

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 14

OUTLINE:

1) *Satan – His Methods*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

By knowing the basic ways Satan works to bring about man's eternal downfall, one can put up a better guard. We know his methods work due to their continued use since the original fall of man. So far we have considered two commonly used tactics, the "Delusion Method" and the "Decoy Method". We are at present still considering the decoy method. We saw that Satan uses false ministers, who deny the truth of God's Word, as very effective decoys in drawing men away from God. We ended our last lesson by pointing out that it makes a difference who one runs with.

SATAN – HIS METHODS

DECOY METHOD – (Continued from Lesson 13)

What did Paul say one must not do in regards to those he knows are living a life contrary to God?

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 _____

On another occasion Paul again stressed the need to do what?

2 Corinthians 6:17 _____

What is God's will regarding a Christian considering marrying or running with an unbeliever?

2 Corinthians 6:14 _____

What is said of the possibility of real fellowship (togetherness) between a Christian and a decoy of Satan?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 _____

We can never have fellowship with what?

Ephesians 5:11 _____

The ground of fellowship between Christians is their love for what and belief in what?

Philippians 1:5 _____

What is the law abiding friendship?

Amos 3:3 _____

(The trick of Satan is to get the believer to agree with the philosophy and whims of his decoy.)

One must keep clear on what we mean by friend. The Bible clearly says we are to be kind, helpful and friendly to all men. Yet we are not to make the lost our closest friends. Voluntary social intimacy with a decoy of the Devil is out. We are to be friendly at a distance only. Our daily companions must be of the Lord's family. Never are we to permit into this circle a decoy of the Devil.

DESTROY METHOD

We come now to the third way Satan often operates. On one hand man seems to be very careful and concerned about his and the life of others. Yet on the other hand we see that man acts and thinks as though life is cheap and practically worthless. Man's two-sided nature presents a real problem. When is a man safe? A lot depends on the time, the place, the circumstances, and what person is nearby. Violence is so common that few ever get excited or alarmed. Killing is something, whether in war or in peace, that will take place. The only thing that often shocks us is how cruel and evil-minded some can be in the way used to destroy the life of another.

What title did Jesus label Satan with which proves him to be the mind behind man's desire to kill?

John 8:44 _____

According to the scriptures, who was first influenced by Satan to take the life of another?

Genesis 4:8 _____

The Devil is compared to a roaring lion which goes around seeking to do what?

1 Peter 5:8 _____

The Lord told Peter that Satan was after him and planned to do what if at all possible?

Luke 22:31 _____

When God permitted Satan to tempt Job, what one restriction did He place on him?

Job 2:6 _____

What power did Satan lose when Jesus died on the Cross and rose again?

Hebrews 2:14 _____

Though Satan cannot directly take the life of a man, he can and does everything he can to influence one man to destroy another. What are some common tools he uses to put his "destroy method" into action?

Proverbs 10:12a _____

Proverbs 27:4 _____

Proverbs 6:34 _____

1 Timothy 6:10 _____

To try and stop the birth of Jesus from taking place, Satan talked King Herod into doing what?

Matthew 2:13,16 _____

One of the greatest sins of the Nation of Judah was worshiping false Gods or idols. Remember that the Bible says such worship is actually being given to the Devil and not the idol. What did the idol worship Judah was guilty of require which clearly points to Satan's destroy method?

Jeremiah 19:4-5 _____

God called the place where Satan was worshiped as the valley of what?

Jeremiah 19:6 _____

The study of history and civilization points up the cruelty and slaughter that man has carried on in the name of religion. Satan has been very successful in getting man to sacrifice man upon his altar. His religions thrive on the idea of cruelty and murder. Anyone who thinks Satan is his friend is a fool. Jesus called Satan a murderer and that is exactly what he is.

Satan also attempts to make man destroy himself. What was he able to get one man to do night and day?

Mark 5:2-5 _____

Self-destruction was the idea Satan impressed upon the mind of Judas after he was through using him to betray Jesus. What did Judas do?

Matthew 27:5 _____

We must not overlook Satan's desire to rid the earth of every Christian.

Where did Judas get his idea to betray Jesus for the purpose of getting him killed?

John 13:21,27 _____

What did Satan stir up unbelieving Jews to do to Stephen, a messenger of God?

Acts 7:54-60 _____

What must all who live for the Lord expect from the hand of Satan's followers?

2 Timothy 3:12 _____

What prayer of David will the Christian find to be a common prayer that Satan makes necessary?

Psalms 31:15 _____

What does Satan get the wicked to do?

Psalms 37:12 _____

What did Satan try to get Jesus to do on one occasion? What reason did Satan give that Jesus should try such a thing?

Luke 4:9 _____

Luke 4:10-11 _____

What was Christ's answer to this temptation?

Luke 4:12 _____

The promise of angelic protection for Christ stood good only if Jesus was in danger that came from a normal course of life. To deliberately do a foolish and dangerous act would be tempting God to withdraw His promised protection. Satan knew this and hoped Jesus would try the jump and be killed. Satan entices man to be a daredevil, to risk his life unnecessarily, to play with danger, to act crazy and show off. He wants man to do a foolish thing and then hopes for the worst.

Violence, murder, cruelty, and brutality are the works of Satan. Though the Lord is often blamed for such atrocities, they are nothing but Satan busy at work using his "destroy" method.

