

Prologue No. 1

Satan wants to win!

Who hasn't heard the saying, "boys will be boys"? What does that mean? Does it mean that when a boy does something stupid or destructive then it is okay because it is in his nature?

What is the difference in a young boy forced to raise his three younger sisters because his parents are MIA, and a boy simply running around pulling a girl's "doggy-ears" and laughing at fart sounds? Obviously, the former is not in the boy's nature! I would say, it may not be his nature, but it is in his structure.

Our culture has so relaxed any structure in boys, girls, marriage, proper dressing, proper language, manners and curtesy, that now we have a world of spineless, delicate, easily-offended people that expect to never have a single worry or problem, always expecting perfection. In California circles, you cannot use the terms "his" and "her". God created male and female in His image (Gen. 1:27).

Our culture has fallen to the low point of the expectation of never ever being offended by anyone. How can you have a culture, such as in America, where not a single person out of 330 million can be allowed to be offended? Never an offense...obviously, this causes chaos, confusion within human relationships, greed for litigation; an insane, impossible and unrealistic position yet made the current day norm in the United States...a road to destruction.

Journalists, instead of giving us the actual news are now driven by their change agendas, "hit men" doing the dirty work for politicians. As Mr. Kyler Murray, quarterback for the University of Oklahoma, is awarded the Heisman Trophy in 2018, a so-called journalist condemns Kyler for a word he used when he was 14 years old! Name one person on this planet that hasn't used a stupid word once in his/her life. I

believe this makes my point; it is happening many times per day, all recorded and provable. What are we about? Hate for others so that we may succeed? Jealousy! Condemn others to make you more powerful, push your political agenda for control and money? Pride at any cost?

It is all from Satan and is it he that wants to win! The liberals and progressives are but pawns in his chess game.

Extreme environmentalists are more concerned over saving turtles in Florida, lizards in Arizona, and dead undergrowth in California not allowing natural crown fires to take place, than saving the lives of human babies! The Guttmacher Institute in May 2018 published the fact of 926,200 abortions had occurred in the United States in 2014. On January 22, 2019, New York democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo, to the cheers of the legislators, signed into law the Reproductive Health Act; allowing abortion after 24 weeks, or if the “fetus” [the human being] is not considered “viable” [able to live after birth]. Health Act? Healthy for who? Not healthy for the baby, and not mentally healthy for the mother.

While innocents are being killed around the world, in 2016 the U.S. Federal Administration wanted “gender neutral restrooms”, catering to the invented non-existent transgender population. Today, Hollywood and media persons have made a vapor a solid. Dictatorships love people like this because they are easy to control; one only needs to hold out a carrot to get their attention. There is another that loves a situation like this, Satan, things are working out for him in America!

Jesus was exposed to this very type of attack for 40 days after He was baptized. Jesus, being fully man in the flesh, was capable of falling to temptations. It is a mistake to think Jesus could not fall into temptation; there was indeed risk here. If you disagree, thinking Jesus is only God, then you must not also believe in the duality of Christ. Jesus was and is both fully man and fully God. To say Jesus was fully man is quite a mouthful however; that means Jesus was capable of failing, capable of hurting, capable of feeling joy & love, capable of feeling rejection, capable of feeling the pain of the cross. Knowing of Jesus’ delicate situation after fasting 40 days and nights, Satan steps in to kindly suggest Jesus change a rock into bread; an easy task for the Creator of the universe, wouldn’t you say? It sure would have eased the

hunger Christ felt, after all, what's a single loaf of bread anyway? Knowing that humans wish for power and control, Satan kindly suggests that Jesus should take the easy profitable way. Maybe Satan's helpfulness might have made Jesus' plans happen faster. There was only one problem...it was Satan's idea.

Yes, Jesus was hurting, hungry, weak and capable of falling into temptation; the evidence is exactly the fact that it took angels to come to attend to Him after Satan left His side (Matt 4:11).

Satan does the same thing to all of us today! Working his deceptions, his little ploys playing to our greed and selfishness; Satan is alive and well in the world today!

Satan is mentioned 49 times in the Bible...he is an on-going activity in the world. It is a big mistake to be complacent about this; looking through rose-colored glasses at the world around us. We need to know that, but there is no need to be afraid if we are connected to Jesus. If not connected...be afraid! ...be very afraid!

A few Biblical references follow [underlines added]; these show the trouble Satan caused at the times the Biblical text was written. Since Satan is still alive and functioning in the world, it is logical to assume his activity is still ongoing, thus we need to be aware of his ongoing influence on people, on groups, and on countries.

Rev. 12:7 - Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,

Job 2:2 - And the Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

2 Cor. 11:14 - And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Mark 4:15 - And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them

1 Thess. 2:18 - because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.

2 Thess. 2:19 - The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders

1 Tim. 5:15 - For some have already strayed after Satan

Rev. 12:9 - “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan

What are we to do? Matthew 4:10 tells us -

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

God has a good and righteous plan, as we read in **Rev. 20:2:**

And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.