

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 16

OUTLINE:

1) *Satan – His Methods*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Satan is ambitious. He is never satisfied so long as one person offers obedience and worship to God. The burning desire of Satan is to be the only god that man knows, believes and worships. The tactics he uses to achieve this goal vary according to what will best work on each individual. So far we have considered only a few of his most successful methods. In this lesson we will consider still more of his methods.

SATAN – HIS METHODS

DIVINE METHOD

The word divide is a common word which means “to separate or break up unity.” By this method Satan is able to keep alive hostilities, resentments and disagreements. Satan uses this plan to attack the unity between Christians and in a church. No forward progress or growth is possible if divisions continue. This method is simply “divide and conquer.” The advantage of this method is its long lasting effect. To further insure success, Satan divides the divisions.

If Satan can cause one inside the Church to get angry, what will such a one usually do?

Proverbs 29:22 _____

How does God want His children to handle those who are sometimes determined to stir up trouble?

Proverbs 15:18 _____

What type of remark does Satan tempt one to use to get another’s anger stirred?

Proverbs 15:1 _____

Satan suggests that Christians wear chips on their shoulders and become enraged anytime they are crossed. For this reason the man of God is warned frequently to do what?

Psalms 37:8 _____

When Satan achieves his aim of dividing friendly Christians, what suggestion is next in his plans for keeping the split permanent?

Proverbs 26:20 _____

Usually Satan works with what part of a man to bring about divisions?

James 3:8 _____

When man gets the idea to be bitter, envious and cause strife, he is to never think such an idea comes from God. What does James say of such ideas?

James 3:15 _____

What happens when we let Satan turn us against another person?

James 3:16 _____

What idea does God plant in the believers heart and mind to offset Satan's division strategy?

James 3:17 _____

What results if God's way is followed?

James 3:18 _____

A good way to halt Satan's division program is to stay ever ready to do what?

Luke 17:3-4 _____

There are two good examples of this method mentioned in the Bible which point up its effectiveness. On one instance the mother of two of Christ's disciples came to ask Jesus to grant her sons a special privilege. What was it?

Matthew 20:21 _____

If this wish had been granted, this would have meant Jesus favored them above the other ten for no just reason. When hearing of the mother's request, what was the ten's reaction?

Matthew 20:24 _____

The other example concerns Satan's efforts to cripple the work of the Corinthian Church. Paul heard there were contentions or division in the Church. What issue were they divide over?

1 Corinthians 1:12 _____

Here we have the problem of preacher worship being used as the dividing wedge. What was Paul's advice which settled the dispute?

1 Corinthians 3:5-9, 21 _____

DISCOURAGE METHOD

If there is any one thing about Satan worth imitating, it would have to be his persistent attitude. He never gives up. No matter how many times he fails in getting one to sin, he never quits trying nor loses hope.

What advice did Paul give the Galatian Christians about the temptation to give up their efforts for well doing?

Galatians 6:9 _____

The Christian, like the father of a son, must be careful that he does not let Satan get him to over criticize another who shows he is trying, lest what happen, and he stops trying?

Colossians 3:21 _____

What did Jesus say a man ought never do?

Luke 18:1 _____

What does Jesus say to those who get discouraged in their labors?

Matthew 11:28 _____

What is the advice of David, who many times came to the point of being tempted to faint or give up?

Psalm 27:14 _____

A common expression of David was that one needs to always "be of good _____."
(Psalm 31:24)

If the Christian wants to run and not be weary and walk without fainting, he must learn to do what?

Isaiah 40:31 _____

One of the best examples of how successful the discourage method is, we need to recall the story of Israel's march to the promise land. A group of spies were sent by Israel to look over the land God promised them. When they returned to make a report, only two said Israel should proceed to take the land. The others spoke of the many obstacles they would meet. How were the people affected by the report that things looked bad for their being able to enter the promise land?

Deuteronomy 1:28 _____

How did God react to their loss of courage?

Deuteronomy 1:33-34 _____

We must never let Satan persuade us to stop serving and working for the Lord just because everything does not go as we had hoped for. Though Paul was often faced with discouragement, he overcame it because he learned to be good at what?

1 Timothy 6:12 _____

DEFILE METHOD

The word defile means “to corrupt or make impure.” In this method Satan is interested in lowering the moral character of a person. What part of man does Satan first try to make weak, which will in turn make defilement easier?

1 Corinthians 8:7 _____

What is true about those who become morally corrupt?

Titus 1:15 _____

What are the things Satan seeks to have man do which will defile him?

Matthew 15:19-20 _____

This method works on getting man to lust by stirring up desires in his flesh. What are the works of the flesh?

Galatians 5:16,19-21 _____

Satan is also interested in corrupting our conversation. What is a Christian told to put off regarding the way he talks?

Colossians 3:8 _____

This concludes our study of the many methods Satan uses to bring man under a life of sin. Though there are other methods he uses, these seven are possibly the most often used.

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