

## THE DEVIL – THE UNHOLY GOD - Part 9

### II Corinthians 4:3-4

***“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”***

In our previous studies we covered the following: The Devil’s Origin, Original State, Downfall, Nature, Names, Domain, Demons, Dangers, Strategies, Devices and the Devil’s Temptation of Jesus – Parts 1 and 2. We conclude with:

### THE DEVIL’S FINAL DESTINY

What is in store for the devil? Will he go on forever with his defiance of the Lord God Almighty and his diabolical schemes against God’s people? No! For the Devil has already had his final sentence pronounced by God, it has only to be executed.

Let’s get some background by getting answers to several questions.

#### Why did Jesus come into the world?

If I ask you the question, “Why did the Son of God appear and for what purpose?” You might say, “To save sinners.” Well, that would be right, but that’s not the complete answer.

**1 John 3:8** says, *“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”*

Hebrews 2:14-15 *“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

#### Who Has Power to Exercise Authority Over The Devil?

Jesus has already exercised His authority over the Devil:

Matthew 7:22 *“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, **cast out demons in Your name**, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”*

Mark 1:34 *“Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, **and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.**”*

Luke 4:31-34 *“Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried*

*out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? **Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**"*

Luke 9:1 *"Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority over all demons...**"*

And, remember that Jesus went out into the wilderness and engaged in a confrontation with Satan. Satan put three temptations in front of Jesus over which Jesus totally triumphed in each of them. He established His power over Satan there.

Also, I want to remind you of a verse: [James 2:19](#), do you know what that verse says? It says, "The demons believe and"... what? ... "tremble." Now what makes them tremble? What scares demons? They know who God is. They know who Jesus is. They can read the Bible. They know the story very well. They also know the end of the story, the Lake of Fire prepared for them.

### **Who Will Judge The Devil?**

*"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,<sup>23</sup> that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."* (John 5:22-23)

*"He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."* (Acts 17:31)

### **THE DEVIL'S DESTINY HAS ALREADY BEEN PREDICTED**

Remember Genesis 3:15? It reads, *"I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your seed (Satan's seed) and her Seed; (Jesus) He (Jesus) shall bruise your (Satan's) head, and you shall bruise His (Jesus') heel."*

The Devil has been under the condemnation of God ever since he sinned and was expelled from heaven as his home base. Isaiah 14:14-15 contains this prophecy: *"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."*

Paul writes to the Christians in Rome who were under severe attacks from the godless rulers of the Roman Empire – being burned at the stake, fed to lions, etc. Paul wrote these words of encouragement: *"And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen"* (Romans 16:20)

Putting the foot upon the necks of one's defeated enemies was a way to humiliate them. This was a practice in Old Testament times. When an enemy was conquered, the victors put their feet upon the necks of the enemy leaders. We see Joshua doing this as recorded in Joshua Chapter 10 - *"Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave." And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave*

..... So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." And they drew near and put their feet on their necks. Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." (Joshua 10:22-25)

### **THE DEVIL'S DESTINY WAS SEALED AT THE CROSS**

John 12:31-33 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die."

Colossians 2:14-15 says that Jesus, by His death upon the cross "...wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. "

What did Jesus do by His death and resurrection? He wiped out the sin charges against us, praise the Lord! And, what else did He do? He "disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Hebrews 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

The doom of Satan was assured at the cross.

### **THE DEVIL'S FINAL DESTINATION HAS BEEN PREPARED**

#### **A. Satan will be consigned to hell eventually.**

Matt. 25:41 "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Satan is still on the loose, therefore, "Be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...." (I Peter 5:8-9a)

His Sentence has been pronounced, His place of confinement has been prepared.

#### **B. Satan will be chained in hell temporarily.**

Revelation 20:1-3 "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations

*no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”*

When he is temporarily released from the bottomless pit, he will lead armies against God: *“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”* (Revelation 20:7-9)

### **C. Satan will be confined to hell permanently.**

His final doom will be in the Lake of Fire. *“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”* (Rev. 20:10)

## **CONCLUSION**

- There is a pit that has no bottom;
- Where the fire is not quenched;
- Where there is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth;
- Where the smoke of torment ascends up for ever and ever;
- Where there is no rest night or day –
- This is the destiny of all Christ rejecters **and the Devil!**

### **Until then:**

1. **“Submit yourselves therefore to God.”** James 4:7a

2. **“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** James 4:7b

3. **“Draw near to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”** James 4:8

**Illustration:** a missionary was translating the Book of Revelation on the mission field and came to Revelation chapter 20 and the description of the defeat of the Devil. One of the national translators was so overjoyed at the news of the eventual detention of the Devil that he ran out of the tent and ran through the village shouting, "Good news! Good news! No more Devil! No more Devil!

What a glorious future God has prepared for those who are His: no more sin, no more pain, no more tears, no more night, no more death and .... NO MORE DEVIL! Glory! Yes, that's what it will be: Glory!