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Introduction

When the Bible says here that “**GOD IS NOT MOCKED**”, that doesn’t mean that someone can’t actually **MOCK God with their lips or with their lives!**

We know this because, as we will from Scripture this morning, people have been **MOCKING GOD** from the very beginning! And there are many who are still **MOCKING HIM TODAY** who go on in their sin unrestrained and unrepentant thinking that somehow they are getting by with their sin and that they will NOT have to answer to God for their sin! (Wrong!)

Just because God is longsuffering:

- Don’t get the idea that God isn’t there! (Psalm 14:1; Psalm 53:1)
- Don’t get the idea that God isn’t aware! (Psalm 139)
- Don’t get the idea that God doesn’t care! (Ezekiel 18:20)

When it says here that “**GOD IS NOT MOCKED**”, it shows what it means by the next statement... “...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

i.e. God is not successfully mocked! God is going to have the last say in the matter! I want us to look at where the **mocking** first began:

I. SATAN WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO MOCK GOD!

(And yes, Satan is a person! He was created as an angelic being!)

A. Satan’s Mocking Of God Came From His Self-Will!
(Isaiah 14:12-15)

Isaiah 46:9 “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me”

B. Satan’s Mocking Of God Is The First Mentioned In Scripture! (Genesis 3:1)

Now I want you to get this because it is so vitally important!
Satan’s first mocking of God on earth had to do with God’s Word in which he also mocked God’s goodness...and he is still at it today!

At this point all that God had given to man of His Word is found in *Genesis 2:16-17!*

I want you to note that God’s Word began with God giving man LIBERTY! Our God is a **GOOD GOD, (All the time, Amen!) He is a **GOOD GOD** Who, when He created everything, saw to it that it was **ALL GOOD!** (*Genesis 1:31*)**

Now listen! Ever since the Garden of Eden, **people have tried to blame God for all the bad things that happen in this World! Now who do you think is behind that? Satan!**

But realize that ALL the bad stuff came AFTER Satan mocked God and deceived Eve into sinning against God!

Let’s just put it on the level of the trees that God created. Think about all the different fruit trees that are in the world that came from God’s creative act on the third day (*Gen. 1:11-12!*)

After God created Adam, it says that God put him in the Garden of Eden where **he provided him “every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food!”** (*Genesis 2:8-9*)

God’s LIBERTY included every tree but one and His LIBERTY even extended to THE TREE OF LIFE!

God’s command to mankind (His prohibition, if you will) revolved around the fruit of just one particular tree—THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL!

And God’s Word of command there in *Genesis 2:6-7* is where Satan began to MOCK GOD!

- 1. Satan Mocked God By Questioning His Word!(Vs 1)**
Who was behind mankind’s questioning of God’s Word then? Satan!

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Who do you think is behind mankind’s questioning of God’s Word throughout the ages including today? Satan!

Satan Mocked God By Questioning His Word!

2. **Satan Mocked God By Challenging His Word!(Vs 4)**
What had God said in His Word? (*Genesis 2:17*)
Was God clear in what He said? Yes, yes He was!
But, what did Satan say? (*Genesis 3:4*)

Satan was saying to Eve, **“God didn’t mean what He said!”** He challenged the veracity or truthfulness of God’s Word!

Is that still happening today? Oh yeah, BIG TIME!
(e.g. The proliferation of all the perversions of Scripture in our day that are given under the guise of clarifying the Scripture, have done nothing but confuse and change what God has really said!)

3. **Satan Mocked God By Both His Lies And Half-Truth’s About Him! (*Genesis 3:5*)**
Is that still happening today? Oh yeah, all the time!
False religions and cults often mix truth with error to make it more palatable! I’ve seen it time after time!

SATAN WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO MOCK GOD!

II. MANKIND (EVE AND ADAM) WERE THE SECOND TO MOCK GOD!

- A. **Eve Mocked God By Adding To His Word! (*Genesis 3:2-3*)**
Later, the LORD would codify this in His Word!
Deuteronomy 4:2 “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

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Deuteronomy 12:32 “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”

Joshua 1:7 “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”

Proverbs 30:5-6 “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”

This shouldn’t even have to be said because of the nature of God with Him being perfect and holy and all knowing and all powerful and infinite!

Eve Mocked God By Adding To His Word...

- B. **Adam And Eve Both Mocked God By Disobeying His Word! (*Genesis 3:6*)**

1. **Disobeying God Is Mocking His Word!**
It is an attitude of *“OK, God said it, so what.”*
It is minimizing God’s Being! Don’t you understand Who God really is?

2. **Disobeying God Is Mocking His Authority!**
It is an attitude that says, *“God said it, but I’m going to call the shots in my life! I’m my own authority! Nobody is going to tell me what to do!”*

- C. **Adam And Eve Both Mocked God By Trying To Conceal Their Sin Rather Than Confess Their Sin! (Vs 7-8)**
They created what I call the *“First Church of the Fig Leaves”* here! Here we see the first man-made religion!

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1. Religion Shows Man Knows There Is A Problem!

Many missionaries have pointed out that even the heathen know more than we might think they know:

- a. They know that there is a God!
- b. There are no atheists among heathen tribes! Isn't it strange how man gets all educated in the humanistic educational institutions and comes up with a foolish idea that there is no God! He denies what God has put in Him! That's why the Bible calls him a fool!
- c. There has never been discovered upon earth a tribe of people, however small or depraved, which has not believed in some kind of god or had some system of worship!
- d. Furthermore, the heathen who are found in these so-called primitive tribes know that they have sinned! When a Christian comes to them and talks about sin, he often finds ready acknowledgment that this is true!
- e. And also, the heathen seem to know that their sins must be punished! They seem afraid of punishment, and afraid of death (as are most men everywhere)!

They know that sin must be atoned for, and so they seek for ways of appeasing their angry god or gods

Now educated man pushes away from the idea of God and religion and denies that there is a problem or even that there is a God!

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2. Religion Conceals Instead Of Confessing!

(Genesis 3:7)

Fig leaves? Really?

Religion cannot adequately cover our sins, only God can! *(Genesis 3:21)*

3. Religion Doesn't Attack The Inward Problem But Deals Only With The Outward Problem!

Tried to cover their nakedness (the results of sin) rather than deal with their sin!

4. Religion Attempts To Hide From God Rather Than Run To God! *(Genesis 3:8)*

The problem is that we can't hide from the One Who is **Omnipresent and Omniscient!** *(Psalm 139:7-12)*

5. Religion Doesn't Alleviate The Guilt Or The Real Condition! *(Genesis 3:10)*

D. Adam And Eve Mocked God By Their Attempts To Blame Others And Even God For Their Sinful Condition! *(Genesis 3:12-13)*

Conclusion

So, what God said would happen, happened! Though mocked by Satan and mocked by mankind, God and His Word stood!

Death entered! Sin's curse entered! Man died spiritually the day that he sinned! He was separated from God!

Man was in desperate need of a Saviour! And God stepped in with the remedy and covering for sin! But some **“mock”** the reality and the simplicity of God's provision rather than believe on it!

Are you guilty this morning of mocking God in some area of your life?