

"Led By The Spirit"
"What Is Your True Nature?"
Luke 4: 1 - 13
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 - 26)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Must Live Under The Leading Of God's Spirit, (vs. 1 - 13)

3. The leading of God's Spirit many times takes the believer into questions of sovereign dominion, (vs. 5 - 8)

- **Exposition: 5) The Allure Of The World - "Took" (Aor.Act.Part); leading one** "in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - " (Ephesians 2:2, ESV)

6) Counterfeit Sovereignty - "Give Authority / Delivered to Me (Perf.Pas.Ind)" "And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; ... And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority... Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain." (Revelation 13:2-8, ESV)

7) Unholy Worship - One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven..." (Revelation 13: 2 - 8)

**8) Sovereign Commandment - 1) Fear God only 2) Serve God only 3) Worship God only
4) Forsake all others**

- **Argumentation: 1) "It is the LORD your God you shall fear. 2) Him you shall serve 3) and by his name you shall swear. 4) You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you - "** (Deuteronomy 6:13-14, ESV)

- **Application:**
**FROM heaven the sinning angels fell,
And wrath and darkness chain'd them
But man, vile man, forsook his bliss,
And mercy lifts him to a crown.**

**Amazing work of sovereign grace,
That could distinguish rebels so!
Our guilty treasons call'd aloud
For everlasting fetters too.**

**To thee, to thee, Almighty Love,
Our souls, ourselves, our all we pay;
Millions of tongues shall sound thy praise
On the bright hills of heavenly day.**

4. The leading of God's Spirit many times takes the believer into questions of eternal significance, (vs. 9 - 13)