

*For we wrestle not against
flesh and blood,
but against principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers
of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual
wickedness in high places.*

Ephesians 6:12(KJV)

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We have seen men of mighty power working under the spirit of divination tell people their names; tell them where they are from; tell them of incidences in their lives in the long past, and even create miracles of healing. This can easily be done by the devil, who can afflict people with demonic illnesses, and at the word of his human partners, withdraw the affliction, thus creating a “miraculous healing.”

In this hour of darkness, we must stand firmly in Christ, in order that we be not deceived. Jesus said, “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matt 24:24). This means that the whole world would be held under great deception, and that only “the very elect” would be able to discern truly.

Pray with us that God might save His people, for the enemy has come into the fortress, and many of the mighty are fallen.

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What was wrong with the girl’s message? Why was Paul grieved? Some of us as evangelists would be glad to have someone telling the people that we were true men of God, and we would have immediately proclaimed her as being converted to Christ. The truth is that Satan was about to jump on the “band wagon” of Paul. If Paul had accepted her, the spirit of divination would have contaminated the whole work. The worst thing about this spirit is that everybody in the move would then begin to see visions and hear words, which would look like they were coming from God, but would not be of God.

Thayer’s Lexicon states the following concerning the Greek word translated here as “divination”: “Python—in Greek mythology, the name of the Pythian serpent or dragon that dwelt in the region of Pytho in Phocis, and was said to have guarded the oracle of Delphi, and was slain by Apollo.”

In our experience, we have seen divination bring forth havoc in the Church. Brethren having dreams and visions which put down one another, and which they think are from God. God will not tell anyone anything to put down another, or to destroy his faith in Christ:

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”
(2 Peter 1:19-21).

“But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.”
(1 Corinthians 14:3).

The Word of God given to His people must glorify God. Some of us think that when we say “Glory to God,” that means that we are glorifying Him, but this is not so. In order to glorify God, we must lift up the saints and do the work of God—edify, comfort, exhort.

Very many false prophets of our time are prophesying in the Name of the Lord, speaking words from their text books, and false teachings which they learned in seminary and hold to, as if they were pronouncements coming directly from the Lord. Millions are following these preachers and teachers, and most of these men have never heard from God for a long time. I am talking about men who have been called of God, and who at one time heard the voice of the Lord, but through the witchcraft of rebellion have gone their own ways or the ways of others, and are now hearing other voices.

The spirit of divination is very close to prophecy. In the above story, we see how easily the prophets of God prophesied from an evil spirit without knowing. People of God who refuse the truth will receive the lie, for God Himself will “send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.”

There are cases where men receive a true word of the Lord, and because of sin in their lives, turn it into a lie. The problem seems to be that big establishments demand a big cash flow to keep them going; therefore, some ministries are driven to devious means of raising funds. Some means are far from being Christian-like. We know that the love of money is a root of all evil. Many of those who fall into this trap use the Scriptures divisively to raise funds, and many go overboard in “living the good life.” Those who are naive will think that if a spirit says something that is true, then it is the Spirit of God. In Satan’s role of deception, he transforms himself into an angel of light, and thus will tell many true things to hurt, to harm and to destroy. A most notable case in the Bible is in Acts 16:

“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: the same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.”
(Acts 16:16-18).

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In every type of warfare, in order to be effective and to win, one must know the enemy. There are two basic tricks which Satan plays on humanity:

1. He appeals to the carnal mind to deny his existence, and hides his work to convince the carnal mind that it is just natural and sometimes coincidental. He did it to Eve, and tried it with Jesus.
2. He intimidates some, convincing them of the greatness of his prowess.

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
(Revelation 12:7-9).

The time has come, as never before in the history of mankind, for the saints to fight and to overcome the devil. In the heat of the battle, when one is oppressed with all manner of circumstances, and what seems to be coincidences, one is apt to think, “Why me?” When, however, we understand the nature of the battle, we will rejoice at the wonderful implications which it portends.

The first glorious implication that we will deal with in the above passage of scripture is that portion where it is written, “...neither was their place found any more in heaven.” If we rightly assume that the word “heaven” in this rendition is speaking of the kingdom of God, and that this dimension of the kingdom is referring to the kingdom within us (Luke 17:21), then this verse would be saying that Satan and his angels had a place in us, but that at some time in the history of the Church, they will lose that place. If, then, time is so far spent that we are at the end of the sixth day, and within a few short years, the seventh day or seventh millennium must dawn, then

it is now time for us to be totally delivered from every devil spirit of darkness.

In order to achieve this, there must be a travail (Revelation 12:2). The travail of the Church is the war that we are experiencing at this time. The only pattern that this attack has is that it is satanic. The war has no boundaries, nor venue. The enemy is using every element and every devil, and every person who can be used against us. The war is total. Every weakness, which in time past was permitted to lodge within us and had a place in us, is being exploited and there is no place to hide. The families are under attack as never before. The children are under attack as never before. The husbands who could hide their weakness behind the skirts of their wives are being exposed, and the wives who were hiding behind the masculinity of their husbands are being exposed. Our only hiding place is now in Christ.

Sin has lost its hiding place in us. Only true repentance will set us free from imbibed or besetting sin, for now is the time when the fullness of salvation shall come to us.

We shall therefore see, in the coming days, more surprises in the Christian world, of leaders (big and small) falling. Everyone who harbors sin must at this time fall openly (some have already fallen secretly). The Church is going through a stage of purification. Most of the bigger ministries in the world, which command thousands of followers, will suddenly fall, and many of their followers will be disillusioned. This will be because they were not following Jesus as much as they were following a human program.

The question that young Christians will ask is why would God allow this? The reason is simple: God is holy and cannot condone unholiness. Repentance is holiness, but the inability to repent (Hebrews 12:17) is unholiness and unrighteousness. If God allowed unholy behavior to continue, then His light would go out in the world, and darkness would become the light of the world.

Ahab, a wicked king of Israel, was preparing for war with Syria, but he was using the prophets of God to make sure that he would succeed. He called Jehoshaphat (the king of Judah) to go with him to assure his victory, and he got four hundred prophets of God to prophesy before them, concerning the outcome of the battle. The four hundred prophets of God, with one voice told him, "Go up... for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, was dissatisfied with the prophecy, and asked if there was another prophet. Ahab replied that there was yet Micaiah, "...but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." Micaiah was in prison, put there by Ahab, because of his prophecy. Upon the insistence of Jehoshaphat, Micaiah was brought out of prison. The messenger who went to get Micaiah thought it prudent to instruct him to prophesy good things to the king.

It is amazing that the nature of man never changes; even with the working of the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, today's preachers and prophets are instructing one another to speak the traditional lies from the pulpits.

God is faithful, and what He did was astounding: He allowed a lying spirit to fall upon four hundred of His prophets, and then He showed one prophet, Micaiah, the whole truth of how it was done. This action of God placed the onus of judgment upon Ahab. He had to judge between the truth and the lie, and his life depended upon the judgment. A man who hates, and has wickedness in his heart, cannot make a righteous judgment, therefore, when he is faced with good and evil, he will instinctively choose the evil. The king made his decision:

"Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me."

(1 Kings 22:27-28).

Christians and gifts of the Spirit: Gifts of the Spirit given to Christians are not taken away from them when they do not operate with proper decorum:

*“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance”
(Romans 11:29).*

This was written in the context that the election of the Jews by God will stand, in spite of their transgression. Even so, we find in the Church many gifted people who use their gifts to the shame of the gospel, rather than to the glory of God.

There is, however, a terrible thing that happens to those who persist in abusing the gift of God: the gift of prophecy becomes divination, and all the other gifts operate in darkness, rather than light. The minister of these gifts becomes a “diabolos,” saying “thus saith the Lord,” when it is another spirit that is talking to him.

This position is clearly stated by the Lord in 2 Thessalonians:

*“...Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.”
(2 Thessalonians 2:10-11).*

There is a divine penalty written in the laws of God, which automatically rewards those who turn from truth to the lie with darkness. This is further borne out by the following passage:

*“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened... Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.”
(Romans 1:21, 24).*

In conclusion, let us review the story of Ahab and Micaiah in 1 Kings 22:

SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES

Out of the world, God has called a people, and these people are called the “Church”. What happens, then, when this people, this Church which He has called out, becomes disobedient, greedy after “filthy lucre,” unholy and altogether rebellious against Him, against His laws, and against those He has ordained to correct them? When this happens, a grave confusion sets in.

The people of the world begin to see a gray mixture, which is not light and not wholly dark. The Church ceases to represent Christ, and now represents what they think Christ should be. They create denominations (divisions) (“divorce” in the Greek), and portray this as God’s will. They hear voices and get instructions from evil spirits, and propound their great revelations in the Name of God, when, actually, they are hearing from devils. We know this, for sure, by the things which ministries say that God has told them. The Church is divided into so many segments and divisions, and each segment is saying that God is directing them and leading them in their rivalry against each other. This could not be God. It is demonic.

All kinds of tricks are being used by ministries to catch and to hold their people, and to extract as much money as possible from them. They are now taking credit cards, so that you can give by credit. We believe that God is speaking to His people to get out of debt, and He could not be in agreement with His people giving (this way), and thereby incurring debt to a credit card company.

*“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”
(Revelation 18:2).*

This is one of the signs of the fall of Babylon (the harlot church, and the world). The Church was designed of God to be the habitation of Christ. Because they refuse Christ as their head and king, then God has given them over to Satan. The institutions of

government throughout the whole world are being led by devils. They pass ungodly and unreasonable laws such as with abortion, where a woman can kill her unborn child legally. Children are being taught sex from kindergarten on up. Recently, one of the major universities of America introduced a German language tape wherein an adult was molesting a child. Why would they choose a tape like that to teach language?

The television is a cesspool of iniquity. In an ad for soap, they give explicit pornographic images.

Laws are being passed to restrict preachers from speaking against homosexuality, lesbianism or any other devious practices. Recently, they have appointed a self-confessed lesbian as head of the national women's organization. It is illegal to expose the identity of anyone with AIDS, and thus the law assists the spread of AIDS. There is a parallel for this in Scripture: when Moses began to bring forth the ten plagues in Egypt, the magicians and sorcerers in Egypt did duplicate some of the plagues, thus increasing it, but they could not stop it.

There is a realm of darkness over which Satan is king. God is the King of light. Satan has no power over those who dwell in the realm of light and walk in the light, but anyone who is in darkness is in the kingdom of the devil.

The kingdom of darkness consists of:

- (1) Satan, who is "Heylel," a fallen angel from the second realm of heaven, next to God's dwelling place.
- (2) His next line of command comprises the not so many other angels who fell from the same realm, who are the princes of hell.
- (3) His third line of angels are those from the third realm of heaven which fell with him. These are angels of lesser power.
- (4) His fourth line of angels are the souls of men who reject Jesus

"Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."
(1 Timothy 3:11).

The word translated "slanderers" is the Greek word "diabolos." The context was speaking of the qualifications of servants of the Church, and suggesting that a man can be disqualified from being a servant of God by a wife that is a slanderer.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers (diabolos), not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."
(Titus 2:3-5).

The thought here is that even as demons carry lies and death from one person to another, so those who do this actually join themselves to carry out the work of Satan.

Let us take a look at Proverbs 6:16-19

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

1. A proud look.
2. A lying tongue.
3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.
5. Feet that be swift in running to mischief.
6. A false witness that speaketh lies.
7. He that soweth discord among brethren."

Take note that God calls these things "an abomination," which means "detestable, abhorrent." The lying tongue and the false witness, as well as those who cause discord among brethren, go right along with the murderer who sheds innocent blood. This shows how seriously God looks at them.

and is better translated “son.” This Greek word is generally used for Jesus Christ, when it speaks of Him as the “Son of God,” recognizing Him as a matured son of God. So there are those who are not just “children” of the devil, but “sons” of the devil. Here “huios” is used for Elymas the sorcerer, who was a willing servant of Satan, and an opposer of all that was of God.

This type of human being is not altogether beyond salvation. The blood of Jesus Christ reaches to even the worst of humans. We have known some persons of like profession who have been saved. God says that Jesus Christ must testify to every soul who is born on this earth, and that every soul must have equal opportunity to accept or reject Jesus Christ. None can go into hell until he has met and rejected Jesus Christ, for He has the keys of death and hell. Those who have never heard must hear, even if it is only one second before death, and they must either accept or reject. We will be in for a surprise as to who we will find in heaven, and as to who will not be there.

*“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man (human being) that cometh into the world.”
(John 1:9).*

Jesus Christ stands at the crossroads of life and death, and it is impossible for any man to enter into death without meeting Jesus, and without either accepting or rejecting Him. The heathen who do not know Him will be introduced to Him.

(6) Christians who work for the Devil: It is amazing that in 1 Timothy 3:11 and Titus 2:3-5, the same Greek word which is translated “devil” is also used as a name for Christians who carry slander from one person to another—which is actually doing the work of an evil spirit.

*“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil (diabolos)?
(John 6:70).*

Christ as their Savior, and are in hell being used by the devil and his angels as demons.

(5) The fifth line of satanic workers are those humans who willingly are servants of the devil (the unsaved). These people (of which we all were part) are unregenerate in their hearts and minds, and love and enjoy the things of darkness rather than light. Among this group we find our mission field.

(6) His sixth line of workers are Christians who are disobedient to God, and live carelessly, so that they become pawns of the devil.

Let us deal with these categories one by one:

(1) Satan: In Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, we read of a creature who fell from heaven because of pride, and who wants the throne of God as his throne. From our perspective, this is so absolutely ridiculous that we would tend to discount the intelligence of any being who was made of God and who would think that he could be better than God.

The mystery, however, lies in the fact that the being which had those thoughts and made those plans was not made of God. God made a bright angel called “Heylel” in the Hebrew language. This angel was described in Ezekiel 28 as “the mimshach” cherub of heaven. The word “mimshach” speaks of an anointed one, who was a kind of majordomo who presided over the dining table of God in heaven. His duty was to command praise to God, which would release the forces of life and energy from the throne, where all the angels would recharge their mighty powers. This was like the dining table of heaven, where angels fed upon the glory of God pouring down from His throne. Because of his brightness, he was exalted in his own heart (Ezekiel 28:17), and felt that he could create an opposite position to God and be king of evil. (Evil is the opposite of good). He, therefore, began the process of destroying all that was Heylel, so that the king of darkness might be birthed. God had provided angelic forces, as well as spiritual barriers to prevent any such fall, but this angel overcame them (Ezekiel 28:18). This

was only made possible because of the changes that were occurring in his nature at every step which he took.

Let the reader note that from our vantage point of righteousness, some sins appear very sinful and abominable, but once the individual begins to sin, little by little he loses his repulsion for it, until it then becomes not only tolerable, but welcome.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Heylel), son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations.”
(Isaiah 14:12).

Because his nature had been changed from Heylel, “the bright one,” to Satan, “the adversary” of God, then he could no longer remain in heaven, and he was driven out into the earth and darkness. One revelation about the darkness that was here is that it was not just physical darkness, but that it was spiritual. We know this, because when God said, “Let there be light,” the light shone for the first three days and there was light, but there was no sun until in the evening of the fourth day when He made the sun, the moon and the stars. Satan, therefore, dwells in a spiritual realm of darkness, and so when men have darkness within them, he can find a home within them.

This spirit, therefore, is the king of darkness, and is greatly limited by those who walk in light. His limitations are very great, because, unlike God, he is not omniscient, he is not omnipresent, and he is not omnipotent. He does not see or understand everything that we know; he cannot be in more than one place at a time, although he has his watchers and impersonators everywhere, and his powers are limited to only those who are in his realm of darkness.

He has to use temptation as a weapon, because he works in the darkness of lust and desire. He has to use deception as a weapon, because the only ones who will follow him are those who are deceived. He has to use lies as a weapon, because Jesus Christ is truth. Every evil thought is of the devil, and he is the father of the lie.

Praise God. Satan will not get one soul who could make heaven if he were given a thousand years, neither could any of those in hell make heaven, since Jesus Christ, our Lord, holds the keys of Death and Hell.

(5) Living men who serve Satan: Thayer’s Lexicon includes the following concerning the Greek word “diabolos” (1228 in the Strong’s): “...Men who resemble the devil in mind and will and said to be of the devil, properly to derive their origin from the devil, to depend upon the devil in thought and action, ...to be prompted and governed by him.”

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
(John 8:44).

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”
(1 John 3:8).

“In this the children (tekna) of God are manifest, and the children (tekna) of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”
(1 John 3:10).

The Greek word “tekna” used in the above verse means “children of the devil,” and it does not refer to a full-grown son of the devil as in the following passage:

“And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”
(Acts 13:10).

The word for child in this verse is from the Greek word “huios,”

he had made himself king, since the Hebrew word here definitely means “kingdom,” and he is indeed from mankind, the first “Antichrist”; “hero against God.”

So under Nimrod, murder of humanity was now organized. He is the father of the army. God had to intervene again in order to save humanity. The Lord created the nations, by causing them to speak in different tongues, according to the various nations that came out of the loins of Adam:

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.”
(Acts 17:26).

He divided the earth into continents, thus separating the various nations one from another, as stated in Genesis:

“And unto Eber (father of the Hebrews) were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan.”
(Genesis 10:25).

The amazing truth of this story is seen in the facts of the religions of the nations. The Aztec empire, which covered the greater part of South America, had the same sun god carving as was found in the Roman empire. When we trace the history of the gods which were worshipped, we find that they all come from one common source.

There are many similarities in the worship of all the primitive religions all around the earth: (a) they all offer human sacrifices, (b) they all worship their dead in one form or another, and (c) they all have some woman deity.

Satan is a murderer from the beginning. He encourages all his followers to kill, thus violence increases in the earth, and will get worse and worse until Jesus comes.

His kingdom of ruling spirits is not as vast as he would have us believe, but every day his ranks are being swelled by the souls of wicked men who join his armies from both sides of the gulf—from the grave, as well as from the living. The name “Lucifer” in Isaiah 14:12, referring to Heylel, is a Latin word from the noun “lux,” which means “light.” This Latin word was not spoken by God to the prophet Isaiah, but was added by the translators who were all Roman trained. “Lucifer” was one of the gods of Rome. The Romans were Saturnalians, so they worshipped the heavenly bodies, and the morning star was worshipped as “Lucifer.”

(2) Angels from the second realm of heaven: There are three angels in Scripture from the second realm of heaven that are named in the Word:

- (1) Michael
- (2) Gabriel
- (3) Heylel (later became Satan)

The first mention of this angel Michael is found in Daniel 10:13 and 21, in which he is described as being of the chief rulers of heaven. The word Michael means “like God,” and the word Gabriel means “man of God,” or “mighty one.” Gabriel is the great messenger of God, who always brings good tidings to humanity. It was Gabriel who brought the message to Mary concerning God choosing her to be the mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Michael also is described in Jude 9 as an archangel. In Ezekiel 28:14, we understand that Heylel was one of the “stones of fire,” and from inference, we assume that Michael and Gabriel were also of the same order. Note that all three of these names end in “el,” which means “power,” “might” and “God.” Heylel means “bright one.” He later was transformed into Satan, “the adversary.” The name of an angel tells us what his nature is, and what tasks he was made to perform.

(3) Fallen angels from the third realm of heaven: These also rebelled against God, along with Satan, and were promised a kingdom among men. At one time, they all believed that they would possess humanity forever, and find a home in the “Temple of God,” but

recently, they are now being convinced that they will be cast out into the “lake of fire,” and that they will not possess humanity. This conviction comes to them every time a child of God rebukes their powers (which they thought were unchallengeable). Their greatest effort now is directed towards stopping us from using the fearsome weapons of “the blood” and “the Word.”

(4) The departed souls of fallen men: When a Christian dies, he goes to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. When an unregenerate person dies, he goes to be with the devil.

Where is the Lord Jesus Christ? Most Christians would answer that He is at the right hand of the Father. That would be right, but it would be an answer that needs a lot of explanation. A simpler and yet biblical answer would be that He is here with us as He promised: “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matthew 28:20). The same reasoning could be used in the converse for Satan. He is in hell, but he is here tempting, disrupting and perpetrating evil. It transpires that if the departed dead are with Satan and Satan is here, then the departed dead are also here.

The saints who are with Christ are being used as angels. In Scripture, there are three passages which would support this thought:

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me. See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
(Revelation 19:10).

This passage clearly says that this brother was one who was saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, since that is the only way he could be one of our brethren.

“Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.”
(Revelation 22:9)

the righteous, and defections, there were only eight persons left.

It was then that God had to intervene to save the righteous seed, and He sent a flood which drowned the wicked, some of whom were later saved when Jesus Christ went to hell.

“By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”
(1 Peter 3:19-20).

No sooner than man had again settled down in a place called Babylon, a man rose up whose name was called Nimrod.

“And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”
(Genesis 10:8-10).

He was the son of Cush. His mother was beautiful to behold, but she was the incarnation of Satan. This is well established, as you read of the wicked nature that marks Venus, Aphrodite, Ishtar, and the other various names under which she was worshipped. He organized mankind under his rule, contrary to the laws of God, and organized an army to hunt and to fight against the people. He built a city called Babylon, contrary to the word that God gave, and set up a Zodiac to worship himself in the place of God.

In Verse 8 above, the word translated “mighty one” could be replaced by the word “hero.” In Verse 9, the word translated “before” would, in this sense, be better translated “against.”

We have then the thought of Nimrod rebelling against the Lord and moving in rebellion, he became a “hero” to the people. And he built a city (Babylon) which was the “beginning of his kingdom.” We see

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”
(Luke 11:24-26).

This passage, spoken by Christ Himself, paints a dark picture of a hell, where demons suffer fiery thirst, “seeking rest and finding none;” scheming how they might return to the body and soul from whence they had been expelled. With blitzkrieg-like attack, they make a sudden foray to break through the defenses of the unsuspecting soul. Only the abiding presence of Christ within the soul can defend a person in this case. We must learn how to use our weapons.

The Scripture describes Satan as a wild beast, roving through the dark forest, hunting humans as his prey (1 Peter 5:8). He does this through his organization of princes, “palities” (area of rulership), and the rulers of the darkness of the age (Ephesians 6:12).

From the beginning of time, Satan’s plan was revealed to kill humanity, and men were his helpers:

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
(John 8:44).

The Scripture lists Satan’s first murder, when Cain slew Abel. His next was when Lamech (who was a descendant of Cain) slew a young man (Genesis 4:23). For the first two thousand years of human life on earth, millions were murdered. The toll of violence was so great that the righteous generation was reduced to eight persons. By ordinary multiplication, they should number several millions within two thousand years, but because of violence against

Again, we see a scripture telling us that an angel from heaven, of great brightness, was one of our brothers—a prophet.

“And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.”
(Revelation 21:17).

It appears that this is the same angel, who was of “the prophets,” that is here described to be “according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel (an angel man).” This clearly states that there are men who are angels.

If the humans who are saved are used of God as angels, then it means that those who are lost and with the devil are also messengers of Satan.

These are the demons which the Bible speaks of so often. In the King James Version, the word “demon” is translated “devil.” The ancient Greeks called them gods. The truth about demons is that they are disembodied spirits.

“If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.”
(2 Corinthians 5:3).

In this verse, the Greek word “gumnoi” is translated “naked,” but more accurately, this word has the meaning of being “disembodied”—a spirit without a body. About this word (1131 in the Strong’s), Thayer’s includes the following: “naked, not clothed, ...Of the soul, whose garment is the body, stripped of the body, without a body.” Nothing can be disembodied which never had a body. The body is the house of the soul, and when soul and body are divided asunder, then the soul wanders to and fro through the earth as a demon, seeking someone else’s body to enter into. The psychologists call this schizophrenia, and some of those who are unlearned in the Scriptures call it reincarnation, but those of us who know better call it “demon possession.” In the New Testament, this condition is described by the Greek word “daimonizomai,” which in the KJV is usually translated “possessed of a devil.” Hell

is enlarging itself through the human race. Heaven is also being enlarged through the human race.

Let us look at Genesis 3:14 (the last phrase):

“...upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”

This was the curse of God upon the serpent. It was, however, the devil which had possessed the serpent, upon which the spiritual curse would fall. In John 8:44, Jesus said that Satan was a “liar from the beginning.” This means that it was the devil in the serpent that lied. It would be correct to assume that God was speaking to a spiritual devil, and that He was talking about spiritual food.

Let us look at Genesis 3:19:

“...for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

This was addressed to Adam, and thus Adam was identified as dust. In considering the nature of demons, we must understand that they eat, just as we do. They must have a source of energy, or else they could not move and exercise power in the earth.

“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”
(Colossians 1:17).

Where would they get their energy, if they could not go back to God for it, since it is by praise that they receive their food? There is only one answer. They must get it from the dust, or in other words, from us and our world.

The next hard question is how? Demons draw energy from us in two main ways: (a) they tempt us (as Satan did Eve), and (b) they get their human workers to shed the blood of men, from whence they receive life and strength. When we obey them we become their servants, so by the laws of war, they take our authority and energy.

Jesus told us to pray:

“Give us this day our daily bread.”
(Matthew 6:11).

This means that God reserves for each person a daily source of life from Himself, and when we pray this prayer, we release this life to ourselves, just as when the angels praise, they release energy from God’s throne.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”
(1 Peter 5:8).

The above scripture paints a picture of the Devil as a hungry lion seeking humans to devour. We cannot take this in the natural, but spiritually, it carries over the idea we see from the natural. So this shows clearly that Satan feeds on mankind.

The life is in the blood, therefore, Satan delights in the shedding of human blood, so that he and his minions can feed. Here we see the law of the jungle, “the survival of the fittest.” Because of this law, we have power to deliver the captives, and to overcome every evil thing in the earth. The blood of Jesus Christ is the greatest weapon in the world, and we possess it. It is absolutely important to understand that we are armed and dangerous to the enemy. For this reason, God will not intervene in a battle between us and the enemy, when we refuse to use the “mighty” power that God has given us. When we use our power, we have all the forces of heaven at our command.

HELL: The present hell is a state of being, from which there is no escape, once the being is incarcerated therein. Anyone who gets into hell could not have made heaven in a thousand years. The Lord Jesus Christ described hell and demon possession most accurately, as a state of being where evil spirits dwell, wandering from place to place seeking rest and finding none: