

Satan's Seduction of Children

2 Peter 2:12-17

"Cursed Children"

1. *Satanic influence from adults who have forsaken the right way curses children.*
 1. Count it Pleasure to Riot in the daytime (2 Timothy 3:1-9)
 2. They are _____ (Jeremiah 13:23-24) and _____ (Leviticus 22:24-25; Jude 23)
 3. Sporting (Proverbs 26:19) themselves (life's a game; what you can get out of it at any costs) NOTE: with their own _____ (themselves underneath Satan's wiles)
 4. WHILE they feast _____ (mingling with God's people to Influence them)
 5. _____ Unstable Souls - deceit; subtlety (Gen. 3:1) :Unstable (James 1:8; 2 Peter 3:16; Romans 16:17-19).
 1. New Babes in Christ; also those saved a while but neglect or refuse to grow; but also Children!
 6. _____ - having eyes FULL of adultery (Matthew 5:28); CANNOT cease from sin (1 Corinthians 2:14)
 7. _____ - they Exercise their heart's covetousness with outward practices to achieve the unachievable: satisfaction in earthly things! (1 Timothy 6:5-10)
 8. _____ astray (Matthew 7:13) following the way of Balaam who _____ the wags of (sin) SEE Jude 1:11; Revelation 2:14
 1. "The madness" - Ecclesiastes 7:25, 9:3.
 9. Wells without water (water is a type of the _____) Jer. 14:3; Jude 12
 10. SHALL receive the reward (wages) of their unrighteous! (Rev. 20:11-15)
 1. The "mist of darkness" is forever (Jude 13)
2. *Satan has many "influencers" in each generation.*
 1. They speak great swelling words of vanity - very seductive, powerful statements; ALL _____!
 2. They _____ through the Lusts of the Flesh (James 1:13-18)
 3. Love not the world - 1 John 2:15-17
 4. They allure through MUCH _____ = Licentiousness; lasciviousness (Jude 4; 1 Peter 4:3)
 5. They promise you _____ (great swelling words). See Isaiah 14:13-14; Satan wanted the seat of God's power and control but NOTHING to do with God's character!
 1. Liberty always has boundaries or it is _____! True liberty is only had in submission to proper biblical authority.
 2. They themselves ARE servants (Slaves) of corruption (and corruption's wages) see Romans 6
 3. And if you follow them you will be in one place, _____, not liberty!
 1. Galatians 2:4; 4:3; 5:1
3. *Satan can and will directly and indirectly influence your mind.*
 1. Direct: Mark 8:33; Acts 5:3
 2. Indirect: through the "good words and fair speeches"; through the "great swelling words"; through his vast network of willing (knowingly or ignorantly) influencers and every medium necessary to accomplish his wicked goal.
 3. This IS what he does - "to _____, and to _____, and to _____"

Something Wicked This Way Comes -

Two boys, Will and Jim, live in a small town in Illinois in the 1930's. One October, Dark's Pandemonium Carnival comes to town, much to the delight and excitement of the entire community, especially the two boys. Will and Jim are enchanted by the rides and shows and charmed by the handsome and mysterious Mr. Dark.

In their fascination, the boys sneak into the carnival after hours. To their horror, they discover that the carnival is not what it appears. Townspeople who are lured to the carnival by its glitter and magic are secretly being captured, mesmerized, and turned into sideshow freaks.

The two boys are discovered and pursued by evil spirits, terrifying dreams of tarantulas, and the sinister Mr. Dark himself. Dark finally catches the boys and drags them back to the carnival to do away with them. Only the unlikely heroics of Will's father, the town's spineless librarian, and a fortuitous thunder and lightning storm foil Mr. Dark's scheme. The entire carnival is vacuumed up by a tornado-like cloud and disappears.

This story, *Something Wicked Comes This Way*, is from the imagination of science fiction writer Ray Bradbury. It appeared first as a book and then as a movie. In his tale two boys caught in the classic struggle between good and evil, Bradbury displays uncanny insight into Satan's devious and relentless seduction of our children. For Example:

1. Mr. Dark appears to offer the boys happiness and fun, but his real intent is their destruction. The Bible says that Satan has transformed himself into an angel of light (2 Co 11:14), but we know that his purpose, as Jesus tells us, is to destroy us (John 10:10) and our children.
2. Mr. Dark's carnival is called Pandemonium. In John Milton's classic novel, *Paradise Lost*, Pandemonium was the name given to the capital of Hell, the abode of the demons (notice that demon is in the middle of the name). Satan is assisted in his seductive schemes by his angels which rebelled with him (Eph. 6:12)
3. The only thing Mr. Dark fears is the storm, because the lightning illuminates his dark corners and the rain washes away his dust. The only way to dispel the darkness of Satan's seduction is to walk in the light ourselves and teach our children to do the same -1 Jn 1:5-7
4. Will's father, who has a history of cowardice, is the hero who races to the carnival in the nick of time to rescue Will and his friend Jim. Similarly, you as a parent may not feel fully qualified, but God desires to use you to guard your children from spiritual seduction as you bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4)

This is an illustration we need to take heed to! When we were kids, he came after us if you'll remember, and he still comes at us as adults.

He comes at us via 2 major fronts and we will learn of them.

The Believer's Identity -

The Existence of the Spiritual World -