

The Christian's Battle With Evil

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ANGELS	PRINCE	SPIRITUAL
HOST	MOUNTAIN	MINISTERED
ENTERTAINED	UNAWARE	HEAVENLY
FORCES	WICKEDNESS	DARKNESS
RULER	WILES	CUNNING
PRINCIPALITIES	POWERS	WORLDRULERS
DECEIT	TRICKERY	IGNORANCE
DEPRAVITY	DOCTRINES	DEMONS

Notes

Dangers Facing Christianity

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Meeting Location

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SUNDAY:

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Bible Study: _____

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Politics and Religion II

When dealing with the Pharisees and the Herodians (via part I), the Lord said, "Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a denarius. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:18-21). In so doing, neither party could say that Jesus spoke against the Pharisees nor the Herodians and Cæsar.

The political leaders of our nation have been at each other's throats for years. Thus, the citizens will be at odds politically and spiritually in light of the actions taken by the government officials. Individuals are revolting against the government in opposition to their policies, or person. Others support the government and the person or persons in office. What is right religiously and politically? The apostle Paul lived during the reign of the Cæsar's: an ungodly period of history and rulers.

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Yet, Paul's admonition to the Christians, who lived in the city of Rome, was "Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. Therefore, he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: for he is a minister of God to thee for good...Wherefore ye must needs be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing" (Romans 13:1-6).

The decisions and actions we take politically will affect us spiritually. Paul's admonition to Christians is, "that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Timothy 2:1-3). The decisions our rulers make may not always be right, but they have the God given right to make them. And we have a God given responsibility to be subject to them. The end. ret

Importance of Religion & the Nation

(As it relates to the preservation of the nation)

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." --October 11, 1798. John Adams was an American statesman, attorney, diplomat, writer, and Founding Father who served as the second president of the United States from 1797 to 1801.

The Christian's Battle: What's on the Line?

I. The Struggle:

- A. Eph. 6:12 – "our wrestling is not with flesh and blood"
- B. Spiritual forces "in the heavenly places" are confirmed
 - 1. Gen. 18:1, 13, 17, 22; 19:1 – Jehovah to Abraham
 - 2. Gen. 32:1-2 – "This is God's host."
 - 3. Josh. 5:13-15 – "but as prince of the host of Jehovah"
 - 4. 2 Kgs. 6:16-18 – "and he saw: and, behold"
 - 5. Matt. 4:11 – "angels came and ministered unto him"
 - 6. Heb. 1:7, 13, 14; 13:2 – "ministering spirits"

II. The Enemy:

- A. Paul's description of the Christian's warfare:
 - 1. Eph. 6:11 – Wiles of the devil
 - 2. Eph. 6:12 – Description of those battled
 - a. Principalities: The chiefs in rank
 - b. Powers: delegated influence
 - c. World-Rulers of this darkness, i.e., ignorance and sin
 - d. Spiritual: non-carnal; belonging to a spirit, or a being higher than man but inferior to God
 - e. Wickedness: depravity, plots, sin
 - f. In the heavenly: above the sky
 - g. In short: "The spiritual managers of opposition to the kingdom of God"
- B. A glimpse of the opposition:
 - 1. 2 Cor. 4:4 – "god of this world"
 - 2. 1 Tim. 4:1 – "seducing spirits"
 - 3. Eph. 2:2 – "prince of the power of the air"
 - 4. 2 Cor. 11:13-15 – Satan fashioneth himself...
- C. Eph. 6:13-18 – There is but one armor able to defeat Satan.

SOLOMON SAYS

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. (Ecclesiastes 11:9)