

# THE ANGELIC HOST

## LESSON 15

### OUTLINE:

1) *Satan – His Methods*

### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Satan's program for the downfall of man is extensive. He stops short of nothing to accomplish his plans. Already we have seen how he uses, to the best advantage, those methods known as the Delusion Method, the Decoy Method and the Destroy Method. Though these are some of his most popular methods, they by no means comprise all the tricks up his sleeve. The ways he seeks to make each method work seem endless. Yet by knowing his methods we can throw up a better defense and recognize danger more easily. The more of Satan's methods we understand the better prepared we will be to overcome.

### SATAN – HIS METHODS

#### DIVERSION METHOD

The word diversion is defined as "anything that diverts or distracts one's attention." How easily one falls for this often-used maneuver of Satan. This is one of the most successful methods Satan ever devised. God calls us to do one thing and Satan quickly and continually diverts our attention and gets us to do anything but what God wants.

What two things does Satan use to divert the attention of those who receive God's Word?

Matthew 13:22 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan continually tries to get man to forget about those things God labels priority. When Jesus was in the Garden praying, prior to His arrest and trial, He told Peter, James and John that their greatest need right then was to pray. Satan attempted to divert their attention from praying by getting them to feel they needed to do what instead of praying?

Mark 14:36-39 \_\_\_\_\_

God says it is important that man does what above all else?

Luke 10:27 \_\_\_\_\_

Yet Satan tries to make one forget this by persuading him it is of more value to love what instead?

2 Timothy 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_

What does God say the first thing a man should make sure he does?

Matthew 6:33 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan attempts to take man's mind off such need by turning his attention to what?

2 Timothy 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_

What does John say to those who get side-tracked into believing that all that matters is getting all this world can offer?

1 John 2:15,17 \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus call one man who spent his whole life getting earthly goods and left out any thought of putting God first in his life?

Luke 12:20 \_\_\_\_\_

What had been the diversion Satan used to bring about this farmers eternal ruin?

Luke 12:21 \_\_\_\_\_

On one occasion Jesus told a parable of how God called for the obedience of three men to come into His presence. Satan went into his diversion routine and got each one more interested in what?

Luke 14:18 \_\_\_\_\_

14:19 \_\_\_\_\_

14:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan wishes to bog man down in trivialities. He aims at making man major on minor things as far as their eternal value. Let us look at some examples:

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT:

... to have pretty-shoed feet than what?

Ephesians 6:15 \_\_\_\_\_

... to have attractive eyes over what?

Psalm 25:15 \_\_\_\_\_

... to have a college degree than?

Ecclesiastes 2:26 \_\_\_\_\_

... to have money in the bank than?

Matthew 6:20 \_\_\_\_\_

... to have an alert mind than?

Philippians 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_

... to tip a waiter than?

Malachi 3:8 \_\_\_\_\_

... to deodorize the body and breath than?

2 Corinthians 2:15a \_\_\_\_\_

... to develop a new you – body & personality over?

2 Corinthians 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_

... to guard against tooth decay than be concerned about?

Matthew 24:51 \_\_\_\_\_

... to have daily washing of clothes, body, dishes, etc. than?

Psalm 51:2 \_\_\_\_\_

... attend civic club meetings than be present at?

Hebrews 10:25 \_\_\_\_\_

... watch out for signs of termites than?

Matthew 25:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan does not necessarily try to get one to deny that eternal things are important. He does try to get one to put off till later any doing of the things that will save his soul or make him pleasing to God. He diverts man's attention from God's will and then soothes the conscience by causing the man to

believe he will get around to it at a later time. As most know, that later time slips by and God is left out once again. Someone has correctly said that, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." Satan loves to get us so busy that we neglect doing God's will. To get us busy, he continually calls our attention to something else we need to do before we attempt to what God requires. We have, he says, ample time to do God's business but no extra time whatsoever to do all other things. The aim of this method is to make man leave God out of his life.

The Church is a prime target for the diversion method. If Satan is to hinder the Church from carrying out the program of God, then he must call its attention to matters of less importance. Jesus charged the Scribes and Pharisees of doing this when He said they failed to do what?

Matthew 23:23 \_\_\_\_\_

The Church and come to play up the lesser demands of God and play down the greater demands. Especially does Satan want this done concerning what command of Christ?

Mark 16:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan constantly attempts to divert the attention of the Church away from this Gospel unto what?

Galatians 1:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it so necessary to preach the Gospel of Christ?

Romans 1:16 \_\_\_\_\_

The primary program of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel of salvation from sin through Christ. Unless this Gospel is preached, then no one will be saved. Thus Satan attempts to divert the attention of the Church in other directions. Satan must withhold the information that man's only hope for heaven hinges on his knowing what in particular?

1 Peter 1:19 \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:3,36 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 6:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan is pleased when a Church forgets to preach the Gospel and gets wholly involved with social causes and political issues. He favors the Church majoring on anything but the Gospel. What one other thing does Satan attempt to divert the attention of the Church away from?

Matthew 21:13 \_\_\_\_\_

