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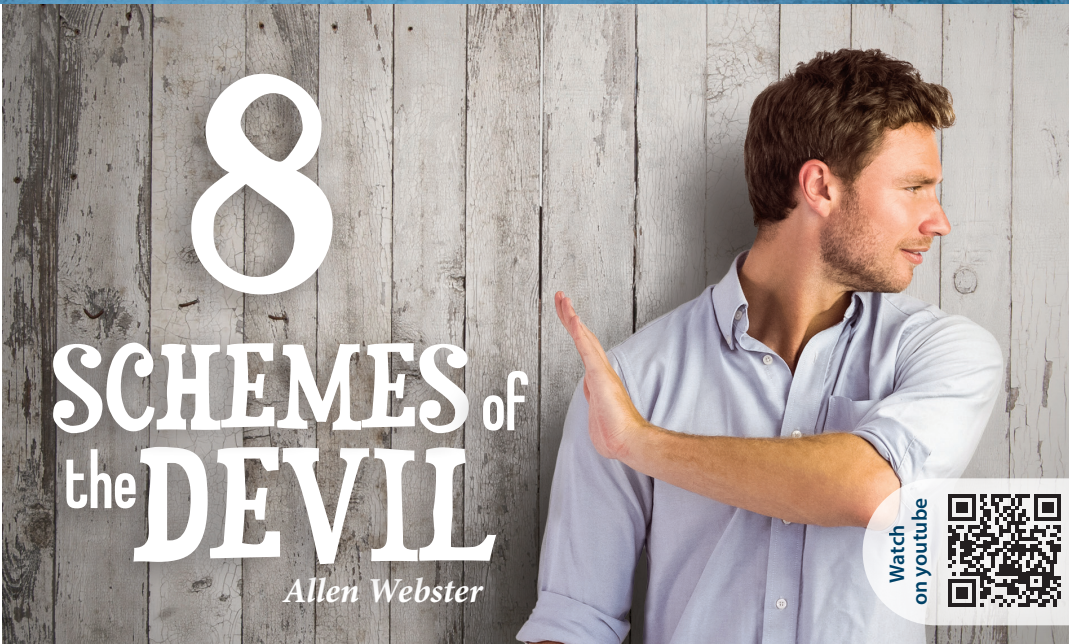
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## SCHEMES of the DEVIL

Allen Webster

Paul wrote, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). “Wiles” (*methodias*, a translation of the Greek word from which we get “method”) comprise what detectives call an *MO*—*modus operandi* or *method of operation*.

**STEALTH:** The devil lays snares for the unwary (2 Timothy 2:25–26). He prefers that people not even know he exists. God is the great “I AM” (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58); Satan tries to be the lesser “I Am Not.” In one survey among those who claim to be Christians, only 26 percent were strongly convicted a personal Satan is real. Jesus believed in Satan (Matthew 4:1–11), which is enough to tell us we should.

A preacher was holding an open-air meeting when a young man under the influence of alcohol stood at the perimeter of the crowd. He boasted to his buddies that he could make the preacher stop his sermon. He shouted, “Hey, Mister, you can go home; no need to preach any more. Haven’t you heard? The devil’s dead!” The preacher looked at the man and replied, “The devil’s dead? Then I’m

sorry you are an orphan”<sup>1</sup> (cf. John 8:44). If a person does not believe in Satan, then it is impossible to defeat him.

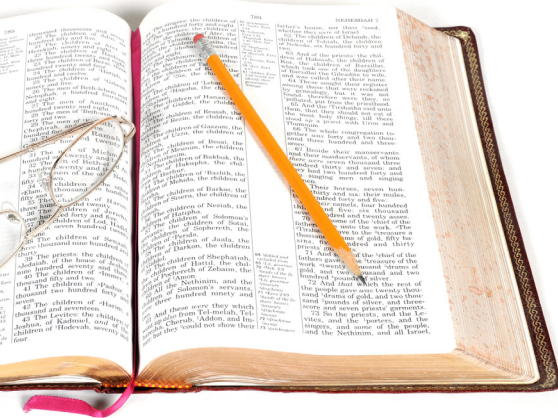
**BLUFFING:** In late September of 1864, Confederate General Forrest led troops north from Decatur, Alabama, toward Nashville. Union forces at Athens, Alabama, under Colonel Wallace Campbell, blocked his way. Forrest asked to meet with Campbell and offered an inspection of his troops. Each time they left a detachment to pass through the woods to another encampment, the soldiers just inspected quietly circled around to another position farther down the line—artillery and all. Forrest and Campbell would then arrive at the “new” encampment. As Campbell tallied the soldiers and weapons, he was convinced he could not win, so he surrendered.<sup>2</sup>

Satan bluffs like that. He tells sinners they cannot break loose from sin and addiction. The Bible teaches that no temptation is irresistible. Satan cannot dominate a person except by consent. His power is limited—he must act within the limits God sets (Job 1–2; Revelation 20:2). Believers will not be tempted beyond their pow-

er to resist (1 Corinthians 10:13). We can beat the devil—in fact, we can whip him (James 4:7) and, with God’s help, crush (“bruise,” from the Greek *suntribo*, meaning *to crush, shatter*) him (Romans 16:20).

**DOUBT:** Satan used this strategy with Eve: “Has God indeed said?” (Genesis 3:1). Satan wants sinners to doubt God’s existence and the Bible’s accuracy. Each year, hundreds of articles, posts, books, and documentaries are produced to promote naturalistic evolution and attack the existence of a supernatural God. Constant propaganda belittles those who believe in an inspired Bible and the divine Son of God. The devil wants college students—and everyone—to be convinced that “all the smart people are atheists” and “nobody believes in the Bible anymore.”

The truth is that only a fool does not believe in God (Psalm 14:1) since God has given so much evidence of His existence (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20–21). The Bible is constantly verified by archeology; every alleged contradiction is eventually answered; its remarkable Old Testament prophecies were precisely fulfilled by Jesus’ coming and the establishment of His church. The Bible has power to change lives like no other book (Romans 1:16). “Every word of God is pure” (Proverbs 30:5) and inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Jesus endorsed every word of the Old Testament. He authored it. He said, “It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle [small grammatical mark] of the law (the Scriptures) to fail” (Luke 16:17).



**PERVERSION:** Perverting God’s Word is a device Satan used to lead astray the Galatians (Genesis 3:5; Matthew 4:6; Galatians 1:6–9). Unbelieving theologians (an oxymoron) do Satan’s work for him. Some ar-

gue for universalism and salvation without Christ; some defend ungodly behavior.

Some argue that all men—regardless of beliefs or behaviors—will be saved. This means that impenitent murderers, rapists, and child molesters will be saved. God said that “the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9–11; cf. Galatians 5:19–21).

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Who should we believe? It is arrogant to claim to know more about God than Jesus knew.

**ANESTHESIA:** The devil wants to keep us numb so that when we read the Bible, it makes no impression. He likes to blind the minds of sinners (2 Corinthians 4:3–4) and lull people into a false sense of security (1 Thessalonians 5:3). If the gospel is veiled (2 Corinthians 3:14), then we are in danger of perishing (Romans 11:8).

**SUBSTITUTION:** In the parable of the tares, an enemy (Satan) sows tares (weeds) among a farmer’s wheat (God’s world) (Matthew 13:25).

Satan is in the religion business. He developed an imitation of Christianity. Satan has his own:

- trinity—dragon, beast, and false prophet (Revelation 16:13)
- false christs—self-proclaimed messiahs (Matthew 24:4–5)
- church (Revelation 2:9)
- false apostles (2 Corinthians 11:13)
- false preachers (2 Corinthians 11:4–5)
- system of theology—doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1)
- idolatrous offerings—Gentiles offer to demons (1 Corinthians 10:20)
- communion—cup/table of demons (1 Corinthians 10:21)
- false gospel (Galatians 1:7–8)
- throne (Revelation 13:2)
- worshipers (Revelation 13:4)
- false brethren—who spied on Christians’ liberty (Galatians 2:4).<sup>3</sup>

Satan wants all people to become atheists, but he is content with men being idolaters or participants in false religions. The only way to determine the difference between the genuine and the fake is to

study God’s Word carefully (1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1).

**DISTRACTION:** If Satan fails to keep the truth from us, his next strategy is to keep us from taking it seriously. He wants to choke the Word with other activities and thoughts (Matthew 13:22).

**COMPROMISE:** To please Satan, we do not have to rob a bank, commit a murder, or cheat on a spouse. We can slightly cross any moral line. Occasionally Christians have an extraordinary moral breach overnight, but usually, it is more subtle. It happens when one starts compromising on small things—getting too close emotionally to someone other than a spouse; shading the truth to impress others; a small bet on a big game; taking unwarranted tax deductions.

If we resist compromise when first tempted, it is easier to resist the next time. If we give in, that is easier next time, too. Jesus said, “If you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?” (Luke 16:11–12; cf. 19:17; Matthew 25:21).

Temptation itself is not sin—but giving in to temptation is. At the same time, no Christian can pray “lead me not into temptation” and then deliberately place himself where he knows he will be tempted. Satan attacks the vulnerable (James 4:7).

James wrote, “Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14–15). Obedience may seem boring or inconvenient in the short-term, but it is deeply satisfying in the long-term.

Do not play in Satan’s playground. Do not give him a beachhead in your life (Ephesians 4:27). “Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

#### Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> The *Christian Herald* was an American weekly newspaper. It was inspired by the London-based newspaper which ceased publication in 2006.

<sup>2</sup> *Night Lights for Students: 30 Stories of Encouragement to End Each Day*. Roger Howerton; Jim Fletcher. 2004

<sup>3</sup> J. O. Sanders, *Satan is No Myth*, Moody, 1975, p. 35–36.

# When I Say I Am a Christian

When I say, "I am a Christian,"  
I am not shouting, "I am saved."  
I am whispering, "I was lost!"  
That is why I chose His way.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"  
I do not speak of this with pride.  
I confess that I stumble,  
Needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"  
I do not think I know it all.  
I submit to my confusion,  
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"  
I am not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are too visible,  
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches,  
Which is why I seek His name.

—Carol S. Wimmer

*"We are unprofitable servants."*

LUKE 17:10

## And God Said, "No"

I asked God to take away my pride,  
And God said, "No."  
He said it was not for Him to take away,  
But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my  
handicapped child whole,  
And God said, "No."  
He said, "Her spirit is whole;  
Her body is only temporary."

I asked God to grant me patience,  
And God said, "No."  
He said that patience is a by-  
product of tribulation;  
It isn't granted; it's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness,  
And God said, "No."  
He said He gives blessings.  
Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,  
And God said, "No."  
He said, "Suffering draws you  
apart from worldly cares,  
And brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to help me love others,  
As much as He loves me.  
And God said,  
"Ah, finally you have the idea."

—Author Unknown

*"By this all will know that you  
are My disciples, if you have  
love for one another."*

JOHN 13:35



## Lincoln's Greatest Act

During the heaviest stress of the Civil War, when many matters of great moment were occupying his thoughts, Abraham Lincoln, walking one day through the woods, came across a fledgling which had fallen from its nest, and whose life was consequently in danger. He picked up the little bird, examined the branches of the overhanging tree until the nest was discovered, and then tenderly placed it there. And the one who witnessed the act rightly regarded and recorded it as one of the greatest he had ever seen Lincoln accomplish. A small man may on occasion rise to do big things, but it takes a big man to do a small one with equal gladness, willingness, and delight.

—Albert Memmi

## God's Plan for Saving Man

**Divine Love:** John 3:16

**God's Grace:** Ephesians 2:8

**Christ's Blood:** Romans 5:9

**Holy Spirit's Word:** 1 Corinthians 2:12–13

**Sinner's Faith:** Acts 16:31

**Sinner's Repentance:** Luke 13:3

**Sinner's Confession:** Romans 10:10

**Sinner's Baptism:** Acts 22:16

**Christian's Love:** Matthew 22:37

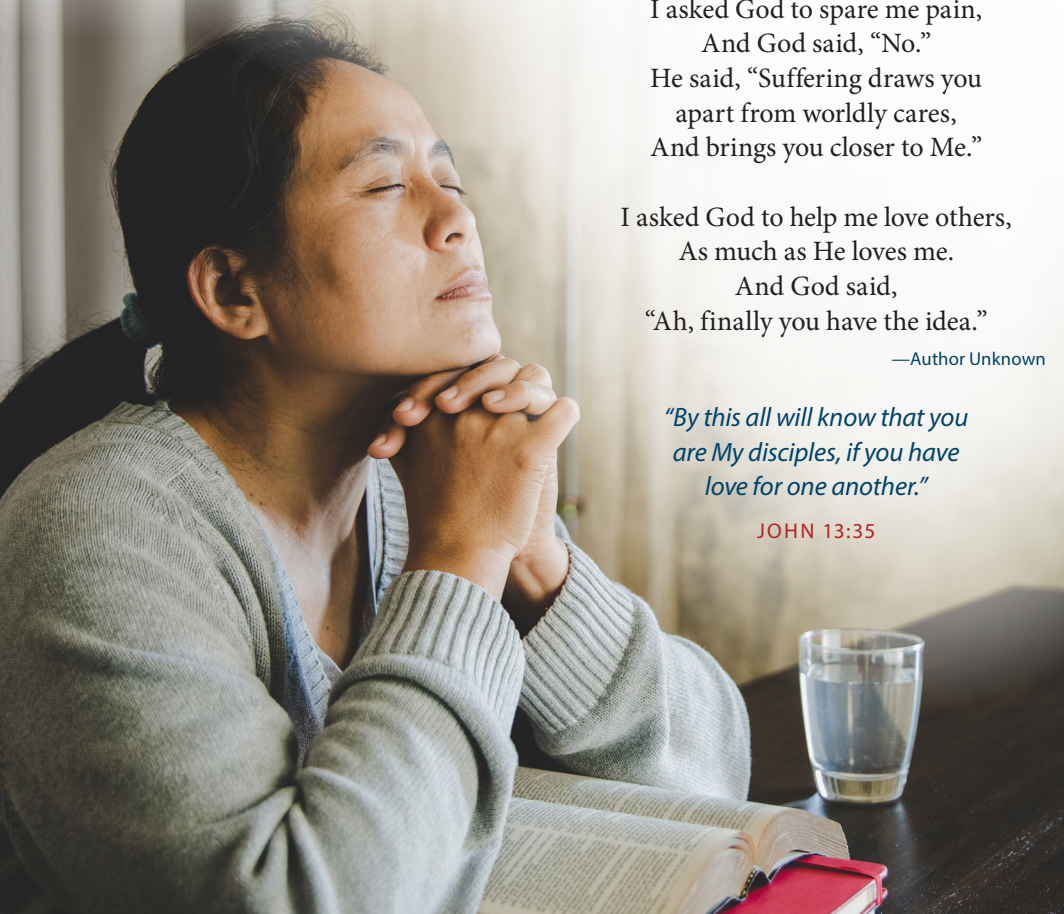
**Christian's Work:** James 2:24

**Christian's Hope:** Romans 8:24

**Christian's Endurance:** Revelation 2:10

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## The House of Too Much Trouble

In the House of Too Much Trouble,  
there lived a little boy;  
He was eager for a playmate; he was  
hungry for a toy.  
But 'twas always too much trouble, too  
much worry, too much noise;  
For the House of Too Much Trouble  
wasn't meant for little boys.  
Sometimes the little fellow left a book  
upon the floor;  
He forgot and laughed too loudly, or he  
failed to close the door.  
In the House of Too Much Trouble,  
things must be precise and trim.  
In the House of Too Much Trouble there  
was little room for him.



## A Boy's Thanksgiving Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for this turkey and dressing, which You have provided, and the broccoli, which the devil has slipped in."

*"A merry heart does good."*

PROVERBS 17:22



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# Love Your Children

Older women are challenged to teach younger women to love their children (Titus 2:4–5). Fathers share this responsibility, too (Ephesians 6:4).

Like sculptors, parents carve and chisel little hearts into masterpieces—a wonderful privilege but an awesome responsibility. "Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them" (Psalm 127:3–5).

Love them enough to . . .

**Be good examples before them.** What parents do should be worthy of imitation. Many parents fall into the category of "do as I say and not as I do" (cf. Matthew 23:3). Abraham commanded his children after him (Genesis 18:19). Joshua lived for the Lord and led his family to do so (Joshua 24:15). God chose a godly couple as earthly parents of Jesus (Matthew 1; Luke 2). Zacharias and Elizabeth walked in all the Lord's commands blamelessly before John was born (Luke 1:6). The faith that Timothy had was first in his grandmother and mother (2 Timothy 1:5).

**Teach them.** Teach God's words diligently to children—talk of them constantly (Deuteronomy 6:7; 31:12–13). Train children (Proverbs 22:6). Bring them up in the Lord's nurture and admonition (Ephesians 6:4). When he was a child, Timothy was instructed in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14–15). It is our responsibility to teach them about the Lord, the one church, purity, heaven, and faith in the Bible. Do not hope someone else will.

**Discipline them.** He that loves, chastens (Revelation 3:19); he that spares the rod hates his son (Proverbs 13:24). God chastens those He loves (Hebrews 12:6). Good fathers correct children, creating respect for parents (Hebrews 12:9). Discipline brings the peaceable fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11). Parents should be united and consistent in discipline.

**Allow them to leave the "nest" at the appropriate time.** Children must leave father and mother and cleave to their mates (Genesis 2; Matthew 19; Ephesians 5). To fail to allow this causes a bundle of problems. Children must always honor parents but must give more allegiance to mates. Allow children to have great families, to become mature Christians, to be wonderful citizens and servants to God and others.

Parents are so blessed. —Vance Hutton



# Many Paths to Eternal Life?

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life revealed surprising information about views of religious Americans.

Almost 80 percent of 36,000 people surveyed said that they believe in “absolute standards of right and wrong,” but only about a third said that they turned to religious teachings to set their standards.

The survey included Hindu, Jew, Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Muslim, Mormon, and Jehovah’s Witness respondents. Sizeable numbers in every group answered yes to the question, “Can many religions lead to eternal life?”—from 89 percent of Hindus, to 66 percent of Protestants, to 16 percent of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Even 56 percent of Muslims said yes, despite the exclusive claims of the Qur’an. Overall, 70 percent said yes.

Many would hail this study as wonderful news about religious tolerance in America. It is good that America is open to the free practice of religion, with no state religion prescribed, but one has to wonder, does anyone stand for anything

anymore? Cannot we allow others the freedom to practice their religion as they see fit without approving of that practice?

Our religious world wants to dictate the principle that everyone is right, and the only thing that is wrong is to say that someone else is wrong. Does this make sense?

When Peter confessed his faith in Him, Jesus said, “On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus said, “I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:7–9).

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

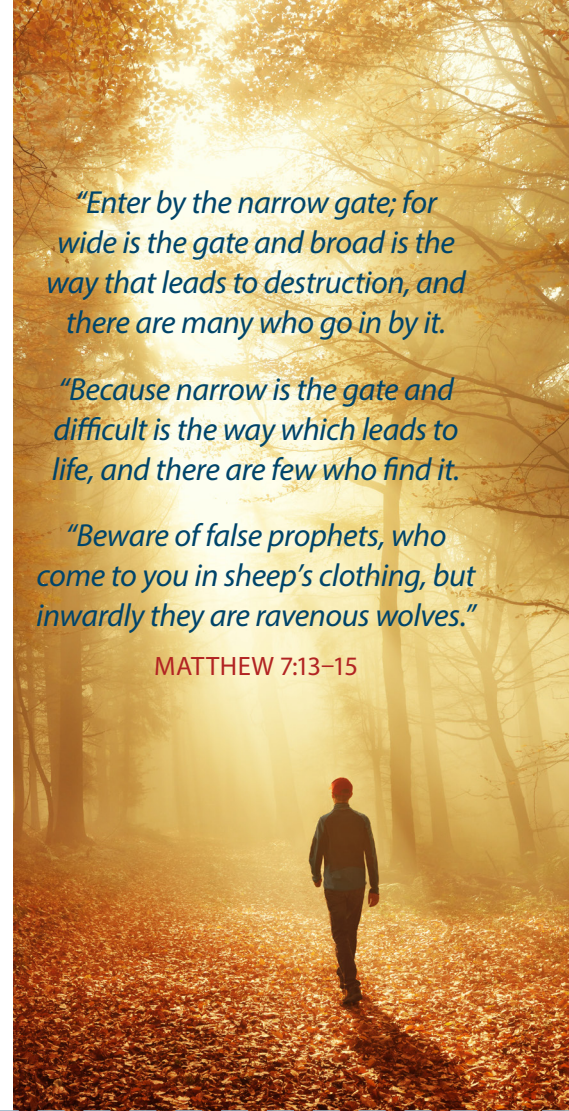
It is not true that there are many paths to eternal life. Obedience to Jesus and membership in His church is the only way. —Bob Prichard

*“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.*

*“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

*“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”*

MATTHEW 7:13–15



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## Bible Quiz

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Send us your answers to receive a free Bible bookmark. We will grade and return your questions and enclose the bookmark “Types of Christ – Jonah and Joshua” as a way of saying thanks for spending time in the Word (quantities may be limited).

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Questions are taken from the New King James Version.

### Answers to Previous Quizzes

**V. 28:7 Jesus’ Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem:** 1. Sunday; 2. Bethphage at the Mount of Olives (21:1); 3. Jerusalem (21:10); 4. He sent two disciples to get it from the opposite village (21:1–2); 5. Zechariah; 6. Say, “The Lord has need of them (21:3); 7. The two disciples’ clothes (21:7); 8. Clothes and branches from trees (21:8); 9. “Hosanna to the son of David. . . Hosanna in the highest” (21:9); 10. He went to the temple (21:12); 11. A den of thieves (21:13); 12. A tree with leaves only (21:19); 13. He asked them if the baptism of John was authorized from heaven or men (21:25); 14. “We do not know” (21:27); 15. No (21:27); 16. The parable of the two sons (21:31); 17. I will not (21:29); 18. He went to work in the vineyard (21:29); 19. He said he would work but he did not go (21:30); 20. The first son (21:31); 21. His servants (21:34); 22. Beat, killed, and stoned them (21:35); 23. Killed him (21:39); 24. The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it (21:43); 25. They feared the multitudes (21:46).

**V. 28:8 Jesus, the Church, and Salvation:** 1. Jesus (Matthew 16:18); 2. Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11); 3. Christ (Ephesians 5:23); 4. World, everlasting (John 3:16); 5. His own blood (Acts 20:28); 6. Hades (Matthew 16:18); 7. Christ (Romans 16:16); 8. Way (John 14:6); 9. Me (John 14:6); 10. Hearing (Romans 10:17); 11. Grace (Ephesians 2:8–9); 12. Works (Ephesians 2:8–9); 13. Truth (John 4:24); 14. Everyone who believes (Romans 1:16); 15. Confession (Romans 10:10); 16. The word of God (Ephesians 6:17); 17. Church (Ephesians 1:22–23); 18. One (Ephesians 4:4); 19. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21); 20. Yes (Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20–22); 21. The Lord (Acts 2:5, 47); 22. Condemn, saved (John 3:17); 23. Antioch (Acts 11:26); 24. Yes (1 Corinthians 1:2)

## Jesus Under Fire

**Directions:** Find answers in Matthew 22. Questions from the New King James Version.

- Which parable begins this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many of those invited to the wedding banquet accepted the first invitation to attend? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did the guests go instead when invited the second time?
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
- What are three horrors of hell in 22:13?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- What question did the Herodians ask? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did Jesus answer it? \_\_\_\_\_
- What question did the Sadducees ask? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did Jesus answer it? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do men become angels in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_ In the context, what does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- What response did Jesus’ answers produce in those who heard them? (22:23–34). \_\_\_\_\_
- In what four ways should one love God? Love God with all your:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (see Mark 12:30)
- Which second law did Jesus mention? \_\_\_\_\_
- What hangs on these two laws? \_\_\_\_\_
- How can Jesus be both David’s Son and David’s Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were His enemies able to answer Jesus’ arguments? \_\_\_\_\_

# CONFISCATED BIBLES

A family in Czechoslovakia possessed a Bible, though they were not permitted to read the Bible or to own one.

Occasionally, police would search houses to seize forbidden possessions, such as Bibles. This family hid the Bible in bread dough, which they baked into a loaf. No one thought to look in the loaf for a hidden Bible.

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 to Satan: "Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."

We all love bread. We enjoy it daily and would miss it very soon if we were deprived of it. Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread.

If someone came into your house and took your Bible, how soon would you miss it? Would you begin to hunger immediately, after only a few hours, or go days without realizing it was gone?

Hunger for God's word and read it daily. Life depends on it! —Kari Waltz, Daily Bread

"I am the bread of life."

JOHN 6:35

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## Recommended Resource



**God: The Ultimate Reality from Apologetics Press.** Throughout history, people have questioned how they fit into the Universe. Is there really a God? If God does exist, what does it mean for me? To answer these questions, study the online course God: The Ultimate Reality. Visit [mathetis.org/courses](http://mathetis.org/courses) or download the Mathetis app to get started.

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If you knew for sure that the religious path you are on would not get you to heaven, would you change? If there was the possibility of a doubt, would you investigate? Why not request a personal Bible study today?

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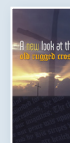
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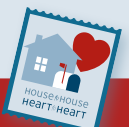
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# TYPES & ANTITYPES

## The LEVITICAL PRIEST as a type of the CHRISTIAN TODAY

God is amazing. No one else could put the shadow of future things into the past. Types and antitypes are examples of God prefiguring the future. Types are the shadow in the Old Testament of things that were to come (antitypes) in the New Testament.

The Levitical priests in the Old Testament are a type of Christians today. While some religious groups set some individuals apart in a priestly class, the New Testament teaches that all Christians are priests. In 1 Peter 2:5, Christians are called “a holy priesthood,” and verse 9 says, “a royal priesthood.” Examine some ways Christians are like priests today.



### LEVITICAL PRIESTS TYPE

Chosen and separated by God for holy service (EXODUS 29:1-9).

Taught God’s law to the people (LEVITICUS 10:11).

Offered daily sacrifices (EXODUS 29:38-43).

Washed for purification (EXODUS 29:4).

Clothed in special garments for their service (EXODUS 28:2).

Commanded to bless the Lord and praise Him (1 CHRONICLES 23:30).

Kept the lamps burning in the tabernacle (LEVITICUS 24:3-4).

Kept faithful service (NUMBERS 18:7).

### CHRISTIANS TODAY ANTITYPE

Chosen and separated by God for holy service (EPHESIANS 1:4-5; 2 CORINTHIANS 6:17-7:1).

Instructed to teach the Word of God (MATTHEW 28:19-20; 2 TIMOTHY 2:24).

Daily offer ourselves as “a living sacrifice” (ROMANS 12:1).

Sins washed away through baptism (ACTS 22:16).

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ (GALATIANS 3:27).

Commanded to offer up praise to God (HEBREWS 13:15).

Keep lamps burning as the “light of the world” (LUKE 12:35; MATTHEW 5:14).

Remain faithful in God’s service (REVELATION 2:10).



## What Christ Became for Us

God has done so much for us! The greatest display of God’s love is seen through Jesus Christ. What did Jesus do?

Christ became flesh (John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14-16; 4:15; Philippians 2:5-7).

Christ became poor (2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 8:20).

Christ became obedient unto death (Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2).

Christ became the offering for sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:12-14).

Christ became the firstfruits of them that slept (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Christ became the cornerstone (Psalm 118:22-23; 1 Peter 2:4-8; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

Christ became the author of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:9; Acts 4:12).

Is Christ the author of your salvation? Have you obeyed Him?

Jesus commands us all to hear the Word of God (John 6:45; Romans 10:17); believe in Jesus as the Son of God who died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (John 8:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4); repent of our sins (Luke 13:3, 5); confess faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37); be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38); and be faithful, walking in the light of God’s Word (Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7).

—Jason Hilburn



## Tomorrow

“Tomorrow,” he promised his conscience; “tomorrow, I mean to believe. Tomorrow, I’ll think as I ought to; tomorrow, my Savior receive. Tomorrow, I’ll conquer the habits that hold one from heaven away.” But ever his conscience repeated one word, and only one word: “Today.” “Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow”— Thus day after day it went on; “Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow”— Till youth like a vision was gone, Till age and passions had written the message of fate on his brow, And forth from the shadows came Death, with the pitiless syllable, “Now!” “What will you do with Jesus?” The call comes low and clear; The solemn words are sounding now in your listening ear. Immortal life is in the question, and joy through eternity. Then what will you do with Jesus? What will your answer be?

*“Now is the day of salvation.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2



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