants to destroy man.

Given these two opposing desires for our worship, it is no wonder that worship involves warfare because *"Whenever we bow to worship God, the adversary will oppose us,"* (Warren Weirsbe, *Real Worship*, pg. 145).

Satan's tactics in this battle were first made evident in the Garden of Eden when he opposed God by questioning His Word in deceiving Eve and tempting Adam. He began with quoting God, **"Indeed, has God said," Gen 3:1**, and then denying His Word, **"You surely will not die," verse 4**, and finishes with a substitute of his own promise, **"You will be like God," verse 5**.

So, the pattern is; quote, deny, and substitute.

Satan and his demonic forces try to oppose God and His people in every facet of worship. We can only defeat his advances by applying in faith God's provisions for us: His Word and Spirit.

Satan's own desire, **"I will make myself like the Most High," Isa 14:14**, is eerily similar to the empty promises to man, **"You will be like God or gods."**

When Adam and the woman partook of the fruit, **"they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator," Rom 1:25**.

Any time mankind chooses against the Will and Word of God and serves the creature over the Creator, Satan is worshipped.

Arrogance is what led Satan to fall and man to sin. Any time arrogance is in view, self is promoted and Satan is worshipped. On the other hand, humility is the key to true worship of God. Note the contrast between Satan's "5 I wills" of **Isa 14** to the attitude of servitude our Lord demonstrated during His incarnation as the God/man in hypostatic union. He said in **Mark 14:36**, **"Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."**

Likewise, we are to emulate our Lord in humility as noted in **Phil 2:1-11**, if we are going to worship God appropriately in truth.

As our Lord humbled Himself as an obedient servant, God raised Him in glory (**Luke 22:69; Col 3:1**). As Satan promotes himself in arrogance, God will humiliate him and bring him to the depths of the Lake of Fire, (**Rev 20:10**).

Arrogance and pride versus humility and obedience; the one you emulate will determine your fate too.

William Temple stated, *"So far as worship (of God) is genuine and complete, pride is eliminated, for He whom we worship is humility itself incarnate."* (*Readings in St. John's Gospel*, pg. 209)

As we have noted previously, the dispute between Cain and Abel is a story of pride versus humility. Cain's sacrifice emanated from his own human production in disregard for the instructions from God, while Abel's offering was manifest of faithful, obedient, and humble servitude towards the Lord. God rejected the former and accepted the latter. **Gen 4:1-16**

Prov 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight."

Heb 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

As we see from this and numerous other examples throughout Scripture, "*Satan's religion is the religion of substitutes: worship anyone or anything but the true God.*" (Weirsbe, Ibid)

See **1 Cor 10:14-22** for Satan's false worship, doctrines, and communion table.

This attitude of substitutes was demonstrated to our Lord when Satan tempted Him in **Matt 4:1-11**. Yet, our Lord rejected the lie, and instead lived faithfully in the true worship of God.

As part of Satan's lie against the true worship of God, he accuses God of buying the worship of mankind. The lie was proposed in the case of Job, **Job 1:9-11**.

Job 1:9-11, "Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹"But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.""

But as a true liar always does, they make accusations of others based on what is truly in their own soul. We see this in Satan when he tempted our Lord.

Matt 4:9, "And he (*Satan*) said to Him (*Jesus*), "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

Satan was trying to buy the worship of Jesus Christ. The very thing He falsely accused our Lord of doing Himself.

But Jesus did not serve the creature (Himself) over the Creator (God). He instead demonstrated true worship in **verse 10, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."** See also **Deut 6:13; 10:20**.

Because of demonstrations like this and others, we understand why Satan has a hatred for Israel and the Church. The true worship of God demonstrates to the world the true and living God. (See **1 Kings 18:19-39**)

When true worship is demonstrated, it reveals the ineptitude of Satan's schemes. *"It hinders his plans, robs him of territory, and increases his hatred of God and God's people."* (Wiersbe, Ibid, pg. 148)

Yet, when worship is directed towards the creature over the Creator, Satan will prosper that local assembly and leave them to increase any man-made programs they desire. Satan does so because he knows that in their "creature promotion" state, they will not be able to wage a successful battle against his demonic forces.

But always keep in mind **1 John 4:4, "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."**

With Christ and the Spirit in us, we can be victorious in our real and true worship of God.

That leads us to understand that a *"worshiping church must of necessity be a warring church, for true worship is spiritual warfare."* (Wiersbe, Ibid, pg.148)

From the day of its inception, the nation of Israel was a warring nation. **Exo 12:51, "And on that same day the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies."**

Israel's song of triumph at the Red Sea was, **Exo 15:3, "The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name."**

"Israel was a worshiping army, fighting the battles of the Lord. The success of their warfare depended on the success of their worship. If they were right with God, they had no difficulty defeating their enemies. If they were not pleasing to God, they were shamefully defeated." (Wiersbe, Ibid)

When Israel would lose a battle, it meant much more than national disgrace. It robbed Jehovah of glory He deserved. This is seen in **1 Sam 4:1-22**. Even though they performed the right acts or rituals, they did not mix it with faith in true worship of God and the glory was lost.

Isa 1:9, laments that the battle is the Lord's and not man's, **"Unless the LORD of the armies had left us a few survivors, we would be like Sodom, we would be like Gomorrah."**

1 Sam 17:47, **"And that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands."**

Ex 14:13, **"But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the deliverance of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today;"**

The battle is always won or lost at the place of worship. If worship was done in a right way at the Tabernacle, the battle was won. If it was done in a wrong way, the battle was lost as seen in **1 Sam 4** and **Jer 7**.

As a result of accepting Satan's false worship and rejecting God's true worship, God gives them over to their own deception.

Lam 2:14, "Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions; and they have not exposed your iniquity so as to restore you from captivity, but they have seen for you false and misleading oracles."

Lam 4:13, "Because of the sins of her prophets *and* the iniquities of her priests, who have shed in her midst the blood of the righteous; ¹⁴they wandered, blind, in the streets; they were defiled with blood so that no one could touch their garments."

True worship that wins battles is seen in **Ex 38:8**.

Ex 38:8, "Moreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting."

This verse was a literal action that took place but I believe it also, as so many other aspects of God's Word, has a figurative meaning and lesson for us.

First is the "**Laver of Bronze.**" The Laver was the place where the priest would wash the sacrificial blood off of their robes before entering the Holy Place to serve the Lord. It tells us of the confession of sins. The washing away of sins as represented in the blood of the animal. So, we note that this is a place of "**cleansing.**" **Ex 40:30-32; 1John 1:7-9**

Next, we have the "**base of bronze.**" This figuratively speaks to the solid foundation achieved as a result of the judgment of our sins in Christ Jesus. So, we have a "sturdy foundation based on judgment" of our sins. **Rev 1:15a**

Then we have the Hebrew word for "**mirror,**" **MARAH** – מָרָה (maw-raw'), which literally means "**vision.**" Figuratively, it could mean the vision of God, having a Biblical perspective or plainly "Bible Doctrine in your soul."

The next Hebrew word is the word for "**serving**" and "**served,**" It is **TSABA** – צָבָא (tsaw-baw'), which means, "to wage war or serve; gone to war, or made war, to muster (an army)." See **2 Kings 25:19; Jer 52:25** regarding mustering up an army and compare with **Num 4:23; 8:24** regarding the service of priests. So, we note that these women were "**waging war**" in their service of God.

Then we have "**doorway**" or the entrance to "**the meeting place with God.**"

Finally, in our figurative analogy we have "**Tent of Meeting**," which we know was a replica on earth of "**God's Throne Room**" in heaven. **Exo 25:9, 40; 26:30; Acts 7:44; Heb 8:5**

So, when we put this all together figuratively it says,

"God provided cleansing through confession of our sins by the sturdy foundation of the judgment of our sins in Christ Jesus and with Bible Doctrine in their souls the women mustered up an army, (The Lord Himself), to wage war by meeting God at His Throne Room."

So, we see the battle is won while serving at the place of worship and the place of worship is always God's throne room.

Heb 4:16, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Psa 68:1, "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee before Him." See also **Psa 144; 149 & 2 Chron 20.**

14.) Satan has a Specific Policy Called Evil:

Rom 12:1-2, 9-21, tells us to avoid the evil found in the world and remain in the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ. The key verses to this chapter regarding avoidance of evil includes:

Rom 12:9, "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good."

Rom 12:17, "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men."

Rom 12:21, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

So, what is this evil we are talking about? To understand this better, we will note a portion of the Doctrine of Evil as outlined by Pastor R.B. Thieme Jr.

Doctrine of Evil

Evil was first seen in human history in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **Gen 3:1-7**

1.) Evil is the policy of Satan as the ruler of this world. Evil has been the mode of operation of Satan from the time of his fall throughout the angelic revolution and down to the point when he became the ruler of the world. **Ezek 28:15-17; Isa 14:12-14**

2.) Evil is Satan's failure to produce a system of good in mankind and society that would bring in a pseudo-millennium.

3.) Evil is Satan's system by which he administers the rulership of this world. Satan cannot restrain sin, and he parlays human good into sin and evil.

4.) All evil has two sources: a) sin and erroneous thinking, and b) human good (the motivation of evil) and erroneous thinking.

Matt 15:19-20, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man."

Matt 6:23, "But if your eye is evil, the entire body is full of darkness [*cosmic involvement*]."

Matt 23:27-28, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸So, you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Where the sin of self-righteousness plus human good or sincerity combine, there is a saturation of evil in a nation.

5.) The principle is that if Satan as the ruler of this world is not capable of ruling the world he controls, then no man can rule it either. Man cannot solve his problems by human solutions. All solutions to the problems of life depend on the imputation of God's perfect righteousness.

6.) Evil is the function and innovation of that person who is consistently involved in the cosmic system.

7.) Evil is the adverse trend of society. It is the destruction of society, the malfunction of society, and the removal of legitimate authority and its function under the laws of Divine establishment. **Psa 50:16-21; 64:4-5; Prov 17:11**

8.) Just as grace and Bible doctrine represent the genius of God in relationship to the human race, so evil represents the genius of Satan in relationship to the human race.

9.) The soul is the battleground of every believer in the Church Age, especially because this is the intensified stage of the angelic conflict. What you think is more important than you realize.

10.) There are two ways of thinking:

- Divine viewpoint is thinking Bible doctrine, which glorifies Christ.
- Human viewpoint is thinking evil, which dishonors Christ.
- Therefore, the issue is thought versus thought.

11.) Recovery from sin is instantaneous through the use of the rebound technique, but recovery from evil takes a long time through persistent and consistent faith perception and application of the Word of God.

12.) Evil is the human good panacea which attempts to solve the problems of life apart from Bible doctrine and Divine establishment. The Word of God and Divine establishment came first, being from the mind of God.

13.) Evil is often a distortion of Bible doctrine or a distortion of the Laws of Divine Establishment. Satan's temptation leading to Adam's original sin was a distortion of Bible doctrine and God's one and only law in the Garden of Eden, **Gen 2:17, "but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."** Satan's deception was then, **Gen 3:4-5, "The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ^s"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** Therefore, we understand that evil distorts the word of God and law and order, and substitutes it with evil, as in crime.

14.) Evil comes in many forms; altruistic humanitarianism, philanthropy, religion, legalism, reversionism, socialism, political internationalism, government interference, distortion of the law, bribery in government, cutting down the military, gun legislation, sociology, public welfare, new world order, one world system, and the United Nations.

- Evil is the misconception of "brotherly love."
- The whole idea of government trying to abolish sickness, mental illness, economic problems, frustrations, and human problems by legislation and human solutions is evil. The world's problems can never be solved apart from Bible doctrine and the Laws of Divine Establishment.
- Evil also includes social action, the social gospel, restriction of human freedom for the greater good, the distortion of law to solve social and economic problems. (i.e., the interference of government in business and free enterprise, setting restrictive regulations, legislating car requirements, government quotas, gun legislation, catering to minorities), these are all illegal and distorted laws.
- However, the greatest of all evils is religion. Legalism and apostasy are the greatest manifestations of evil.
- Evil includes all systems of Christian function outside of and apart from the local church. God only ordained and authorized one institution, and that is the local church. God has ordained and authorized the local church as the only vehicle for spiritual growth in the dispensation of the Church. No one has authority over believers in the spiritual realm except for the Pastor-Teacher, who must teach Bible doctrine in the local church. **Eph 4:11-13**
- This means that not only are denominations evil, but so are independent service organizations.
- Evil is what you think as an apostate, reversionistic liberal, a bleeding-heart guilty type.

Prov 5:13-14, "I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to my instructors! I was almost in utter ruin in the midst of the assembly and congregation."

Eph 5:15-18, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit."

15.) So, the worst and most detrimental thing that can happen to a believer is to come under the influence of evil. The recovery from evil is lengthy and very painful.

16.) Evil is every deviation from Bible doctrine and the Laws of Divine Establishment. Human good is the application of evil.

All reversionists have been deceived by Satan to the extent they are influenced by human good and evil, **Psa 36:1-4; John 3:19; 2 Tim 3:13.**

2 Tim 3:13, "But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad to worse*, deceiving and being deceived."

17.) The pastor is to take disciplinary action toward those opposed to doctrinal teaching, so that they will recover from reversionism and be delivered from the devil's trap, **2 Tim 2:25-26.**

2 Tim 2:25-26, "The Lord's bond-servant ... ²⁵with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will."

18.) The mature believer should be able to distinguish between sin and evil and between evil and honor. **Heb 5:13-14, Titus 2:1-15**

Heb 5:13-14, "For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice (faith perception and application) have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

Therefore, the mature believer rightly divides the word of truth so as to distinguish between sin and evil.

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15.) The Satanic Cosmos:

The Greek word **KOSMOS** – **κόσμος** (kos'-mos) is used 187 times in the New Testament and is always translated "world" except for one instance is **1 Peter 3:3 ("adornment"** is translated from **KOSMOS**) in which a good case can be made to translate it "world or worldly." The base meaning of **KOSMOS** is "order, regularity, disposition, and an apt and harmonious arrangement."

In addition, the word **AION** – αἰών (ahee-ohn'), typically translated, "**ages,**" also speaks of the world, and when used to mean the present age, it always represents the evil character of this age. **2 Tim 4:10 w/ Gal 1:4; Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12.**

2 Cor 4:4, "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

2 Tim 4:10, "For Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica"

Gal 1:4, "(Jesus Christ) Who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue (deliver) us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

Kenneth Wuest comments on this verse: *"That He might deliver us from this present evil world. Deliver is the translation of exaireo which means to pluck out, to draw out, or rescue, to deliver. The word strikes the keynote of the letter. The gospel is a rescue, an emancipation from a state of bondage. The word here denotes, not a removal from, but a rescue from the power of the ethical characteristics of the present age. World is from ainos which Trench defines as follows: "All that floating mass of thoughts, opinions, maxims, speculations, hopes, impulses, aims, aspirations, at any time current in the world, which it may be impossible to seize and accurately define, but which constitute a most real and effective power, being the moral or immoral atmosphere which at every moment of our lives we inhale, again inevitably to exhale."*

Rom 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

In the uses of **KOSMOS** in the New Testament in every instance where moral values are involved, the sphere of satanic influence and authority is indicated.

In the majority of instances where the word **KOSMOS** is used in the New Testament it gives us the understanding of an antigod character.

Those demonstrating that character, as do all who are of the world, are under the delusion of Satan's deception and have no idea what it means to be of the **KOSMOS**.

The darkness of the **KOSMOS** is implied when Christ said, "**I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.**" **John 12:46**

Likewise, it is promised as part of the ministry of God the Holy Spirit that He would "**reprove/convict the world.**" **John 16:8**

To the believer it is said, **“In the world you shall have tribulation”, John 16:33**, and **“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” John 17:14**

Christ said, **“The world has not known You (speaking of God the Father)” John 17:25**, and **“My kingdom is not of this world.” in John 18:36.**

So clearly, we see that when the **KOSMOS** is in view, it is speaking to something that is counter to and opposed to the righteousness that is God and that should be in every member of the human race. But it is also woefully evident that God’s righteousness does not permeate Man.

Certain other short phrases get right to this point:

“Sin entered into the world.” Rom 5:12

“That . . . all the world may become guilty.” Rom 3:19

“The world by wisdom did not come to know God.” 1 Cor 1:21

“The fornicators of this world.” 1 Cor 5:10

“That we should not be condemned with the world.” 1 Cor 11:32

“Without God in the world.” Eph 2:12

“Keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

“The corruption that is in the world.” 2 Pet 1:4

“Escaped the pollutions of the world.” 2 Pet 2:20

The cosmos is a vast order or system that Satan has promoted, which conforms to his ideals, aims, and methods. It is a civilization now functioning apart from God—a civilization in which none of its promoters give God even one thought. They assign to God no consideration in respect to their projects; nor do they credit to Him any hand in its matters.

This system embraces its godless governments, conflicts, armaments, jealousies, its education, culture, religions of morality, and pride.

To the uncounted multitude, it is all they ever know or will know so long as they live on this earth. It is properly named the satanic system, cosmos diabolicus, or as I refer to it “Satan’s Cosmic System.”

In **John 3:16**, the use of this word is restricted to members of the human race only, without consideration for the **KOSMOS`** evil institutions, practices, or relationships. (And by the way, it does not refer to believers only as the hyper Calvinist would tell you. I think it is fairly

evident that **KOSMOS** refers to everything but believers filled with the righteousness of God or those He personally loves.)

In **1 John 2:15-16**, the believer is instructed to love not the **KOSMOS**, which is not talking about mankind but its institutions, practices, and relationships. Compare with **Rom 13:9-10**.

1 John 2:15-16, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world." Compare with James 4:4.

James 4:4, "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

The Cosmic System is the outworking of Satan's lie in all its evil character, which is independence from God and opposition to the purpose of God.

In our current Scriptures, **John 13-18**, Jesus used this word 60 times, more than any other. He understood the destructive forces of Satan's Cosmic System. Therefore, we are to guard ourselves against the destructive influence the Cosmic System can have on our souls. This is accomplished by picking up and putting on the full armor of God (**Eph 6:13-18**), which is His Divine power system for our lives. This occurs when we keep ourselves filled with God the Holy Spirit, (**Eph 5:18; 1 John 1:9**), and are consistent in our faith perception and faith application of the Word of God.

Satan's Authority over the KOSMOS:

If it were not written in the Bible, we would not believe the extent to the rights and controls Satan has over the **KOSMOS**.

None-the-less, Satan will do everything in his power to avoid a worthy understanding of these incredible truths on the part of any human being.

In **Luke 4:5-7**, we see the extent of Satan's dominion.

Luke 4:5-7, "And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain [*EXOUSIA* – *ἐξουσία* (*ex-oo-see'-ah*) = *power to act, authority*] and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷"Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

The first thing to mention here is the method Satan employed in bringing the panorama of the earthly kingdoms in a moment of time before Christ. In one instance, Jesus sees all the

kingdoms of the world. For this to happen is beyond the realms of humanity's experiences and resources, and functions in the realities of another sphere altogether.

"History records many instances where it is not difficult to believe that Satan was guiding the action and destiny of certain governments. It is more a problem how to accept this satanic claim in connection with governments which are commendable in the eyes of men; but Satan's method is not one of eliminating all that is good. It is evidently true that all human governments, however they appear to men, are run in independence of God." L.S. Chafer, Ibid, pg. 80

So, we see that: 1) Satan was given dominion over the **KOSMOS** as a result of being the deceiver in the fall of Adam, **Gen 1:26-28; 2:15** w/ **Gen 3:1-7**. 2) It was within his authority to deliver the kingdom to whomever he chose.

None the less, in both instances, God's sovereign will is always in force and these actions are a part of His sovereign purpose. **Rom 13:1**

Satan's dominion over the **KOSMOS** is also noted in **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12; Rev 2:13**.

1 John 5:19, "We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

The phrase "**lies in**" tells us that the **KOSMOS** is located in, and under the power and influence of Satan.

The 'whole world' is not, however, the men of the world only; but its entire constitution, its entire economy, its lusts and principles and motives, and course and end; all that is not 'of God' lies in the power and bondage of the wicked one. (Gerhart, Institutes, p. 708).

The conclusion is that the whole **KOSMOS**, from which some have been saved, is located in and under the power of **DIABOLOS**.

The sum total of all the evil Satan has brought on is beyond estimation.

In the dealings with Job, we see Satan displayed a five-fold power over creation in the exercise of his evil purposes. Yet all with the permissive will of God in force.

1) He caused the raiding Sabeans to destroy Job's oxen and asses and to kill Job's servants with the sword;

2) He caused fire (lightning) to descend from heaven and to burn up the sheep and the servants who tended them;

3) He caused the Chaldeans to rob Job of his camels and to kill the servants;

4) He caused the death of all of Job's children by a wind from the wilderness which crushed the house in which they were assembled;

5) He smote Job with the most grievous bodily suffering he could impose.

The fact that God told him he could do what he pleased except kill Job tells us of God's ultimate sovereignty in all situations, and the fact that Satan has the power to actually kill if permitted to do so.

Evil in the Cosmos:

The Root of evil in the **KOSMOS** is the fact that there is an all comprehensive system or order, the foundation of which is complete independence from God.

The battle cry for this system is "what can the creature produce independent of God."

The **KOSMOS** represents the supreme effort of the supreme creature in an intended segregation from the will and purpose of God.

Rom 14:23, "whatever is not from faith is sin," is not recognized or believed by the cosmos.

The humanitarian enterprises, the culture, the laws, and religious forms of the cosmos constitute no evidence that God is recognized in His true position or honored. This is a Christ-rejecting cosmos.

Social ideals are borrowed from God's teachings. His purity and grace are held forth as a pattern of life, but salvation through His blood is rejected.

The independent, self-centered, self-satisfied, autonomous cosmos does not ask for redemption since it recognizes no need for it.

What God sees on the human side of the cosmos is described in **Romans 3:9-18**.

These verses are a medley from the Old Testament describing the nature of unregenerated man and the one who lives in the **KOSMOS** put together by Paul through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Compare **Romans 3:10-12** with **Psa 14:1-3; 53:1-3, verse 13** with **Psa 5:9; 140:3, verse 14** with **Psa 10:7, verses 15-17** with **Isa 59:7-8**, and **verse 18** with **Psa 36:1**.

Rom 3:9, "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

¹⁰as it is written, "there is none righteous, not even one;

¹¹there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for god;

¹²all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who

does good, there is not even one.”

¹³ “their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving,” “the poison of asps is under their lips”;

¹⁴ “whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;

¹⁵ “their feet are swift to shed blood,

¹⁶ destruction and misery are in their paths,

¹⁷ and the path of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “there is no fear of god before their eyes.””

This is an evil cosmos which crucified its Redeemer and hates those who are redeemed as it hated the Savior, **John 15:18-19**.

John 15:18-19, “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.”

The following Scriptures are all commentaries on the cosmos. **2 Peter 1:4; 2:20; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 John 4:3; 5:4; John 14:30**

2 Peter 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

2 Peter 2:20, “For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.”

James 1:27, “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

James 4:4, “You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

1 John 4:3, “And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”

John 14:30, “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”

1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the cosmos—our faith.”

We are delivered from this present evil by the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross and our faith in Him, as well as through faith perception and faith application of the Word of God. **Gal 1:4; Col 1:13; Rom 12:2**

Gal 1:3, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen."

Col 1:13, "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Rom 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

God protects the believer inside His power system who has positive volition toward His Word, Bible doctrine.

Prov 12:21, "No evil happens to the righteous."

Ps 37:17, "But the Lord sustains the righteous."

Ps 91:10, "No evil will befall you; you who love the Lord hate evil. The Lord preserves the souls of his mature ones; he delivers them from the hands of the evil one."

Ps 119:101, "I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word."

Ps 121:7, "The Lord will protect you from all evil; he will guard your soul."

Prov 1:33, "But he who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil."

Prov 2:11–15, "Discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you, ¹² to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things; ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil; ¹⁵ Whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways."

In other words, we could say, ***"The wise sees the evil and hides himself, but the stupid goes on and is punished for it."***

Satan's Undertakings in the Cosmos:

Satan's self-satiating goal to **"make himself like the Most High"** (Isa 14:14) is never abandoned and is seen in all of his works of evil.

These God emulating evil works become the basis of the great deception in mankind.

1 John 2:16 describes it like no other, **"For all that is in the world (*cosmos*), the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world (*cosmos*)."**

The three-fold deception of appetite, beauty, and ambitious pride are Satan's main strategies to accomplish his failed goal.

We must understand that the real nature of these cravings is easily recognized as self-centered arrogance without any thought of God.

It is through these three cravings that lead man to self-satiating acts where Satan wins the battles of the soul.

When Jesus said to Pilate in **John 18:36**, **"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."**, He was drawing a clear distinction between the self-satiating character and nature of the cosmos and the humble, self-sacrificial obedience of the servant of God.

Those in the cosmos are highly influenced and impressed with physical power and weaponry, yet the superior law of love will always overcome the arrogance that makes up the elements of the cosmos.

The Things (stuff) of the Cosmos:

All earthly property is of the satanic order, which property the believer may use, but must not abuse. **1 John 3:17; Mark 4:19; 1 Cor 7:29-31; James 2:5**

1 John 3:17, **"But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"**

Mark 4:19, **"But the worries of the world (*AION*), and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."**

1 Cor 7:29-31, **"But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; ³⁰and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; ³¹and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away."**

James 2:5, "Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor in regards to the COSMOS to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He promised to those who love Him?"

So, we can have and use the "stuff" of this world, but our mental attitude should not be engrossed in the endless pursuit and possession of it. Instead, our eyes should remain on Christ Jesus and the prize God has laid up for us, **1 Cor 9:24-27; Phil 3:14-16; Col 2:18-23** (BARBEION – prize); **2 Tim 2:1-5** (**STEPHANOO – Στεφανό** = crown).

Chafer notes in relationship to the poverty of the **KOSMOS**, "*This form of poverty is most honorable and should be the estate of every Christian.*"

Though Detained here, Christians are not of the Cosmos:

In the Upper Room Discourse, followed by Christ's priestly prayer, our Lord declares that believers are not of this world. **John 17:14, 16; 15:18-19.**

John repeats the statement in **1 John 3:1, 13.**

1 John 3:1, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

1 John 3:13, "Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you."

We are in the Cosmos, **John 17:18**, but have no relation to it other than to be God's ambassadors behind enemy lines. **2 Cor 5:20; 1 Peter 2:11; Phil 3:20.**

1 Peter 2:11, "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers (in regards to the cosmos) to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul."

Phil 3:20, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Cor 5:20, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

As a great ambassador, Job was given the privilege and honor of proving that Jehovah is worthy of all adoration, apart from His benefits. He completely exposed the lie of Satan, to the glory of God, as a true ambassador should.

Likewise, Paul was placed in such a position that was not without cost.

Acts 9:15-16, "But the Lord said to him (Ananias), "Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

Never-the-less, always keep in mind Paul's attitude towards his sufferings. We should rejoice in the sufferings we endure for Christ.

Col 1:24, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions."

His eyes were set upon the prize and he encourages ours to be also. His focus, as ours should be, was on God and Christ as a true witness and ambassador.

Phil 2:17, "But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. ¹⁸You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me."

And share we should in our poverty of the **COSMOS**, suffering for Christ's and our neighbor's sake, and for the sake of the brethren.

1 Cor 12:26, "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."

The Impotency of the Cosmos:

The cosmic system's power is impotent to achieve the ultimate goal of a kingdom on earth and has many limitations. The primary one being sin and evil inside every member of the Human race.

This again tells us that the believer must not be fearful of the Cosmos, because we have greater power inside of us than can be imagined. **1 John 4:4**

Satan and the Cosmos are limited in their knowledge and understanding of things. We will see more of this in regards to demonic influence. However, God is without limit in knowledge of all things and He provides for us His wisdom from the basis of His unlimited knowledge so that we might be His ambassadors on earth. **Job 37:16; 1 Cor 2:14-15; 2 Cor 4:6-7; Rom 3:11; 2 Cor 4:3-4; 1 John 4:5**

Job 37:16 "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, the wonders of [The] One perfect in knowledge."

2 Cor 4:6-7, "For God [Holy Spirit], who said [Gen 1:3], 'Light, shine out of darkness,' is the one who made his light to shine in our hearts [right lobes] to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ [epistemological rehabilitation]. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing greatness of the power may be from God and not from ourselves [influenced by Satan's Cosmic System]."

1 Cor 2:14-15, "But a natural man [one in the cosmos] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. ¹⁵But he who is spiritual [a heavenly citizen] appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one."

Rom 3:11, "There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;"

2 Cor 4:3-4, "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

1 John 4:5-6, "They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

Knowing that the cosmos is impotent and limited in knowledge and understanding, while God is omnipotent and omniscient, should give you (the believer) tremendous confidence to go forward in God's plan for your life. In the human realm, Satan is far superior to man in power and intellect. Yet, in the spiritual realm, he is woefully inferior to the power inside of us. We (believers in the Lord Jesus Christ) have that far superior power to sustain and propel inside God's plan for our lives. So, the question is, "Are you utilizing the power God has given to you? Or are you wallowing in the inferiority of the Cosmos?"

16.) Satan's Motives Revealed:

Why does God permit evil in the world? One reason is that He puts the suppositions that the creature proposes to an experimental test.

Experiment is defined as; "A test made to demonstrate a known truth; to examine the validity of a hypothesis, or to determine the efficacy of something previously untried. To try or test," American Heritage Dictionary.

"An operation carried out under controlled conditions in order to discover an unknown effect or law, to test or establish a hypothesis, or to illustrate a known law," Webster's Dictionary

So, God is allowing the hypothesis of Satan to be carried out to completion, **"I will be like the Most High."**

He does not have to do this, especially in the light of His omniscience. But He does, even though at times at great cost, to prove out His righteousness and teach the creature invaluable lessons. Job is a type of this.

God has allowed our current "experiment" of Satan's supposition to continue to its bitter end. By so doing, He will take away every argument and excuse from His accusers.

As a result, Satan will be absolutely guilty in the light of his colossal failure of the whole enterprise (i.e. Satan's Cosmos).

The supposition that Satan is **"like the Most High"** will be conceded to be a lie.

Satan and his cohorts will be proved guilty before God, as a result of their own delusions of greatness, **Rom 3:19; Gal 3:22; 2 Thess 2:9-12.**

Rom 3:19 "Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the COSMOS may become accountable to God;"

Gal 3:22, "But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."

2 Thess 2:12, "In order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness."

God allows this "experiment" to run its full and final course to show that Satan's lie incorporates all forms of creature rebellion against Him and to show the complete disillusionment of all fallen creatures.

In regards to the experiment, Chafer notes, *"The presence of sin and suffering is not God's failure. They are the inevitable default and bankruptcy of the lie."*

This will be seen like never before at the coming of the Antichrist, the man of sin. **2 Thes 2:4**

2 Thes 2:4, "Who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."

Satan's purpose has been and will be to thwart the Divine undertakings, especially the Divine purpose to save the lost, and exalt himself above God.

Scripture seems to indicate that he will not lose faith in that enterprise until that yet future time when he is cast out of heaven. **Rev 12:12**

In the "experiment," Satan's realm of influence was restricted to the angels and heaven prior to the creation of man. Upon man's creation, Satan now had a new realm in which to demonstrate his power and designs.

The cosmos is that which Satan requested from God and God granted him to execute his proposal to the bitter and tragic end.

Chafer notes four "milestones" marking Satan's course in this experiment:

1) **"I will be like the Most High," Isa 14:14.**

2) To Adam and the woman in the garden he said, **"you can be as gods," Gen 3:5.**

Remember that until Adam and the woman rejected God's plan, death was a none existent thing. As a result of their rebellion spurred on by Satan, death entered creation. No angel ever experienced death nor received a penalty of death.

3) In tempting the last Adam, he said, **"worship me," Matt 4:8.**

4) The inauguration of the man of sin, **Dan 7:8; 9:27; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 13:3-8.**

"It is no greater mystery that God allows Satan to pursue his lie to its full consummation ... than that He allows the lie to have its beginning at all." Chafer pg. 97

These are the cornerstones of the great lie.

What is motivating Satan to carry out his failed plan?

- Pride and Arrogance
- Jealousy of man that we are offered salvation accompanied by a position higher in glory than angels.

1 Cor 6:3, "Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?"

- Lack of acceptance that a relationship with God can be attained apart from personal merit.

Self-righteousness is Satan's calling card and the plan he believes to be most appropriate as compared to God's Plan of Grace.

This may be one reason why his servants disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, **2 Cor 11:13-15**, to prove out Satan's supposition.

2 Peter 2:1-3, "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. ²Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; ³and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep."

Satan, who wants his own personal merits to shine and be the force of acceptance, rejects the plan of Grace by God. That is why he tries so hard to veil the grace of God from man. **2 Cor 4:4**

2 Cor 4:4, "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

F. C. Jennings states: "He so weaves the course of this age; its religious forms, ceremonies, external decencies, respectabilities, and conventionalities as to form a thick veil, that entirely hides 'the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus which consists in righteous mercy to penitent sinners only. This veil is not formed by evil-living, depravity, or any form of what passes as evil amongst men; but by cold formality, heartless decency, proud self-complacency, highly esteemed external respectability, and we must add, "church-membership," all without Christ. It is the most fatal of all delusions, the thickest of all veils, and the most common. It is that way because it is religious, respectable, decent 'seems right unto a man but the end thereof is death' (Prov 14:12; 16:25); for there is no Christ, no Lamb of God, no Blood of Atonement in it" (Satan, pp. 29-30).

17.) Satan's Method – Deception:

As we begin this subsection of Satanology, we recall the base premise. Satan wants to **"BE LIKE the Most High."** Isa 14:14

In his endeavors, he spreads his falsehoods and lies to those of the cosmos. In the English, we call this deception or deceiving, in the Greek it is **PLANAO** – **πλανᾶω** (plan-ah'-o) from **PLANE** – **πλάνη** (plan'-ay) = "wandering, deceitful, deluding, or error." So **PLANAO** comes to mean, "to cause to wander, to wander, or deceive."

In the book of Revelation, we see this **PLANAO** going out to those:

- In the **"whole world / inhabited earth,"** [**ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΗ** – **οἰκουμένη** (oy-kou-men'-ay)], **Rev 12:9**
- That **"dwell on the earth / inhabit,"** [**ΚΑΤΟΙΚΕΩ** – **κατοικέω** (kat-oy-keh'-o)], **Rev 13:14**
- **"The nations,"** (**ETHNOS** – **ἔθνος** (eth'-nos)) **Rev 20:3, 8, 10** (them)
- **"Them"** and **"they"**, **2 Thes 2:10** (deception = **ΑΠΑΤΕ** – **ἀπάτη** (ap-at'-ay) = deceitfulness)

2 Tim 3:13, "But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

"In the light of all this disclosure, the dreams of religious guides who predict a transformed, regenerated cosmos, as a result of human effort in Christian service are seen to be without foundation. ... God declares that the cosmos diabolicus is to continue with increasing deception and to continue to the embodiment of the lie until it is crushed by the infinite power of the returning King." Chafer pg. 100

Therefore, there is no ground for any attempts to save the world or to transform it. Believers are taught to be ready to save souls with the gospel at all times, but that is a far cry from an attempt to rescue the **COSMOS** which God will ultimately destroy.

Satan's cosmic system will be completely annihilated by God, **"broken to pieces."** **Rev 2:27; Dan 2:34-35, 44-45: 1 John 2:17**

So, we see that the lie of Satan expands to the entire **COSMOS** which must be utterly destroyed before the rule of perfect righteousness can begin. And the lie is built on the foundation of independence of God.

"To do the will of God is to do the truth; to act apart from God is to do the lie. ... Satan's original independence of God which permeates the whole order, his deceptions about himself, about his purpose, and about the extent of his enterprise, constitute the primary aspects of Satan's method in the cosmos." Chafer pg. 101

Knowing Satan's two-fold objective, to exalt self and oppose God, helps us to understand his undertakings, a primary one being the attack on Christians.

Satan has no problem with the unregenerated world for they are his own. But for the believer, we are his enemy and attention is given to them. Satan endeavors to cause strife in the life and service of the believer. His only reasoning, **"we have partaken of the divine nature," 2 Peter 1:4.**

2 Peter 1:4, "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

"Partakers" is the Greek noun **κοινωνός- koinónos** (koy-no-nos'); and comes to mean, "a sharer, partaker, partner, associate, companion," etc. The context of the passage determines whether this "partnership" is good or evil.

"May become" is a Verb in the Aorist, Middle Deponent, Subjunctive, Second Person Plural of **GINOMAI – γίνομαι** (ghin'-om-ahee), which means, "to come into being, to happen, or to become."

Given the Subjunctive Mood this is a potential based on your faith application of the Word of God.

So, in this verse, we see the many precious and magnificent and promises God has given to mankind so they can avoid the evil that is found in the world. We note that these promises have been given to us by God, as told to us via the Divine inspiration of the prophets and apostles. So, we see that God is working through regenerated men in love to reach out to the unregenerated.

Interestingly enough, God loves the unbeliever by means of the believer, (**Rom 5:5; 2 Cor 5:18-20**), but Satan shows his hatred towards God by attacking the believer. Some verses that speak to this include:

John 16:33 – (tribulation in the world)

Eph 6:10-12 – (our adversary is not flesh and blood)

2 Tim 3:12 – (suffer persecution)

1 John 3:13 – (the world hates you)

1 Peter 5:7-9 – (roaring lion)

These Scriptures tell us of our helplessness against the attacks from Satan's cosmic system apart from the power of God resident within our souls.

That is why Jesus Prayed in **John 17:15, "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one."**

"If Satan can cripple the believer's service, he accomplishes much in resisting the present purpose of God." Chafer pg. 102

But let's not forget the unbeliever who gives the Gospel a hearing. Satan doesn't care about unbelievers either and is working against any form of positive volition towards the truth they might have.

2 Cor 4:4, "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

That is why Satan has tried so hard and been so successful at deluding and deceiving with counterfeits. By adding counterfeits to the truth of the gospel, by supplanting grace with works, Satan has been highly successful in keeping the unregenerated from entering the family of God and from keeping the regenerated from advancing in the spiritual life glorifying God.

With the counterfeit, Satan can satisfy the appetite of the external / superficial religious cravings in man.

Many times, the counterfeit is so subtle and sublime we march right over it and claim it to be our own. This is exactly what Satan desires. The closer the counterfeit is to the real, the more effective it is in deceiving mankind.

Chafer states, "It is, therefore, no longer safe to subscribe blindly to that which promises general good, simply because it is good and is garnished with the teachings of the Bible; for good has ceased to be all on the one side and evil all on the other. In fact, that which is evil in purpose has gradually appropriated the good until but one issue distinguishes them. Part-truth-ism has come into final conflict with whole-truth-ism, and woe to the soul that does not discern between them!"

Chafer noted that the present enemies of the church are like the unclean birds in the mustard tree who have taken shelter under her branches, **Matt 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19.**

In his day, circa 1940-50's, he noticed that the open denial of truth was almost wholly abandoned. Yet, in our day 2006, it seems to have reinvigorated itself and is now everywhere in our society. Nevertheless, the integration of evil in the church likewise exists today as in his day. *"They are officiating at her most sacred altars and conducting her institutions. They are committed to the furtherance of any project or the acceptance of any theory that promises good to the world."* He goes on to say that, *"It is apparently based upon Scripture, little realizing that they are often really supporting the enemy of God."*

2 Tim 3:5, "Holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these."

Therefore, God's people are called upon to run away from or separate from all churches and institutions which deny the gospel of God's saving grace through the substitutionary blood of the Cross.

"To support institutions or ministries which "deny the power thereof." Is to lend aid to Satan-the enemy of God." Chafer pg. 106

In **2 Peter 2:1-3**, the emphasis of rejection is in the phrase, **"the Master (Lord) who bought them."** This tells us that the emphasis is on Christ's redemptive work, which will be mutilated in the last days. Therefore, we understand a feature of the last days, which is a **"form of godliness,"** where there is careful denial of the power of God in salvation that is filled with substitutions. **1 Tim 4:1-2**

1 Tim 4:1-2, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ²by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron."

When **1 Tim 4:1-2** says, **"hypocrisy of liars,"** it means that these people are trying to be seen as "the faithful" when in fact the Truth is not in them.

"Seared consciences" — The Greek word for **"seared"** is **KAUSTERIAZO** – **καυτηριάζω** (kow-tay-ree-ad'-zo), which means, "to burn with a hot iron so as to deaden to feeling." A **"seared consciences"** means that the truth is distorted within their own souls, having been wholly convinced that the lie is the truth. As a result, they also blindly lead others to eternal condemnation without remorse or regret, mostly because they have no idea what they are doing.

Also in **Rev 2:20-24**, the church of Thyatira is reprimanded for tolerating false teachings. So, we see that in the **"last days"** there is:

- A denial of the power of God in man's salvation.
- A system of false religion called the **"deep things of Satan"** a.k.a. **"The Doctrine of Demons."**
- The followers of these deceptions are called Satan's congregation, **Rev 2:9; 3:9.**

- Those who lead them are Satan's ministers, **2 Cor 11:13-15**. **2 Cor 11:13-15**, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds."

Under Satan's deception, their gospel is one of human reason, and appeals to human resources with no appreciation for Divine revelation.

- They are sincere, yet without understanding.
- Empowered by the angel of light, but blind to the True light.
- Their gospel is righteousness, which should never be applied for salvation but only to the regenerated man.
- They are full of humanitarian zeal but are unregenerated.
- With Satan's energizing power, they can appear to do miraculous works, **Rev 13:2**, leading many astray in worship of them.

John tells us to avoid such individuals in **2 John 1:10-11**, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; ¹¹for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds."

Chafer notes that, "All teachers are to be judged by their attitude toward the doctrine of the blood redemption of Christ, rather than by their winsome personalities, their education, or their sincerity. Any of the great Scriptural subjects which are of universal interest to humanity, such as physical health, life after death, morality, unfulfilled prophecy, or religious forms, may be substituted in the false systems for that which is vital. While those subjects are all found in their proper relations and importance in the true faith, the fact that people are universally inclined to give attention to them furnishes an opportunity for Satan to make a strong appeal to humanity through them, using these subjects as central truths in his false and counterfeit systems." (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vol. 2, pg. 108)

As a result, Scripture is emphasized, except the fact of Jesus Christ's efficacious work on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Secondary doctrines are placed first in prominence, and redemption through Christ alone is not seen.

There is no doubt that this form of false teaching, worship, and power has been seen throughout the ages. That is why we see so many false worshippers throughout the Bible, (**Lev 17:7; 2 Chron 11:15; Rev 9:20**). In fact, in all situations, Satan is the one they are truly worshipping and serving.

These are the types we are instructed to avoid at all costs from entering into a personal relationship with.

"It is not final evidence, therefore that a system of doctrine is of God simply because there are accompanying manifestations of superhuman power, nor is it final evidence that the

Almighty has responded simply because any form of supplication has been answered.” Chafer pg. 109

2 Tim 4:3-4, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”

In our day and age, there is a strange fascination about these powers, miracles, and humanitarian initiatives which are religious only in form. There is also a strange attractiveness to the leaders of these churches who say they are not concerned with the doctrines of the Bible, because the helping of humanity is his passion and more important. “After all,” they say, “Jesus came to heal.”

In making the secondary issues of the Bible the primary ones, they in fact are denying the Blood of Christ. Christ cannot deny himself so we understand that there is only one other source of empowerment these congregations can obtain and that is from Satan himself. We know that Satan will “oppose” and thus “exalt himself,” and therefore he will empower others that do the same.

Not only do we see the workings of Satan in pseudo Christianity, but we also see it in other pagan religious systems and spiritism that are in no way related to the Bible. They too use a moral system for the basis of man’s standing.

“Wherever the element of human merit is allowed to intrude into the presentation of the plan of salvation, the message is satanic to that extent. The ministers of Satan proclaim personal righteousness as the ground of the individual’s right relations to God (2 Cor. 11:13-15).” Chafer pg. 111

“For each and every form of religion or worship, there is only one acid test. What place does it give to the redeeming grace of God made possible only through the death and shed blood of Christ?” Chafer pg. 111

18.) The End of the Cosmos:

The fact that the Cosmos comes to a complete termination and destruction is understood in both Testaments of the Bible.

In **Psalm 2**, we have a prophecy where the nations are seen in their final diabolical rejection of Jehovah (the Father) and His Messiah (the Son), compare with **Rev. 16:13-14**.

In spite of their combined resistance, Jehovah places His King upon David’s throne in Jerusalem, (i.e. **“holy mountain of Zion”**). The Son takes the government from the Father’s hand and with a rod of iron breaks the nations in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

Kings and rulers are admonished to secure right relations with the Lord Jesus Christ before His awful judgments begin.

Rev 12:5, "And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne."

Rev 2:26-27, "He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; ²⁷and he shall rule (*Shepherd*) them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;"

Rev 19:15, "From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty."

In **Dan 2 & 7**, we see additional prophecies concerning the course and end of the Gentile nations. Here God reveals the truth that they will be crushed and blown away as **"the chaff of the summer threshing floors,"** and the King of kings will then reign over all the earth, **Dan 2:35.**

In **Matt 25:31-46**, the nations, completely unable to resist the sovereign power of the King, are seen to assemble before Him, at which time He determines their destiny; one part to enter His earthly kingdom and the other consigned to the Lake of Fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

In **2 Thess 1:7-10**, the distinctive message is the utter destruction of all that enters into the cosmos.

In addition, it is imperative that we rightly divide **Rev 4 through 22** to have the correct understanding of the end of the Cosmos. Nothing recorded in these passages could have been fulfilled in past history. These passages don't provide new information to us other than what we have already been told in the Word of God.

"False religious pretense and apostasy from the truth of God along with the Cosmos itself must come into final judgment before the King takes His throne to reign in righteousness over the whole earth." Chafer pg. 89

Revelation 18:14 alone serves to identify this final destruction as the judgment of God on the whole Cosmos and all it has ever brought forth.

Rev 18:24, "The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them."

This tells us that the things that God now tolerates, for according to His omniscient purposes, are doomed to complete destruction.

This is seen in:

1 Cor 7:31, "...for the form of this world is passing away."

1 John 2:17, "The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

2 Pet 3:10, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up."

19.) Conclusion to Satanology (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, Volumes 2 and 7)

"In the light of which has been written in preceding divisions of Satanology, it may be concluded that, by creation, Satan is the highest of all angels and that he fell into sin, being befogged by the distortion of sanity which pride engenders. His sin took the form of an assumption to act in independence of the Creator—an undertaking which, of necessity, became a concrete embodiment of untruth as certainly as God is Truth. According to the Divine method of dealing with creature assumption, as seen in all past history, Satan is allowed—if not required—to put his scheme of independent action to an experimental test, and its present development, though manifesting even now its corrupt nature, is yet incomplete. The inerrant, prophetic Scriptures carry the stupendous enterprise on to the unavoidable, irrational, incomprehensible spiritual bankruptcy which characterizes the consummation of this gigantic experiment. During these terrible ages of trial, Light is pitted against darkness, and Truth against falsehood."

His **PERSONALITY**. As in the case with Christ, the knowledge of Satan depends wholly on what the Scriptures declare. No more or better evidence even there will exist for belief in the personality of one than for the other.

His **POWER**. (a) As created, his might was second only to God's. (**Ezek 28:11-16**). (b) After his moral fall (cf. **Job 2:7; Isa 14:12-17; Luke 4:6; 22:31**, R.V.; **1 Cor 5:5; Heb. 2:14**) and even after his judgment in the cross (**John 16:11; Col 2:15**), he continues to reign as a usurper (**2 Cor 4:4**). Consider here all passages throughout Scripture on Satan's temptations and solicitations to evil.

His **WORK**. (a) Relative to God, his evil works are still permitted. (b) Relative to demons, they must do his will. (c) Relative to the unsaved, he is in authority over them (**Isa 14:17; 2 Cor 4:3-4; Eph 2:2; Col 1:13; 1 John 5:19**, R.V.). (d) Relative to the saved, he comes in conflict with them (**Eph 6:11-18**). (e) Relative to truth, he is a liar (**John 8:44**) and author of "the lie."

His **CAREER**. (a) Past. (1) Satan experienced a moral fall (**Isa 14:12-17; Ezek 28:15; 1 Tim 3:6**). (2) Satan's judgment was predicted in Eden (**Gen 3:15**). (3) His judgment was

accomplished at the cross (**John 12:31-33**). (b) Present. (1) He is reigning as a usurper today (**2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; Rev 2:13**). (2) He gains the name “**accuser of the brethren**” for what he is doing now (**Rev 12:10**). (3) He is father in a spiritual sense to all who accept his philosophy of independence from God (**John 8:44; Eph 2:2**). (c) Future. (1) He is one day to be cast out of heaven (**Rev 12:7-12; cf. Isa 14:12; Luke 10: 18**). (2) He is to be confined to the abyss for one thousand years (**Rev 20:1-3, 7**). (3) When released from the abyss, he will lead armies against God (**Rev 20:8-9**). (4) His final doom is the lake of fire (**Rev 20: 10**).