

Satan's Ten Most Believable Lies II

#2—God Is a Liar

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In the first part of the book, *Satan's Ten Most Believable Lies* by Dave Breese, we covered most of the first lie which is *God is a Cosmic Sadist*. In other words, God is only there to punish, to hurt, to destroy; so therefore, no one can possibly have any pleasure, because everything that is good is sin.

It gets back to the lie that he first promulgated to Eve, that God said 'you can't eat of any of the trees of the garden'—isn't that what God said? Eve answered back, 'No, we can eat of all the trees of the garden.' What did she leave out? *Freely! God's great gift!* 'But of the tree that's in the midst of the garden, you shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it lest you die.'

So then, she began questioning the credibility of God. That's where you get yourself into trouble. Satan came along and he said, 'God is not telling you the truth. You shall not surely die. God is withholding all of these good things from you.'

Then we covered how that God does not tempt anyone with sin (James 1).

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...It is true that the wages of sin is death, but God in His mercy often delays the final payoff in order to give us time to repent. This temporary period of reflection that is given to us by the grace of God, following an acts of sin, is misinterpreted by some.

Who was one of the famous Bible characters who misinterpreted God's instant punishment, because there was an instant punishment? *David was one! With Bathsheba!* He added murder to adultery, connived and plotted. Remember when Nathan the prophet came and asked him what should be done with a man that stole or took from the poor man his only little ewe. David said that he should be executed. And Nathan pointed the finger and said, '**You** are that man.'

Then David was struck to his heart. Look at all the time that took place, pretty close to nine months. God did not reach down and smash David, but gave him time to come to his senses. But what did David do instead of repenting? *He added to it! He compounded it! He plotted in it, and it all came back on him!*

They argue from the lack of apparent consequences of a given sin that nothing really happened and, therefore, the prohibitions of God were not really that serious.

We have the same thought today—don't we?

Under this foolish line of logic, many have interpreted the patience of God inefficiency, weakness, or inattention on His part....

That's not the case.

...When man... [any human being] ...starts to think negatively about God, he finds himself in the beginning of his real trouble. In his bitterness, he no longer feels God's warm sunshine or His gentle rain. The beauty and blessedness of all that is permitted to him gradually turns to the ashes of resentment. He becomes a total cynic. He feels it is a ridiculous proposition to suggest that the best things in life are free....

But they are—aren't they!

...The things freely given to us by God are infinitely greater than the necessary and protective prohibitions of life.

So, the next time someone says to you, 'God doesn't want me to enjoy anything.' What's the old saying: *this is so good it ought to be a sin*. That's what a lot of people think. It's not so!

The problem is that Satan inflames our resentment about how wrong it is for God to say, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," or "Thou shalt not steal," or "Thou shalt not kill." These simple prohibitions are obviously made for our own good.

How much enjoyment can you have in life if you're not doing those things?

Every parent has been accused... [at one time or another] ..."You never let me do anything!"...

Which means: 'You don't let me do the things that I know are wrong [unspoken] so therefore, you don't let me do anything. You're an ogre.' Where does that come from? *From Satan!*

...when he was imposed upon by what he considered a minor prohibition. Satan wants us to accuse God of the same thing.

In this first doctrine, then, Satan promotes a lie. He changes a specific law to a general prohibition [of anything]. Any person who believes that God is a tyrant and that He is against us has been subverted by this first satanic doctrine.

That God is a cosmic sadist! He's in heaven and He enjoys the suffering of human beings on this earth, and He made us to suffer.

That's why a lot of Protestants having swallowed part of that say, 'We don't study the Old Testament.' Let's go to the Old Testament and see something. Is God up there in heaven in the cosmos, as a cosmic sadist? Deliberately bringing evil, hurt, harm and telling people 'don't do this, don't do that, don't do the other thing'? Is He?

Ezekiel 18:1: "The Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'What do you mean by this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge"?' (vs 1-2)—God has caused this.

Verse 3: "'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'to you there is no longer any *occasion* to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son, they are Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die'" (vs 3-4). Yes, God is a cosmic sadist—isn't He? Just read it; took the words right out of God's mouth. Close the Bible, throw it away, burn it up and never read it again. There would be a lot of people who would think that.

Verse 5: "'But a man who is righteous and does that which is lawful and right, and has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel... [from the nations around] ...nor has defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has come near a menstruating woman, and has not oppressed any man, *but* has given the debtor's pledge back to him, has robbed none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment; he does not lend out at usury, nor has taken any increase, he has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man'" (vs 5-8).

There was a report that there was a 'vicious felony committed.' The police were called in and they arrested this person for stealing two flamingos that were out in the yard. It went all the way to the governor's office. Lo and behold, the perpetrator of this crime was no less than a neighbor and he was *three-and-a-half years old* and charged with malicious felony—thievery!—because of a picayune neighbor, who backtracked and said, 'Oh, I just reported that they were missing.'

What a shame! His age was listed on the report as *three*, but the chief of police—because he wanted a conviction; and the D.A., because he wanted to make himself look good—didn't even read the age, and took him to court. True justice? True judgment? *No way!*

Verse 9: "'Has walked in My statutes, and has kept My ordinances to deal truly, he *is* righteous, he shall surely live,' says the Lord GOD. 'And if he beget a son *who is* a robber, who sheds blood, and who does the like of any one of these things; and *the father* does not do any of these *himself*—but *his son* has even eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife; has oppressed the poor and needy; has committed robbery; has not given back the pledge; and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; has committed abomination; has loaned out at usury; and has taken increase—shall *the son* then live? He shall not live! He has done all these abominations; he shall surely be put to death; his blood shall be upon him'" (vs 9-13).

Verse 19: "'Yet, you say, "Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father?" When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. **But if the wicked will turn... [repent] ...from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live**" (vs 19-22).

Does that sound like God is a 'cosmic sadist'? *Totally the opposite!* I want you to mark this well: anyone who comes to you and accuses God of being a 'cosmic sadist' remember Ezek. 18:23:

"Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD. 'Is it not *pleasing, instead, that he should turn from his ways and live?*'"

So, the person who believes that God is a 'cosmic sadist' has total negative understanding about God, and resentment and bitterness, has fallen into that trap. Therefore, then, they feel justified in doing whatever they want to do.

Even in that you may find someone who says, 'I am a moral person even though I don't go to church. Even though I don't belong to a religion, I am a moral person.' Whose righteousness is that?

Their own!

What does He say about situations like that? In spite of the fact that they do not accept God, but they themselves say that they are moral—and in fact may be very upright people—what does God do even in His graciousness toward them? It's fantastic when you stop and think about it.

Romans 2:14: "For when *the* Gentiles, which do not have *the* law, practice by nature the things contained in the law, these who do not have *the* law are a law unto themselves." God is no respecter of persons. Even though God has not revealed Himself to them, and even though they are not willing to accept God's revelation, even in God's mercy they will still reap a certain amount of benefit because they are a moral person. They wouldn't think of committing adultery. They wouldn't think of cheating, lying and stealing.

Verse 15: "Who show the work of the law written in their own hearts, their consciences bearing witness, and their reasonings also, as they accuse or defend one another."

What we see in the Bible revealed is not that God is a sadist; that God is waiting for you to do something wrong so He can nail you just as quick as He can. That is not so!

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Psalms 37:3—this may help someone who needs to know about God: "Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and cherish faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He shall... [withhold every good thing from you, because God is a cosmic sadist—NO!] ...**give you the desires of your heart**.... [That's a promise!] ...Commit your way unto the LORD; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass." (vs 3-5).

People who take that attitude are so resentful against God that they won't even pick up the Bible to find out what is in it. Have you ever met a person like that? So resentful? So hateful to God that you couldn't even open the Scriptures and say, 'Here's what God says?' Not even pull the barrier down enough to where it is, 'try it, you may like it.'

Psalms 84:11—here's another promise: "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; **no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly**. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in

You" (vs 11-12). That trust has to be absolute!

I made a note to myself in the margin of the book: *Isn't it a shame that fear and the rule in the Church has been used with this kind of thing; with this kind of attitude! Not of God!*

Here is another Scripture—1-Cor. 6—some people turn this so that they can do almost anything they want to, but that's not what it's talking about, especially when you read all the rest of what Paul has written here. He's not saying that everything that there is that man can think of to do is lawful to do.

1-Corinthians 6:12: "All things *that* are lawful *are permitted* to me... [Sin is not lawful; it's against the law. Idolatry is not lawful, because it is against the law.] ...but all things *that are lawful* are not beneficial..." Just like someone who believe like here: the problems of not eating meat; problems of not believing in any kind of alcoholic beverages—though God allows it, it is not expedient [beneficial] to do so for their sake—not your sake, but for their sake.

"...all things *that* are lawful *are permitted* to me, but I will not be mastered by anything. Foods *are* for the belly, and the belly *is* for foods; but God will destroy both it and those. Now the body *is* not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (vs 12-13). He's differentiating here, making very clear.

All lawful things are lawful. As much as you might not want to try it—I don't know whether I would—but the Bible does say grasshoppers are clean food. Myself, though that is lawful, I might not want to try it. But how would it be if I invited all of you over to my house and I had chocolate covered grasshoppers and now I'm going to make you eat those? It's lawful, but you would be offended because it's not expedient.

Concerning the prohibition of eating things sacrificed to idols (1-Cor. 8). An idol is nothing. Because someone sacrifices an animal in front of an idol, that idol does not—cannot physically, has no power—to contaminate that meat that was sacrificed to it. Therefore, if you ate it, it was lawful to eat. However, someone who is weak in the faith, who sees you eating those things—though it's lawful—it's not expedient.

What we really see is that God is a God Who is a God of permission. You analyze all the things that God says not to do, and with the total realm of all possibility of things *to do*, isn't that a very small, very little, amount.

1-Timothy 6:17: "...God, Who abundantly gives us all things for *our* enjoyment."

p 22—...God says yes one hundred times for every one time that He says no....

Isn't that something?

...Even when He says no, He still allows us to disobey Him, providing of course, we are willing to pay the consequences, which is also an evidence of His grace....

...While it was possible for even to sin in only one way...

Back then. What was that? *Eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil!* One way to sin!

...it is possible for us to sin in a thousand ways. Therefore, by infecting the world with sin, his infernal majesty has almost brought to pass what he suggested to Eve as being true.

So many things are a prohibition today. A lot of them are not normal. It is not normal to have television in your home. I'm not saying to destroy it, but from this point of view: How much comes through that television tube that you disapprove of. But comes nevertheless! Compared to people in past generations, that is abnormal. They didn't have to fight that in their houses, but we are attacked on every side. That's why today it becomes absolutely important to understand about the wiles of the devil. When it gets that way:

...it is true in our present age that almost everything is indeed wrong. Even "the plowing of the wicked is sin" (Prov. 21:4). "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord" (Prov. 15:8). All of those things that are not of faith are sin (Rom 14:23). We who are the heirs of Adam and Eve are under the nearly total prohibition of God, and we do not move from prohibition to permission until we disavow the kingdom of darkness and move into the kingdom of light. We must go back to innocence before the first permissions of God can apply in our lives.

Quite an interesting thing—isn't it? How is that done? *By baptism! By the calling of God!*

p 23—When our parents sinned, they moved all of humanity into the horrible slave market of sin. In this slave market, we were born; in it, we live; and in it, we die, unless we are purchased from these sinful environs. When we receive Christ, we are set free from the bondage of sin, and we move from total prohibition to wide permission under the umbrella of the grace of God. Obviously, only the

Christian can see God as He really is, a gracious and loving personal Being!

Satan is a liar when he continues to insist that God is a tyrant and all is prohibited. There are few people who know and can prove that this satanic doctrine is a lie. These few are growing in number every day. Then are called *Christians*.

God Is a Liar:

- What is the cleverest ploy that a liar always does? *Makes it believable! Tells you enough of the truth!*
- What does he always do? *Makes it sound good; makes it partly true!*
- What does he always end up invariably doing? *Twisting!*
- How far does that twisting occur? *It's contained right in the title of the second most believable lies of Satan!*
- What does the Bible say about Satan? *He's the father of liars!*

That's why the adulterer always accuses someone else of not being faithful.

- Why? *Because the man or woman who is an adulterer or adulteress cannot be true, so therefore, they have to impugn it upon someone else!*

We are going to see how we can come back to these Scriptures and see more light through them as we go on.

- What is God?
✓ *God is a spirit!*
✓ *God is eternal!*
✓ *God is true!*
- Who inspired the Word of God?
✓ *God did!*
- From whose mind?
✓ *His mind, which is eternal!*

Therefore, there's almost an eternal amount of learning that we can get out of the Scriptures and apply them in many different ways.

John 8:39: "They answered and said to Him, 'Our father is Abraham.'.... [always got to be justified] ...Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.'" Did Abraham get resentful and bitter when God said, 'Go sacrifice your only son'? *No!* What did it? *He believed God!*

Verse 40: "But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the Truth to you, which I have heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father.' Then they said to

Him, 'We have not been born of fornication. We have one Father, *and that is God.*'" (vs 40-41). So, they claimed righteousness—right? 'We are the only true apostolic church, and the church fathers upon which we have founded the wonderful Catholic religion; we are the ones.'

Notice what else was done here, when Jesus said, 'You do the deeds of your father.' Rather than admit the truth, what do they do? *They hurl back an accusation that is untrue!* "...We have not been born of fornication..." Watch how the arguments come politically in both political parties. Accusations back and forth; a clever satanic argument—right? *Right!*

Verse 42: "Therefore, Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I proceeded forth and came from God. For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why don't you understand My speech? Because you cannot bear to hear My words. **You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to practice. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the Truth because there is no Truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own self; for he is a liar, and the father of it**'" (vs 42-44).

What is the 180 degree twist that he puts in people's mind? *God is a liar!* Do you think that Satan would admit that he was a liar? *Of course not!*

p 25-27—God Is a Liar—the second most believable lie of Satan the devil.

Most rebellions begin with the corrosive emotion of resentment.

'How come they got all the good things and I ain't got none!'

While talking to Eve in the garden, Satan had successfully introduced the proposition that God is a moralist so severe that He simply cannot be pleased....

But that's not true! What did God do so that you could please God? *Gave His Son!* To accept His Son's righteousness, given to you so that you can have access to God on a personal one-to-one basis.

- Can a man please God? *Yes, if he believes!*
- Does that make you perfect? *No!*
- Was Christ perfect? *Yes!*

How absolutely fantastic that is, that God would do that for each one of us!

...[This envy then, because God cannot be pleased] produced resentment in Eve, laying the groundwork of a new attitude in her life, affecting her relationship with

her heavenly Father. This new attitude is mistrust. Because of Eve's response to his first doctrine, he boldly moves from a question to an assertion. Satan is now quite dogmatic... [he says, if you eat of this tree] ..."You shall not surely die." Here is revealed the second doctrine of the devil, namely, "God is a liar; He cannot be trusted, and His Word is not true."

Isn't that something? After all that God did!

Satan is emboldened to make this evil assertion because of Eve's exaggeration of the Divine prohibition. Even indeed attempted to repel the satanic thrust that everything is evil by saying, "We may indeed eat of the fruit of the trees of the Garden." At this point, however, she shows that she has already been partly subverted by Satan's statement, in that she states a revised version of God's warning concerning the tree with the forbidden fruit. She says, "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, *neither shall you touch it, lest you die.*'"....

Then she began rationalizing in her mind. Began looking at it. Seeing how good it was.

...Eve is beginning to rationalize, setting up a false basis on which she may later blame God...

So, how did the blame come? Remember that? When God says, 'Did you eat of the tree that I told you not to eat of?' What did Adam say? *The woman!* What did the woman say? *The serpent!* Now he declares what God has said, that if you eat of it 'you shall surely die.' Satan says, 'That is a lie, you shall not surely die!'

...As to the nature of his activities, we can now discern the fact that Satan moves in the lives of people from a lesser degree to the greater.

Always to a greater degree.

He begins his assault by establishing a small beachhead and moves from this point of moral fault into a program of larger conquest. He ultimately intends to consume us, but this devouring begins with the smallest nibble. He conceals his objectives, making it appear that he is devoted to our happiness.

This will make you happy!

Behind this smoke screen of **hypocritical compassion**...

I want you to remember that phrase. That is the juice on which the homeless question revolves. That is the juice on which the AIDS thing is revolving around. **Hypocritical compassion!** That's the same kind of thing that this 'mother earth' and 'save the redwoods' and 'save the spotted owl' thing revolves around. **Hypocritical compassion!**

If these people up here rioting in the woods, spiking the trees, endangering the lives—yes, even shooting at the loggers and truckers today—if they were concerned about the forest, why are they not planting trees? **Hypocritical compassion!**

...he veils his true intentions. He promises freedom from death but in fact is a murderer from the beginning. He has no compassion whatsoever!....

Satan still uses this same thing!

...The initial attractiveness of sin does not prefigure its consequences. That makes it most difficult to warn sin's novice adequately of the hideous thing he will finally make of himself.

Now, having established...the second doctrine of Satan.... ["You shall not surely die."] ...God is a liar. His word is not true. Satan again affirms that another system of truth takes precedence over the Word of God....

You must then substitute something.

...Here is the first appearance of an alternative epistemology....

A study or theory of the origin of the nature, methods and limits of knowledge. In other words, the philosophy of how these things came to be if there is no God.

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'Oh, I'm not lying!' The truth is newly defined; convenient! Isn't that convenient? *Yes!*

...Truth has been newly defined. Satan has postulated another authority more final, more "true" than the very Word of the living God. So began the first problem of the universe, the problem of truth. Ever since this first lie, the world has repeatedly asked the question, What is truth?

Isn't that what Pilate asked Jesus? What is truth? In the middle of all this nonsense going on, what is truth?

Satan's answer to this question is that truth is anything except the Word of God.

Isn't that something? *That's really something!*

I want you to think about all of the things that have replaced Truth. Let's look at religion. What did Jesus say about *traditions*? *The traditions of the elders*—which is in the Talmud and also in Catholicism with the *traditions of the church fathers*, and any other religion—is *greater than more newly revealed knowledge of God!*

Therefore, these *traditions* replace the Word of God. Isn't that clever? *Re-arrange the seeking of the Truth! Re-arrange the definition!* How did we get here? Very, very convenient— isn't it? Very convenient!

...Consistent with this false doctrine, he continue to confuse the issue of final authority in many ways in our present world.

What is the commonly accepted thing concerning the Bible? You're just talking to ordinary people and you say, 'I live by the Bible.' *Well, that's nice, there are many good things in the Bible.* 'What about you?' *Well, I believe the Bible insofar as it is accurately translated.* That's a Mormon doctrine. Then you ask, 'How do you know it's been accurately translated?'

- What do they use?
- What do the Mormon's use? *The Book of Mormon!*
- What do the Catholics use? *The traditions! Church law!*
- What do the Jews use? *The Talmud and the Mishna!*

I want to show you from the *San Jose Mercury News*—Inside Religion and Ethics (the Living section). I want you to notice first of all where they put 'religion.' Right along with all of the movies and the funnies. Right after the funnies come the wedding announcements and then 'Religion and Ethics.'

Baptist Editors Asked to Resign

There's been a move by the Baptists back to the Bible. Instead of turning their back to the Bible, they want to turn around and face the Bible and go to the Bible. But now they have a problem. They've been so moderate and permissive for so long, and these editors have been putting out a lot of 'junk' in the name of God and the Baptist Church and religion—all the lies of Satan the devil squeezing into it—now they can't fire them because it's against the freedom of press. Now this is control. You see how Satan has confused everything?

Buddhists Near Miracle

The largest Buddhist Temple in the Bay Area is in San Jose. And here's the wonderful monk that established it in 1981. It's a Buddhist near miracle that they even have the temple there.

Group Grapples with Lessons in Values

How do you give values to children in school when you kick God out of the school? How then do you instill values into children? What does that question come down to? What is truth? *Truth is relative! Whatever you think!* Do you see how Satan has twisted that all around? *This is incredible!*

Messenger for Peace

You thought the pope was the only one traveling the world—right?

Eastern Orthodox leader to visit the area. Patriarch Demetrius who is the 269th successor to the Apostle Stephen.

He's going around preaching peace, being received by everybody. This is wonderful. He goes here and speaks, has a dinner there and speaks, and he goes and visits children with AIDS. Isn't that marvelous? Then he's going to be received by Mayor Art Agnos.

Those of the world hear their own. This is incredible! Once we go through this and study this book—*Satan's Ten Most Believable Lies*—you can go through and here it was in today's paper, there it is—I couldn't get over it.

What is the answer to the command *you shall not commit adultery*? 'Oh, we couldn't possibly stop that! Oh no! We're going to give condoms to everybody beginning even in the third grade.' That makes it okay! How does this develop?

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Satan's answer to this question is that truth is anything except the Word of God. Consistent with this false doctrine, he continue to confuse the issue of final authority in many ways in our present world. He works to get people to believe any one of his many alternatives to truth. He would have us accept the proposition that truth is ever changing (relativism), or purely personal (subjectivism)... [what you think yourself] ...or only what we can see (empiricism)... [truth is only what we can see] ...or encounter experiences (existentialism), or purely syllogistic (rationalism)...

I heard how it slipped into the Church of God—one of them that we had to leave—what you hear to justify the new doctrines is *logical to think, logical*

to assume. Now the doctrine comes in. See how that comes in, human logic?

...or completely abstract (platonic idealism), or events (phenomenalism), or synonymous with creation (pantheism), or a blend of the seen and the unseen (psycho-physical monism), or workability (pragmatism), or a hundred similarly false alternatives. The history of thought is the account of efforts by successive generations of thinkers to re-answer the vital question, What is truth?

- God's Word is Truth!
- God's commandments are Truth!
- God's laws are true!

David said, 'I accept every one of Your precepts from the beginning as true and righteous altogether.' But no one would believe that!

Since Satan introduced it, the problem of truth and error has made impossible the solution of any other problem that confronts the human scene. Every difficulty that has ever beset men has come because of an inadequate answer to the question, What is truth?

Then he goes through many areas of the Bible showing what Truth is, and so forth. The thing that becomes most important is that the Truth of the Bible, then, must become a revelation.

- God has to call you!
- God has to send His Spirit!
- It is revealed!
- It is also preserved!

Hebrews 11:1: "Now, **faith is the substance...**" The very fact that you *believe*, that's what becomes really important. It is the *substance!*

You have that faith "...of *things* hoped for, *and the* conviction of things not seen. For by this *kind of faith* the elders obtained a good report. By faith we understand that the worlds were created by *the* Word of God, so that the things that are seen were made from *things* that are invisible" (vs 1-3). That is absolutely, literally true today, even in the greatest most finite understanding that we have to this very day—that is absolutely true!

Verse 6: "Now **without faith...** [this is the only way that you're going to get the revelation of the Word of God] **...it is impossible to please God...**" So, when God says, 'don't do this, don't do that,' and you obey that in faith because God says so, then the revelation begins. It's that simple.

"...For it is mandatory for the one who

comes to God to believe that He exists, and *that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*” (v 6). You can't discover it without the revealed Word of God. This world is so filled with sin, Satan is 'the prince of the power of the air.'

By the way, there was this man who talked to his girlfriend and said, 'Go to my home and I have a surprise for you in my freezer.' So, she took a friend and went over to his home, and opened the freezer. There was a severed human head, with the skin peeled off! They put in a plastic bag and went down to the police. This was in Chicago. They didn't want to admit that this was a satanic, systematic sacrifice of this person, until they called in the expert on Satan sacrifice and Satan worship.

They now have him under arrest. He took this girl and cut off her head, cut out her spleen, cut out her heart—systematically destroyed her body and ate the parts. You talk about being in a delusion!

Now we have little cartoons that come along, the best entrance into the mind of a child into satanism of one form or another—not this violent kind that we see necessarily or that we are talking about—is cartoons! After all, that is fun! The worst cartoons are on Sabbath! If you don't believe me, before you come to church, turn it on sometime and see where they have this big thing coming along and eating little children. Who do you suppose devised that?

I want you to compare that with where it says that Satan is the 'prince of the power of the air'—the 'god of this world'—to the glorious thing that God is going to have with the bringing in of the Kingdom of God and the return of Jesus Christ; where the knowledge of God is going to 'cover the earth as the seas cover the earth.' What a glorious and marvelous thing that's going to be compared to this nonsense and stupidity that Satan has brought upon this world.

Men can't think of it. What does God say about His thoughts compared to our thoughts? *As high as heaven is above the earth, so are My thoughts greater than your thoughts!*

1-Corinthians 2: "But according as it is written, 'The eye has not seen...'" You can't do it by looking, by seeing, by measuring.

We've spent all these millions on the Hubble telescope and because a bureaucrat forgot a simple little thing like testing the angle of the mirror, they now can't get what they thought they would. Very fitting—isn't it. Now they're going to send another shuttle up there and install a pair of glasses for the Hubble space telescope so that it can focus.

They're not going to find God. They're

going to look. What are they going to find? They put this up to know about the origin of the universe. This scientist proved that there was a God, and William Buckley said, 'Now what are you going to do?' *Nothing!* He proved that there was a God and he's going to do nothing! So, it's the same why with this Hubble telescope. They get it up there and they see all this fantastic thing and what are they going to do to turn to God? *Nothing!* They won't see Him or find Him either!

They wanted to test the telescope but couldn't find a building to do it. The Air Force had the ideal building that they needed to do it, and all they needed to do was take it over there and do it. But they didn't do it because of some little bureaucratic thing.

“...nor *the ear heard*, neither have entered into *the heart of man*, *the things which God has prepared for those who love Him*.'... [Absolutely incredible!] ...But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit... [it's by revelation that you understand that the Word of God is Truth] ...for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God. For who among men understands the things of man except *by the spirit of man which is in him*? In the same way also, the things of God no one understands except *by the Spirit of God*” (vs 9-11).

It has to be revealed, and this revelation is the tremendous thing that separates us from the world, which brings us out from all of this evil, satanic stuff going around. It is everywhere!

p 32—Looking back now, we can see the catastrophic results of the denial of the Truth of Scripture in the early part of this century. The liberals' slogan "Every day in every way, I am getting better and better" has been destroyed by two major wars in which millions have been killed. Wars, depressions, crime, and every form of evil continues to grow in our society. All of this gives the lie to the liberal suggestion that social action can fundamentally improve the course of mankind. The progressive degeneration of liberal theology finally produced the most obscene announcement in the history of the world, the absurd news that **God is dead**.

I remember that happening back in 1966. I sat there at the television and watched the news where they said 'God is dead' and they had 'Requiem Mass' for the death of God. Can you believe that? It's kind of like Volteer—he said: 'We will destroy the Bible and Christianity.' One hundred years later his house is used by the French Bible Society. Guess who won?

The latest version of pseudo-Christianity is Liberation Theology. Here God is contextualized into the social structure and is seen as identifying Himself with the poor and oppressed. The result is a Christian-Marxist hybrid that some say bridges the gap between Christianity and Marxism....

That's what's going on in Nicaragua. Never work! Won't work!

...Corrupt theology has also produced a corrupt "new morality."....

pp 33-34—The list seems endless of the false points of view taken by some factions of our present religious establishment.

To where even now *trial* marriage is okay, even in some churches.

When one rejects the final authority of the Word of God, he begins a process of corruption whereby his whole thought structure becomes a vast delusion....

That's what we read in part one of this series about the prophecy that evil men should grow worse and worse and deceivers will be deceiving the deceivers. Liars will be outlying the liars.

...Despite the obvious untrustworthiness of human reason, Satan still continues successfully to advance his argument that it is possible to place final trust in something else beside the Word of God. We must turn from the voice of Satan to the careful study of the Bible. A knowledge of the Bible is our best protection against the wiles of the devil. We do well to establish early in our lives the conviction that the Word of God, as against *any* alternative voice, will be our final authority.

That gets right back to the thing that we covered: How do you love God? *With all your heart, mind, soul and being!* The Word of God is your final authority. How absolutely deluded so many people in the Church of God had become that they heap all of these qualities upon a man. A man let's them heap it upon him. Look what has happened to the knowledge that Church. Look at the satanic arguments that have come in with so many, many things.

Brethren, I appreciate this small little group that God has blessed us with, so that we can get in and really study the Word of God. Just like this man says, the only goal of the minister is to make the

people he teaches competent in the Word of God, so they know it. That's what's important.

In making the decisions of life, we will never find the correct course unless we are willing to establish that course on the basis of the final authority of Scripture.

Whoa! I'm going to use that when I write him a letter about the Sabbath question. Very interesting!

We never will be able to establish a moral bases for our lives and for our children unless that final reason for the moral course that we take is, "The Bible says so." Why is it wrong to steal? Because the Bible says, "Thou shalt not steal." Why is it wrong to commit adultery? Because the Bible says so. Why should children obey their parents? Because the Bible says so. why should we worship God only? Because the Bible says so. Since God knows what is best for us, if He tells us in His Word not to do something, we had better believe it must be wrong for us.

Our old enemy, the devil, can twist any other human argument into a new basis for his hellish corruption. We must not allow him to twist the Word of God or cause us to believe that Scripture is no longer a solid foundation on which to build our lives. Any person who follows the leading of anything apart from the clear and final truth of the Word of God is believing and committing himself to the devil's doctrine. He is rejecting the true doctrine of Jesus Christ. We will surely then sin against God unless we are protected by both a knowledge of and a commitment to the truth of the Scripture....

The Bible says, 'Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.' *and* 'The way of the transgressor is hard.'

...Satan would have us to believe that sin is fun. God's Word warns, "The wages of sin is death," but Satan is still at work pushing the opposite point of view. Modern thought would still have us believe that the path of sin will produce fun, happiness, fulfillment, and worthwhile achievement in life. We are never told about the suicides, diseases, and agonizing deaths of people who have believed Satan's philosophy. Every person who rejects the Bible and attempts to live without Christ is a fool, subverted by the second doctrine of his infernal majesty

—*that God is a liar!*

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