

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Decent Devil? (Part 2)

WORKS: WHAT DOES SATAN DO?

...*He deceives* (Genesis 3:1ff; Matthew 16:21-23; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelations 2:9) (Think)

...*He insinuates doubt* (Genesis 3:1) Does God really mean what He says? (Surely not, Satan says. (Believe).

...*He snatches away God's Word* (Matthew 13:19; Mark 4:15) and turns men from it (1 Timothy 5:15). He does this by misusing Scripture (Matthew 4:6). When the Word is preached, he is ready to turn our attention from it by the crying of a baby or the color of the preacher's tie. (Concentrate)

...*He traps* (1 Timothy 3:7). Paul speaks of his snare (pagis) which is literally a "trap fastened by a noose or notch" (2 Timothy 2:26). Metaphorically, it refers to "a trick." An alcoholic is a classic example of one snared and held in one of his traps. (Watch)

...*He wants to control the mind* (I Chronicles 21:1ff; Acts 5:3). Books, magazines, radio, television, the Internet and conversation are all used as tools. (Discern)

...*He attacks bodies. He did Job's* (2:4-7). Paul called his "thorn in the flesh" a "messenger of Satan to buffet me" (2 Corinthians 12:7; cf. Matthew 17:5-18; Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38). At least we may safely say that he uses normal body afflictions to tempt us. (Endure)

...*He destroyed Job's possessions* (Job 1:13ff). He can at least use normal disasters to tempt us. (Trust)

...*He hinders our spiritual work* (I Thessalonians 2:18, hinder, egkopto, "to cut into, impede, detain." Galatians 5:7 uses the root (anakopto) which means a "roadblock" (the KJV margin has "who did drive you back"). (Persevere)

...*He seeks to make you proud* (I Timothy 3:6-7) (Resist)

...*He persecutes* (Revelation 2:10). God's people are soldiers on the battlefield, but sometimes they *are* the battlefield. He uses others to deliver his blows, but he is behind all evil (Matthew 16:23; Luke 22:3; Acts 13:10). If we obey God's Word only during the good times (cf. Job 1:9-11; cf. Matthew 4:8-10) then our faith is shallow (Matthew 7:24-27; 13:20-21). Faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted (James 1:1-8; I Peter 1:3-9). (Withstand)

...*When we sin, he accuses and discourages you* (2 Corinthians 2:6-11). Satan never gives up (Luke 4:13). (Go on)

In an ancient legend Satan summoned his top three aides to a planning session. One lieutenant, Rancor, said "Let's convince them there is no God." Satan sneered, "That won't work. They know there is a God." Another aide, Bitterness, spoke up. "We'll convince them God does not really care about right or wrong." Satan toyed with the notion, but rejected it because he knew that too many already know He does care. Malice came with his idea. "We'll let them think there is a God and that He cares about right and wrong, but we will keep whispering "there is no hurry, there is no hurry." Satan howled with glee and promoted Malice.

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, but people who reject Christ and believe Satan's lies will suffer there with him (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:11-15). Do you need to make preparation to avoid spending time with the devil? God requires faith, repentance, confession and baptism (Acts 8:35-40). One must remain faithful to Christ in order to avoid returning to the devil's ways (2 Peter 2:20-22; Revelation 2:10). A decent devil...hardly.

—Allen Webster

Response

Our hearts were made to rejoice as **Jackie Perkins** came forward last Sunday evening, confessing sin and expressing his desire to make things right with God and rededicate his life to Christ. Please keep Jackie in your prayers that he will become a stronger and more committed Christian.

Prayer Requests

Rosalinda Benavides has been put on bed rest until the birth of her triplets. Please keep her in your daily prayers that all will go well with Rosalinda's pregnancy and that she will be able to deliver three healthy babies.

Blas Campos, Sylvia's brother-in-law, underwent heart surgery on April 19th at Baylor's Scott and White in Fort Worth. His surgery went well. Blas was in ICU but was expected to find out Friday when he could go home.

Concerns Update

Winford Hambright had another fall last week. He is doing fair at this time. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Estella Morolez's heart surgery on the 18th went well. The infection was not below the bone which was a good thing. The doctors left one wire in, took out two and cleaned out the infection. They left the wound open for hyperbaric therapy at the wound care center. She has meds for both pain and the nausea. Continue to pray for Estella that she will soon be well again.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill Butler; David Castor; Beth Clay; Sherry Cox; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Verona Dykes; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; David Guynn; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Eliseo Lopez; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Jennie Fuls; Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Jesus' first miracle was the turning of water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana. What was the second miracle he performed in the city of Capernaum?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

It was true that the writer of Hebrews declared that Abraham paid tithes to a man who had no father and no mother, a man who had no beginning of days or end of life? Genesis 14:2; Hebrews 7:3)

Events

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the *"Speaking the Truth in Love"* program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

The *"New Mexico Children's Home"* will be back in Odessa June 5th, 2018. They are requesting **55 Gallon Trash Bags**. Monetary donations also accepted.

(Mailing Address)

Maxine Newton has a new mailing address. Please send notes and cards to: Maxine Newton, c/o Linda Bitter, 461 Quail Hollow Drive, Adkins, TX 78101.

Thank You

Jack and Wilene Wright have submitted a "Thank You" letter addressed to the Eisenhower Church. Due to its length, we have posted it on our bulletin board in the east foyer. Please stop by and read it.

Invitation

The Gardendale Church of Christ is hosting a *"Ladies Day"* Saturday, May 12th from 11:30-2:00 with Dr. LeeAnne Lowrie as guest speaker. Please RSVP by May 1st. Lunch will be served. All our ladies at Eisenhower are invited.

Notes:

There is a *"Family Devotional"* following our evening service today in Room C-5. Everyone is invited.

A *"Glucose Monitor"* was left in the Nursery two weeks ago. If yours is missing, check with the church office.

April 29th, 2018

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper

West...

East...

A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Cody Wesson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Gary Loving

Craig Wesson

Rudy Ochoa

Jacob Carson

Richard Siler

Rudy Ochoa

Larry May

Tommy Garcia

Jr. Munoz

P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Jacob Carson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

John Wood

Larry May

Dex Dennard

Chris Butler

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson—561-5302 *Deacon*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit*: Bill Brown 703-6225 *Table*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Don Easlon 288-5834 *Collections*: Don Easlon 288-5834

Sunday AM

"But a Step"

(1 Samuel 20:1-3)

Sunday PM

"Dig Your Well"

(Genesis 26:15-18)

Our Records

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