

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 13

OUTLINE:

1) *Satan – His Methods*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

We conclude our last lesson by pointing to a second way Satan works at getting people to follow a life of sin. It was called “the Decoy Method”. This method is best explained by calling to mind the nursery rhyme of the Pied Piper and how he lured the unsuspecting rats into trusting him and following him, in unquestioned loyalty, to their death. Satan has an eternal death trap planned for every individual into which he uses his “pied pipers” to lead them. There are many of Satan’s decoys around, singing, playing, shouting and writing a pleasing tune which designed to lure one into the fatal trap. It is common knowledge that some are leaders and the majority are followers. With this knowledge, Satan cultivates a group of people to be leaders for his plans. One must not jump on every band wagon that passes by. Be aware that some of those who ask for a following just may be one of Satan’s decoys hard at work.

SATAN – HIS METHODS

DECOY METHOD – (Continued from Lesson 12)

Satan has many decoys planted in the world. All are doing his will in influencing as many as possible to walk into the eternal trap. What did Satan’s tune say that appealed to the mind of Eve; what did he imply she could gain by following his words?

Genesis 3:4-5 _____

Satan pulled the shades over her eyes or mind so that she acted on the words of Satan. He deluded her with enticing words and led her into his trap. The decoy he worked through is spoken of as being what creature?

Genesis 3:1 _____

Satan chooses well his decoy and then works hard to train him to speak only that which seems to be appealing. One of his best tricks is to get man to belittle God and God’s Word. What view concerning the preaching of the truth of the Cross does Satan’s decoy try to get everyone to hold?

1 Corinthians 1:18 _____

Satan uses one man to be another man to fall victim to his lies. The cry of “just this once”, “what’s wrong with it”, “your old fashioned”, “don’t be a sissy”, “you’ll never have it so good” are common tunes employed by the decoys. Of all the decoys that Satan has at his command, he is most pleased with those who claim to belong to what profession?

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 _____

Doubts and confusion are the results produced by the false ministers. Their presence can only spell trouble to the Christian because they will try to do what to the Gospel of Christ?

Galatians 1:7 _____

What did Paul think should happen to anyone who tried to corrupt the true Gospel?

Galatians 1:8 _____

We shall take up in detail this matter of “any other gospel” when we consider the Diversion Method. But for the time being, we can say that it is what one says that must be watched. Above all else, it is the thoughts of the decoy that are most treacherous. It is the tune of his lips that leads one into the trap Satan has set.

Peter says that false prophets and teachers shall be ever at work, trying to bring what into the minds of people?

2 Peter 2:1 _____

What shall many do when false preachers go about speaking evil of the way of truth?

2 Peter 2:2 _____

It becomes apparent that one must have some knowledge of the truth in order to know when one is a decoy of Satan. What did Jesus say was the asset of knowing the truth?

John 8:31-32 _____

After arming the Thessalonians with the truth of God’s Word, what did Paul say they should be always ready to do, even if the guilty one was a brother in Christ who had fallen prey to some decoy?

2 Thessalonians 3:14 _____

As soon as we discover one is a decoy of Satan, even if he comes to our home, he must be treated in what manner?

2 John 1:10 _____

What does it say one is guilty of who in any way encourages the decoy of Satan?

2 John 1:11 _____

What are God's true ministers required to do?

2 Timothy 4:2 _____

What has Satan been able to get the masses to refuse to endure?

2 Timothy 4:3a _____

This group, so blinded by Satan, will request what be done?

2 Timothy 4:3b _____

With the decoys of Satan enjoying such popularity, what shall take place?

2 Timothy 4:4 _____

What special group does Paul warn that we stay away from?

2 Timothy 3:5 _____

This group pretends to promote religion, but not the sort where Christ has any right or power over their decisions or conduct. What three additional things does Paul say about false teachers?

2 Timothy 3:8 _____

When one departs or rejects the truth of God to follow the lies of some decoy of the Devil, who is really being followed?

1 Timothy 4:1 _____

What is said of the conscience of those hypocrites who preach the doctrines of devils?

1 Timothy 4:2 _____
(it is no longer God-sensitive)

What three descriptions does Paul give of false apostles?

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 _____

_____ workers.

transforming themselves _____

transform themselves _____

(transform means make out to appear so to others)

Who are such ministers?

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 _____

Paul was very concerned with getting across the value of God's truth so that no man might do what to God's chosen?

Colossians 2:4 _____

This verse raises another aspect of Satan's decoy method. One is mistaken if he thinks Satan uses only those posing as ministers to lure the unsuspecting into his fatal trap. All teachers are not ministers. In some respect, everyone is a teacher of something. One does not have to be a minister to cast suspicion on God's Word, make enticing and degrading suggestions, infuse wicked thoughts or stir up trouble. Some of the greatest salesmen Satan has have no connection with the ministry. Anyone loyal to Satan is a decoy. The thoughts and suggestions of all men must be weighed carefully. Especially must one be careful that he does not knowingly do what?

Psalm 1:1 _____

The Bible warns repeatedly that the words, thoughts, and ways of others have a way of rubbing off on us; others influence us in more ways than we realize. This being the case, one must be careful of his companions. Invariably Satan attempts to plant one of his decoys as the one we should make our best friend, the one we should run with, the one we should take counsel with and advice from. Satan needs someone on the inside of our group of friends that we will trust without question, that will be permitted to reason for us; that will go unchallenged on anything he says. The effective decoy is one who will be followed blindly. Does it matter who we make our closest friends? Little in life could matter more!

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