

CONTRAST OF TWO PRINCES, #2

INTRODUCTION

- I. Last week we introduced the subject of Two Princes, Satan and Christ.
 - A. We learn that both are warring forces, attempting to win our souls.
 1. Satan is an enemy of God and of all men. 1Pe.5:8
 - a. He had Jesus put to death, as if he was winning.
 - b. But, Jesus was raised from the dead to give us life in the gospel. 1Co.15:1-4; Ro.1:16
 2. Christ offers redemption and heaven to the obedient. He.5:8f
 - B. Satan is the prince of devils, the world, the power of the air and darkness, while Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the Prince of life, the prince of kings of the earth, and a Prince and a Savior.
 - C. Last week we noted 2 differences behind the two princes.
 1. We noted that they differed in the matter of **obedience**, as the Satan wants us to disobey, while Christ wants us to **obey**.
 2. We also noted that they differ regarding **truth**, as Satan is a liar and the father of all lies, while Jesus is the author and promoter of truth. Jn.8:32; 14:6
- II. In this lesson, we shall note 2 other contrasts between the 2 princes.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, The princes differ in the matter of TEMPTATION.

- A. It is not God's nature to BE tempted, or to tempt us. Js.1:13
 1. Some might think God is to blame for our sins, by putting man in the garden where temptation would occur.
 2. However, God made man a free-moral agent, giving him a choice in life, to either obey or disobey.
 - a. God made man where he **could** sin if he chose to, and knew that someday he would need a Savior.
 - b. If man could **not** have sinned, he would have been a mere robot, and could not glorify God in His battle with Satan.
 3. God does not will that we sin, and gives us avenues of escape from temptation. 2Pe.3:9; Mt.4:4; 26:41; 1Co.10:13
- B. Satan, the prince of this world, uses things that entice us and appeals to our normal desires as people of flesh. Mt.4:3
 1. He used food to tempt Jesus who was hungry. Mt.4:1-3
 2. He uses our natural desires to tempt us to steal, get drunk and commit fornication to satisfy our physical yearnings. 1Jn.2:15-17..
 - a. The process of temptation is described by James. Jas.1:13-15
 - b. It is not a sin to **be** tempted, but to **yield** to it. Cf 1Co.7:1-5...

II. 2nd, there is a WARFARE existing between the 2 princes.

- A. Satan began the warfare by causing our first parents to sin, and then killing the righteous and God's prophets, and ultimately killing the Son of God. Gen.3:15; Gal.4:4; Rom.5:8
- B. Christ is the Captain of our battles against evil. He.2:10
 - 1. As Christians, we are soldiers against evil.2Co.10:3-5
 - 2. We are to arm ourselves to battle. Ep.6:10-18
 - 3. We must be faithful to death if necessary, to obtain the victory. Rev.2:10; 1Co.15:57-58

CONCLUSION

- I. The judgment day will climax the final battle against evil.
 - A. Christ and Christians will enjoy eternal life together.
 - B. Satan and his followers will lose their souls in an eternal hell.
- II. This year about to end, would be a good time to end your service to Satan by becoming a Christian.