

# THE ANGELIC HOST

## LESSON 11

### OUTLINE:

- 1) *Satan – His Kingdom*
- 2) *Satan – His Methods*

### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

We saw last time how Satan is in the present position of being the “Prince of the World”. The word prince stands for ruler or leader. The authority of Satan is worldwide. His evil will demands allegiance from the masses of mankind. Satan’s rule is well organized. Every ruler has to have a place to rule as well as a people to rule. This brings us to our new topic.

### SATAN – HIS KINGDOM

It would help if we keep in mind that Satan tries to imitate God in every way he feels possible. He still has his original yearning to be equal or superior to God. He wants to have everything God has.

Jesus said He was sent to tell the people about something God had to offer them, which was what?

Luke 4:43 \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus say Satan had which could not stand if Satan turned on himself?

Matthew 12:26 \_\_\_\_\_

Here we see Satan has a kingdom. Of course, they are not the same kingdom. What did Jesus say of God’s kingdom?

John 18:36 \_\_\_\_\_

In God’s kingdom will be found all the holy angels plus that group of people who have received what?

John 3:3 \_\_\_\_\_

In Satan’s kingdom will be found a different host who pay him allegiance. First there are the fallen angels. Paul classifies these into four orders, which are:

Ephesians 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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Other terms given to Satan's unseen host are:

Acts 19:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 5:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 10:1 \_\_\_\_\_

What one thing does the Bible say is different about the spirits?

Matthew 12:45 \_\_\_\_\_

The unsaved masses make up the other part of Satan's kingdom. How does Jesus refer to the lost which indicates they belong to Satan?

John 8:44 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan has a kingdom just as God does. We do not know if there are more unseen powers in Satan's Kingdom than in God's, but we can say there are more people in Satan's kingdom than in God's. Jesus once spoke of mankind heading down the highway of each kingdom. What words did He use to portray the number on each highway. (Matthew 7:13-14)

"Broad is the way that lead to destruction, and \_\_\_\_\_  
there be which go in thereof:

"Narrow is the way which leads unto eternal life, and \_\_\_\_\_  
there be that find it. It matters not whether fallen man agrees or admits to being a part of Satan's kingdom. Both Satan and God consider him as part and that settles the issue.

Satan's kingdom consists of fallen angels, spirits and men on earth. It is well organized and always ready to do his commands.

### **SATAN – HIS METHODS**

Satan's methods vary so greatly that we could never list all of them. He constantly has a new trick up his sleeve. He constantly strives for some new way to deceive. He never gives up and never loses interest. Many of his methods are tried and proven and thus can be listed. What works once he will try again, and again, and again. His greatest aim is to deceive us into thinking as he thinks, all along suggesting to us that he is God and we are well-pleasing in his sight.

This is one of his masterstrokes. He tampers with the thoughts of our minds and conscience.

If Satan is not to get the advantage of us, we must not be what?

2 Corinthians 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Some Christians may boast that Satan never bothers them. This can only be because they never bother Satan. Said E.M. Bounds, "The careless and half-hearted Christian knows nothing of the devil or his devices, but the souls astir for God and the good, on a stretch for heaven, they are the ones who demand his attention, provoke his ire and call forth his machinations." Satan may seem indifferent to some Christians due to their being no threat to his kingdom. Satan has little warfare with his own unregenerate people, but there is more than ample Scripture to prove that he makes unceasing attacks upon the saints of God who takes serious their salvation and obedience to God.

Why is Satan so set against the child of God? It is because he has partaken of what?

2 Peter 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Being too much like God is too much for Satan to ignore. By hurling his fiery darts at God's child, he is striking back at God for all he lost due to his sin. It is also through the saved that God reveals his love for the lost as well as the plan for their escape from Satan's hold and an eternity of suffering. Thus the believer threatens Satan's hold on the lost. For these reasons, the Christian must expect what?

1 John 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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John 16:33 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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In connection with this fact of Satan being out to do in the active child of God, Jesus saw a need to make a special prayer, which was?

John 17:15 \_\_\_\_\_

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If Satan can stop or cripple the believer's service and loyalty to Christ, he accomplishes much evil, he protects his own kingdom, and he brings failure to God's purposes.

Satan has varied devices he employs to sway both saved and lost. Especially does the believer need to be ever on the alert for his treachery. He must continually ask God to reveal what Satan is up to. In a later lesson we will consider ways to resist the Devil and gain day by day victory.

There are several basic methods Satan consistently employs. We will consider these methods in detail in this and the following lesson.

### **Delusion Method**

A deluded person is one who believes in something that is not true. It can be said he is blind to the real truth when it hits him in the face. Eve was the first person who fell for this tactic. What was she deluded by Satan into believing could happen to her if she disobeyed God?

Genesis 3:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan pulled the shades over her eyes or mind so that she disbelieved God and listened to Satan. Satan is a master at deluding people through lies. He calls black white and keeps people from seeing the difference.

Paul speaks of the Gospel of God being hid to the lost and goes on to tell why this is so. What reason did he give?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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How does Satan get the lost to regard the preaching of the truth of the Cross?

I Corinthians 1:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Here we have a picture of a man being blind and not knowing it. All he sees is what Satan wants him to see, to know, to believe. To his mind, he is unable to see God's truth as being true. Satan makes him question God's truth, then doubt it, and then deny it. As with Eve, Satan persuades man to call God a liar. He blinds their mind to the point they refuse to believe truth.

To be continued.

