

## IV. THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED (pt.4): Matthew 12:28-30

**INTRODUCTION.** I would remind you again that **1 John 3:8** says, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the Devil."

**I. The Devil is a Sinner.** He entices and energizes people to sin against God. Therefore Christ became a man to destroy the sins in His people and give them eternal life (1 Jn. 3:7-8). **That is one of the reasons we celebrate Christmas!**

**II. The Devil is a Devourer.** He mangles people by temptation, accusation, and desperation. Therefore Christ became a man to destroy the devouring of the Devil and to bind up the brokenhearted (Is. 61:1). **That is another one of the reasons we celebrate Christmas!**

**III. The Devil is a Liar.** He deceives people by lying to them about God, themselves, and the Scriptures. Therefore Christ became a man to destroy the lies of the Devil by setting His people free as the Truth (Jn. 14:6). **This is also one of the reasons we celebrate Christmas!**

**IV. The Devil is also a Tyrannical Ruler.** (*Tyrannical = verb form of Tyrant = a cruel and oppressive ruler*). He rules over sinners' hearts and minds as subjects of his kingdom, receiving obedience as a false god and king. Therefore Christ came to destroy the Devil's tyrannical kingdom by transferring sinners to the Kingdom of God. **This is also one of the reasons we celebrate Christmas!**

## THREE PRELIMINARY TRUTHS AND ONE QUESTION.

### I) The Devil is a Ruler (Jn. 14:30).

**John 14:30** "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me."

**2 Corinthians 4** "The god of this world. . ."

**John 8:44** "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires."

### II) The Devil has Followers (Eph. 2:2).

**Ephesians 2:2** "[sinners are] following the prince of the power of the air."

– Every ruler has subjects.

### III) The Devil has a Kingdom (Matt. 12:26).

**Matthew 12:26** "And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

**QUESTION.** Is the Devil *god* and *ruler of this world* in the sense that he is sovereign over individuals, families, groups, governments, economics, the weather, etc.?

**ANSWER 1.** No. The Devil is *god of this world* in the sense that sinners offer to him obedience as a *false god* and *king*.

**ANSWER 2.** The Devil can do nothing without God's permission (Job 1:12). He is like a lion on a leash (2 Cor. 12:7; Rom. 8:28); a king given in God's wrath (Hos. 13:11; Rom. 8:19-21).

**EZEKIEL HOPKINS:** "Neither the Devil, that arch-creature, nor the worst of his instruments, can so much as touch a hair of our head, unless leave be granted them." - **Works, vol. 1, pg. 77**

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## CON(TEXT).

### Matthew 12:22-30

22 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons."

25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

**BOYS AND GIRLS,**

So, given these texts of Scripture what can we say is another truth concerning **1 John 3:8**?

**DOCTRINE.** Christ came to destroy the Devil's tyrannical kingdom by transferring sinners to the Kingdom of God.

OR

The Son of God appeared to destroy the tyrannical works of the devil.

**Colossians 1:13-14** "13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

**OUTLINE.** Let me point out to you six tyrannical works of the Devil that Christ came destroy.

## **I. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL BLINDING OF THE DEVIL (2 Cor. 4:4, 6).**

- Tyrants do not want you to see the truth; they want you blind to that which is glorious.

### **I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler blinds the minds of unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:4).**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

### **II) Christ came to destroy the Devil's blinding influence and shine the light of the gospel into His peoples' hearts (2 Cor. 4:6).**

**2 Corinthians 4:6** "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

**BOYS AND GIRLS, [gospel/conversion clarity]**

*The Son of God appeared to bind the Devil and plunder his house so that he would no longer cover our eyes from seeing the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus Christ!*

I. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY TYRANNICAL BLINDING OF THE DEVIL (2 Cor. 4:4, 6).

## **II. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL SEDUCTION OF THE DEVIL (2 Tim. 2:26; Eph. 6:6).**

- Tyrants do not want you to live according to the truth; they want you to do their will above all.

**I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler seduces sinners to do his will, which attacks God's glory and destroys people (2 Tim. 2:26).**

**2 Timothy 2:26** "[the unconverted are in] the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will."

**II) Christ came to destroy the Devil's seducing influence by changing His peoples' hearts and enlightening them by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 6:6).**

**Ephesians 6:6** "bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,"

*The Son of God appeared to bind the Devil and plunder his house so that he would no longer seduce us to do his deadly will!*

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**TRANSITION.** This brings us to the third tyranny Christ came to destroy.

**III. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL DEAD WORKS OF THE DEVIL (Eph. 2:2; Heb. 9:13-14).**

- Tyrants do not care if your lives will matter forever—that is to say they do not care if your works are "dead works"; tyrants only care about your service to their kingdom.

**I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler works in sinners to get them to devote themselves to dead works, which both cause death and end in death (Eph. 2:2).**

**Ephesians 2:2** "The spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."

**Hebrews 9:14** calls these actions "dead works."

**II) Christ came to destroy the Devil's dead works by recreating His people for good works (Eph. 2:10; Heb. 9:13-14).**

**Ephesians 2:10** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

**Hebrews 9:13-14** 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

**BOYS AND GIRLS,** God does not save us from sin BY our good works. God saves us from sin through faith in Christ alone for salvation. However God saves us FOR good works.

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III. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL DEAD WORKS OF THE DEVIL (Eph. 2:2; Heb. 9:13-14).

#### **IV. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL FATHERHOOD OF THE DEVIL (Jn. 8:44; 1:12-13).**

- Tyrants always want their offspring to serve as slaves rather than obey as beloved children. Tyrants want their offspring to provide for and protect them, but a good Father wants to provide for and protect His children.

##### **I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler is the Father of sinners (Jn. 8:44).**

**John 8:44** "You are of your father the devil."

##### **II) Christ came to destroy the fatherhood of the Devil by bringing His people into God's family as His adopted children (Jn. 1:12-13).**

**John 1:12-13** "12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

#### ***WHEN YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN. . .***

*Because of sin, the devil is naturally your father and Adam represents you before God.*

*Yet once you are converted and believe in and submit to Jesus, God becomes your father and Christ represents you before Him.*

#### **EXAMINATION.**

**Q1.** Does Adam represent you before God in his sin or does Christ represent you before God in His righteousness?

**Q2.** Is the Devil your Father or is God your Father?

#### **WARNING/AWAKENING.**

- **UNBELIEVERS.** If you have not turned from your sin to trust in and submit to Jesus Christ as Savior and King, then the Devil is your Father and your High Priest is sinful Adam.

**Go to Christ today.** Believe on Him alone for salvation. Be baptized. Join with the church. Walk with the church for God's glory and other's good all the days of your life. Come and talk to someone before leaving today.

## COMFORT.

- **BOYS AND GIRLS,**
- **CHRISTIANS.** *You who belong to Christ by simple faith, you have been set free from the tyrannical fatherhood of the Devil. God is your Father, and He loves to provide for and protect you both now and forever.*
  - He has adopted you and will never throw you out.
  - He has accepted you in Christ and will never reject you.
  - He has given you an inheritance and will never withdraw it.
  - He has promised to work all things together for His glory and your good,  
and He is both willing and able to do it.
  - He will strengthen you to do your duties for His glory, your gladness, & other's  
good.
  - He will sustain you in this life and glorify you in the next.
  - He will wipe every tear from your eye.
  - His house has many mansions.

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IV. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL FATHERHOOD OF THE DEVIL (Jn. 8:44; 1:12-13).

## **V. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL ROBBERY OF THE DEVIL (Mk. 4:14-15, 20; Rom. 10:17).**

- Tyrants do not want you to prosper and grow; they want you poor, weak, and dependent.

### **I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler robs sinners of the seeds planted by the Word of God being preached to them (Mk. 4:14-15).**

**Mark 4:14-15** "14 The sower sows the word. 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."

**BOYS AND GIRLS,**

### **II) Christ came to destroy the Devil's robbing by changing our natures so that the seeds sink down deep, safe from snatching (Mk. 4:20; Rom. 10:17).**

**Mark 4:20** "But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a

hundredfold."

**Romans 10:17** "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

#### EXHORTATION (4).

##### **I) Praise God, believers, that you can obey James 1:21!**

- **James 1:21** "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

##### **II) Make it your aim to obey receive with meekness the Word of God!**

- **James 1:21** "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

##### **III) Make it your aim to be a doer and not just a hearer of the Word!**

**James 1:22-24** "22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like."

##### **IV) Remember that obedience produces happiness and disobedience produces sorrow!**

**James 1:25** "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

##### **BOYS AND GIRLS,**

*The Son of God appeared to bind the Devil and plunder his house so that we would be saved and sanctified through the Word of God!*

V. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL ROBBERY OF THE DEVIL (Mk. 4:14-15, 20; Rom. 10:17).

#### **VI. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY THE TYRANNICAL FALSE WORSHIP OF THE DEVIL (2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 13:5).**

- Tyrants always want unqualified obedience, and therefore worship.

##### **I) The Devil as a tyrannical ruler receives obedience from sinners, and therefore is worshiped like God should be (2 Cor. 4:4).**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** "The god of this world."

**II) Christ came to destroy the Devil's false worship by setting us free to worship the living God in the ways He has prescribed (Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15).**

**Romans 12:1** "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

**Hebrews 13:15** "Through [Christ] then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."

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## **CONCLUSION.**

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Let us be thankful and show our thankfulness even now!

## **QUOTES**

**WILHELMUS A BRAKEL:** "First of all I wish to address myself to the unconverted, stating that as long as you remain unconverted, you are subject to the power of the devil, having the devil as your father. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). The devil is lord and master over you and he is at work in you. "The spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph 2:2). You are his captive and in bondage to him. "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Tim 2:26). He frequently moves you to commit acts, the commission of which you would have never deemed possible. He thus moved Judas to betray the Lord Jesus and afterward to hang himself. The devil often keeps you out of



church, especially when he knows that the sermon to be preached could be a choice means to your conversion. During the sermon he seeks to detract you by infusing other thoughts, holding such matters before you which he knows you delight in, thereby facilitating your meditation upon them. If you hear something that makes an impression upon you, he seeks in every possible way to rob you of this impression (Matt 13:19). The devil prevents you from comprehending the power of the gospel. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor 4:3-4). Do not think that this renders you innocent, for you yourself are also blind and of an evil disposition, willingly rejecting the gospel. The devil, however, often creates the occasion for this, stimulates you, and you then obey him." — **Brakel, Wilhelms à. The Christian's Reasonable Service . Reformation Heritage Books. Kindle Edition.**