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THE UNIVERSAL BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD & EVIL

B.H. Carroll sums up the role of Satan in the universal struggle of history! (written in the Nineteenth Century).

“If It Were Not for the Devil...

Now, I want to make a statement that it will take you some thoughtful time to believe. I am perfectly willing to admit all the frailties and infirmities to which flesh is heir; that we are very earthy; that we have our passions and our appetites. But I say to you today that all the passion and appetite and fire and lust that there are in human nature could not keep this world one year from being filled full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the great deep, _____ . The apostle Paul calls attention to the fact that you are weak, I know that – that you have a law in your members warring against the law of your mind. But do not regard that as your enemy. Do not take that to be your real opponent. There is an enemy so much more formidable that this infirmity cannot be mentioned in the same breath with him.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and against power...in high places.

I do call your attention to this fact. The Bible tells us that there will be a millennium, and that for a thousand years the gospel shall overspread the whole earth; that wars shall cease; that men shall be pious, and that everything shall be somewhat like the heavenly kingdom itself. And yet during all that millennial time, men will be in the body as they are now. Men will have the same susceptibilities to sin that they have now. But the millennium is there _____ , because the angel has come down and chained that old dragon, the serpent, and shut him up for a thousand years. If he were shut up tomorrow, the millennium would come tomorrow. I do want to get that stupendous thought into your mind, that he is the god of this _____. That he directs the course of this world; that the reason men are not converted is that he blinds the minds of them that believe not, and the gospel is hid to them. He takes away the good seed of the kingdom _____. It is Satan, mark it _____. _____ . He was back of Jannes and Jambres who resisted Moses. It is Satan who devised _____. Is it too much to say that Satan injected into the world every delusion of religious philosophy; that of Mohammedanism, that of Buddha, that of Brahma, that of the fire-worshippers? Back of the utterances of the oracle of Apollo was the devil. And their strength and their power over men _____. He is back of spiritualism today. It would no more stand up than an empty sack would stand alone, if you take away the devil. He is the chief of an immense following _____ .

Within Limitations

Within limitations which God has fixed, _____. Within limitations he sometimes _____. I think the cyclone is permissively from the devil. It was the cyclone of the devil that swept down the houses of Job's children. Death is administered by him to the ungodly. There are limitations, I know, in every direction. He can only do what is permitted to him by a Higher and Greater than himself, and the time in which he shall exercise _____ and _____ and _____ over the world is limited.

Then he influences evil men. He utilizes _____. He says to Pride, “Be thou lifted up,” and through pride men “fall into the condemnation of the devil.” He says to Ambition, “come up on this mountaintop and I will show you the kingdoms of the world, and give them to you if you will fall down and worship me.” I heard a man almost quote the words of the devil for the truth. He thought what he said was sound as the gospel itself. Here is what he said:

I would let my boy go down to the saloon if he chose to do it and take a drink and get drunk once. I want him to know what that is. Now, when he knows and sees the evil of it, he won't repeat it.

An Experimental Knowledge of Evil.

That is substantially what the devil said to Eve when he seduced her to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil:

You ought to have an experimental knowledge of evil. Here is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Heretofore you have known only good. Now here is evil. You ought to be acquainted with it. You ought not to take what people have to say about it, on hearsay. Look at it for yourself and taste it for yourself and see how mean it is for yourself, and _____.

That is the utterance of the devil. And they imitate him who say:

Come and let me show you some evil; it is here and you might as well know it; it is here and _____, and you might as well sample it, and then you can go and tell others just how mean it is. Come and let us take the veil off a loathsome thing, off a foul and leprous and putrid thing. Exhibit them and let the stench of them rise in the nostrils of the community.

I tell you, no. It is the devil who tells you to let your child find out about these things. I will give you a Scripture directly on this very point: “I would have you wise unto that which is good and simple concerning evil” (Romans 16:19).

The devil is a deceiver, and if he can just get the world to make a joke of himself, get preachers to make a joke about him, church members to make a joke about the devil, get people to make a mock of sin, so that when the _____, his mightiest purpose is gained. Would you laugh, would you joke at the funeral of your mother? Would you make it a matter of jest if you saw the smoke and flame of a cottage, and heard the yelling and howling war whoop of savages, and saw the bloodthirsty and painted fiends standing with their brandished tomahawks over the helpless wife and over the babe in her arms – would you stand there and laugh about an Indian? And if there is no mirth and no room for a joke in that, from whom can come the gibe, from whom the jeer and the jest about that archfiend by the side of whom the most bloodthirsty Comanche that ever tore a scalp from a woman's head would be a saint?

The Second Most Stupendous Factor in the Universe

“The _____ most stupendous factor in the universe is the devil. The _____. Submit yourselves unto God. Resist the devil. I do not hesitate to say that if you could get the devil to retire from municipal politics, from the ward canvass, from the manipulation of the schemes that are resorted to, Chicago would be as much like a Sunday School as any Arcadian place in the country.” – B.H. Carroll, *Baptists and Their Doctrines*, pp. 172-176

I. THE UNIVERSAL BATTLE

- A. The history of man is a history of the _____.
All the _____ are influenced by this battle.
- B. While Satan is indeed God's antagonist, he should never be thought of as his _____.
He is a _____.
- C. God so valued _____ that He created both the
angels and man with freewill. The potential for evil is _____.
In this sense God can be said to _____, Isaiah 45:7.

II. SATAN'S REBELLION OUTLINES MAN'S HISTORY

- A. The events which influence man to evil today are the factors of Satan's rebellion.
- B. Satanic inspired events which influence world history.
1. The _____, Isaiah 14:12-20; Ezekiel 28:11-20.
Because of this event there is constantly _____
active in the universe. You are constantly in the middle of a battle and confronted
with dangerous choices.
 2. The Fall of Man, Genesis 3:1-15.
Satan (the serpent) influences man to rebel against God. All of man's history has
been determined by the results of man's rebellion.
 3. Undoubtedly, it was Satan that influenced Cain to a bloodless religion and to
murder, Genesis 4:1-8.
 4. Undoubtedly, it was Satan who led rebellious angels to impregnate the daughters
of men creating a race of demonic giants, Genesis 6:1-4.

“By the sixth chapter of Genesis, we see that Satan was making a determined effort
to corrupt the whole of the race. There can be little doubt of the fact that the
language of the first verses of this chapter speaks of a stupendous attempt by Satan
to infect the whole of mankind by demon possession. Some of the angels who
followed Satan in his original rebellion left their first estate and sinned in yet a
further disobedience of God's commands. While the Bible everywhere teaches that
Satan has hosts of fallen angels that do his bidding, there is also a statement that

_____. It is further stated that this occurred
at the _____. (II Peter 2:4-5).

It would appear that the angels that are still free are aware of this and seek to avoid
what their companions have already experienced. The legion of demons in the
maniacs of Gadara cried out against Jesus, asking if He had come to torment them
“before the time” (Matthew 8:29), and requested that He command them _____
(Luke 8:31, Greek *abyss*, same as Revelation
20:1). The entire human family, with the exception of Noah and his household,

was evidently corrupted by this eruption of demon forces into the earth. How senseless the complaints of those who accuse God of cruelty for destroying the world when it is understood that He wiped out the most blatant attempt to destroy the human race that is on record. The flood was an act of the marvelous loving-kindness of God in preserving the race intact so that the Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, might be born of the Virgin; for certainly He could not have become incarnate in the _____ of a “_____”.

– Donald Gray Barnhouse, *The Invisible War*, pp. 104-105.

5. Undoubtedly it was Satan who organized the wickedness of man so that it characterized the whole earth – Genesis 6:5-7. He led man unto almost universal rebellion against God (all but Noah).
6. As a result of man’s rebellion, God sends the universal flood – Genesis 6:8, Psalm 104. The flood created all the conditions that affect the _____.
7. Satan leads _____ into rebellion against the Lord – Genesis 10:8-10 – and Nimrod leads the people to Babylon and the _____. The Jewish historian Josephus describes the role of Nimrod in the rebellion of the Tower of Babel:

“Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, - a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, - seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his power. He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach! And that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers!

Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God; and they built a tower, neither sparing any pains, nor being in any degree negligent about the work; and by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it, it grew very high, sooner than anyone could expect; but the thickness of it was so great, and it was so strongly built, that thereby its great height seemed, upon the view, to be less than it really was. It was built of burnt brick, cemented together with mortar, made of bitumen, _____.

When God saw that they acted so madly, He did not resolve to destroy them utterly, since they were not grown wiser by the destruction of the former sinners; but he caused a tumult among them, by producing in them divers languages; and causing that, through the multitude of those languages, they should not be able to understand one another. The place wherein they built the tower _____; because of the confusion of that language which they readily understood before; _____ Confusion.

The Sibyl also makes mention of this tower, and of the confusion of the language, when she says thus: - “Such of the priests as were saved, took the sacred vessels of Jupiter Enyalius, and came to Shinar of Babylonia.” – *Antiquities* I, IV, 2

8. After God divided the world into nations, Satan began to organize _____ and _____ against God, Psalm 2; Matthew 4:8-9; Ephesians 6:11-12.
9. Satan, working through mystery Babylon, organized _____ to keep men from God, Revelation 17:1-6; II Corinthians 11:13-15; Isaiah 47:12-13.
 - a. The _____ often pose as gods in order to aid this rebellion, Psalm 106:35-40.
 - b. False religion often says one thing to the general public and another _____, Ezekiel 8:8-18.
10. A great invisible war involving _____ and _____ rages beyond the view of man, Joshua 5:13-15; Daniel 10:1-21; II Kings 6:13-17; I Kings 22:19-23; II Chronicles 32:7-8.
11. Satan tried to kill Christ _____, Rev. 12:3-4.
12. Satan tried to _____, Mt. 4; Luke 4.
13. Satan has organized the world against _____, Eph. 6:11-12.
14. Satan works to hinder _____, I Thess. 2:18.

III. SATAN IS A DEFEATED FOE

- A. Christ's plan of salvation was determined before _____, Acts 2:23.
- B. Satan's defeat _____, Rev. 20:1-3
- C. _____ is prepared for Satan and the devils, Mt. 25:41.

IV. SATAN'S FINAL REBELLION

- A. After being released from hell, Satan will organize one last rebellion against God, Rev. 20:7-9.
- B. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire forever, Rev. 20:10.