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Q & A Profile of Satan's
Gospel Influence

1. Q. What is Satan's driving ambition?

A. After his betrayal of God, wherein he foolishly "exalted himself against God", swearing that he would be "like the most high", which of course, failed, he has been continually occupied with a vengeful mission to work against God.

2. Q. (a) What would be the most significant, and prodigious way for him to accomplish his primary objective? And (b), has he succeeded?

A. (a). To draw Christians away from God, and (b), yes he has largely succeeded!

3. Q. What is the most effective way for him to do that?

A. By getting them to believe a false interpretation of God's word; particularly a perverted concept of the Gospel, thus corrupting the church.

4. Q. Is it difficult for Satan to deceive Christians about the Gospel—the doctrinal foundation of their faith?

A. (a). For those in the early church years, Yes, because they were grounded in all the literal truth of the Gospel. But, history indicates that predominant gospel integrity may have only lasted into the third century.

What I want to stress is, that once a Christian is convinced and convicted of absolute truth, he is not likely to ever forsake it for false teaching. The key to that accomplishment is diligent study, to determine doctrinal truth, which is every Christian's responsibility. And, then, the church must strive to maintain, and perpetuate gospel fidelity! Which, it is sad to say, has not "kept the faith" (the true gospel), since the early centuries of its history.

4A. (b) So, then, No, under those latter circumstances, it is not difficult for the devil, with his supernatural intellect and powers, to gain access to our minds, and captivate those Christians, who foolishly do not use the defenses that God has given us to resist, and overcome him. And, there is no simple, easy way to do that, without putting on the "whole armor" of God, per Eph. 6..

In a word, there are many spiritually lazy Christians, who want shortcuts to doctrinal knowledge, by relying on pastors, and teachers to do the studying, and conveying simplified explanations to them. Or, instead of chewing and digesting the "meat" of the word, themselves, they can only handle the "milk" of the word, as scripture tells us.

And, this may either surprise you, or cause you to react defensively, but the effect of being indoctrinated with false gospel theology, has been to preoccupy the church with doctrinally liberalized evangelism, to the extent of foregoing and minimizing the learning of principles essential for edification, and discipleship—even proper worship of the Lord. And its all part of the devil's trap.

Plus, the ironic fact that they are ignorant of, is that no part of the Arminian interpretation of the gospel, can have any contributing effect on the actual salvation of souls. It is, in reality, a lot

of work for nothing! Or, it may truthfully be said, that the system itself is a lost cause, and not, as misconceived, a cause for the lost.

God, in no way honors, or uses man-contrived beliefs and methods to bring about the salvation of his elect—whose conversion to Christianity is a completely sovereign, and independent work of grace. The only active agency, or factor in any part of the salvation process is God! The gospel is not an invitation for anyone to be saved, if they want to be. It is a declaration by God of His plan to save those whom he elected to redeem. It is not a general offer, but an exclusive decree!

Once a Christian has allowed himself to be influenced and taken in by unorthodox doctrinal teaching, he is subject to confrontation, criticism, admonition, reformative appeals, and strong rebukes, if necessary. Though this writing contains various comments which may seem harshly critical, or unduly judgmental, I do not make such deserving castigating remarks, without regret that the church's complacency with its corrupted gospel doctrine calls for strong, fitting words of denunciation, and rebuke.

Does not God's word need to be confirmed, and defended against whatever may contradict it, and dare to revise it? Opposition to God's literal truth deserves no tolerance, and should be counteracted with all the means available to discredit it, by exposing its fallacy.

The greatest shock that most Christians will ever face, awaits them at the judgment seat of Christ, when—instead of hearing “well done, thou good and faithful servant”, as they hope, and expect—the Lord has to tell them that they betrayed him, and ruined his church, by perverting his gospel, and shamelessly daring to call it the truth; and all the while blindly considering themselves to be faithful believers!

Besides failing to learn the truth directly from the scriptures, it is exacerbated by the fact that they refuse to listen and heed pleas for their reformation, from the comparatively few voices of the true gospel, who have tried to warn them, and explain what is wrong with their deluded misconception of God's principles and decrees relating to his plan and work of salvation.

What else are they but traitors against the Lord, and his gospel—not loyal disciples, and followers, as they assume in their deceived minds. They inexcusably don't know, or deny it, but they will know it then, with shame, sorrow, and grief like they have never experienced.

I don't know what faithfulness they may be commended, and rewarded for, but it will be a painful loss of rewards for failing the one greatest responsibility that a Christian has. That is, to live for, and obey God in every way. And since we have to know what is right, to do what is right—there can be no greater way to fulfill that responsibility than to learn His revealed truths (written for believers), and testifying of them in the church, and the world.

Instead they have been false witnesses, declaring a misinterpreted gospel to be the truth, and thus serving the devil, and not God! “Keeping the faith once delivered to the saints “, is not the testimony of most Christians today, no matter what they think, because their perpetuation of the

departure and defection from belief of the literal gospel (the “apostles’ tradition) is a matter of historical record, dating principally from Pelagius in the third and fourth centuries, and adopted down through the ages, under the leadership of various notable defectors.

But, unfortunately, most Christians for centuries now have no idea that dissenting activism against the true gospel, spawned the movement that has progressively overtaken and corrupted most of the universal church. Whether they realize it, or not, their heritage is a long line of liars, traitors, fakes, and fools! Apparently, they mistakenly think quite the opposite—that they are in good company with kindred brethren..

But, the day of reckoning will come, when they will see that they sold out to the devil, and became captive followers of his subtle, insidious scheme, designed to make Christians unfaithful to God! As noted in Q and A 2, Satan has largely succeeded in his mission to undermine and destroy the church’s gospel integrity, with all the immeasurable collateral damage and fallout that goes with it.

Yet, most of them think their church is doing just fine, because the same influence that deceived them into believing the wrong thing in the first place, keeps them deluded with a false sense of security in their artificially plausible, but provably ungenune gospel concept!

Gospel error, by the stolen identity it lives under, prevails for now, but in the end God’s truth will be vindicated, glorifying Him—even as it should in His church today!

Will you risk being ashamed at His coming, or prevent that guilt by making sure of the right gospel doctrine, before it is too late? It isn’t easy to become deprogrammed from all the untrue indoctrination involved, but you know that God’s grace will enable you to do it, if you sincerely want to be reformed. An always applicable admonition, per Rev. 2 and 3, is “He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”