

The Descent From a Devout Christian to a Slave of satan

Romans 12:3

- explain current situation
- radical Islam, Harry Potter, Moonies etc.
- How is satan able to get people to turn from Jesus Christ and to follow him? Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- 2 major areas - salvation, & God's Protection
- being a devout Christian doesn't mean being saved

Matthew 7:21-23 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

- have they fully committed themselves? Luke 14:26 - If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

- are they full of themselves - like king's kids? Romans 12:3 - For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- a will to be deceived

- sin - 2 Chronicles 36:11-21 - Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did that

which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

- sins of fathers - Daniel 9:15-16 - And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

Nehemiah 9:2 - And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, & stood & confessed their sins, & the iniquities of their fathers.

- sins of mothers - Psalms 109:14 - Let the iniquity of his fathers be

remembered with the LORD; & let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Numbers 30:9 - But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

- one of satan's best tricks, is what he did with Baalim. Revelation 2:14 - But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Acts 15:20 - But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

- how does devil do this? 2 Samuel 15:6 - And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

Acts 8:9-11 - But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

Galatians 3:1 - O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

- now if pastors were preaching like in Acts 8:12 - But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

God's Protection

- Some believe that since they are saved, they don't have to do anything to protect themselves. This is very foolish, and lacking in spiritual maturity. Hebrews 5:11-6:2 - Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of

milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

- We have the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ to protect us, and thankfully it does in so many ways that we are not aware of. 1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- We have God's angels to help & protect us. Hebrews 1:7 & 14 - & of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, & his ministers a flame of fire. 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

- in OT, like David's mighty men, they relied mainly on their weapons

- those who were spiritually mature saw mighty victories, without physical weapons; Jehosaphat over the 3 kings; Elisha at Dothan; Hezekiah over Senecarib

- David only used a simple sling & stone, to bring down the devil's champion

- to-day we need the Gospel Armour, Ephesian 6:10-18

- many mis-understand Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

- they think that they can do anything, and that the devil can't touch them.

- they should read Pastor Win Worley's personal account.

Battling the Host of Hell: Diary of an Exorcist

- just looking at the social statistics for Christians, will clearly reveal a lot of problems

- if believers stayed pure and holy, they would spare themselves and their families, and their descendants a lot of trouble

Romans 12:21 - Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

- what do you do when someone uses occult devices on you?

- if you do nothing, thinking that you are safe enough; get ready for a rough ride

- when we minister to people here; we spend a lot of time breaking off the curses, devices of witchcraft etc. Deuteronomy 18:10-11 - There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

- Kurt Koch, Occult ABC, has a bigger list

- whether it is white or black witchcraft; it is wrong

- Gasson, The Challenging Counterfeit - spiritualism

- we break off those occult devices and send them back to the original sending demons

- then the demons are cast out in Jesus' Name.

Mark 16:17 - And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; etc.

- prayer and fasting is important

Mark 9:29 - And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

- restoring the soul is needed too

Psalms 23:3 - He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- break ungodly soul ties etc., and cast out demons

- main area is mind - devil is increasingly dominating people by controlling

their minds, thought patterns, beliefs etc.

- massive brainwashing is being done to entrap people**
- usually starts with curiosity, to get them into a forbidden thing**

Genesis 3:6 - And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- modern technology; video games is a big trap for people**
- once the door is open, various mind controlling techniques are used to firm up the hypnotic hold on the person**
- as the demons are loaded up into the person, they are enclosing the person's personality, eclipsing it to the point that the new demonic personality is now in control of the person**
- the person's free will has been completely subverted**
- people at this point will complete the process of being subverted, by changing their name**
- you could say that now the person is virtually possessed by the devil**
- so the descent of a devout Christian to a slave of satan has finished**
- this can only be reversed by Divine Intervention, and much prayer**
- if the person was saved, there is a tiny spark of the Christ Light that the devil cannot extinguish.**
- only God in His Mercy, and Grace can with His Holy Spirit re-kindle it**

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