James #73

There is a spiritual battlefield, choose a side!

We need to finish up in 1John chapter 3 today RF. We have a lot of important principles to cover in relation to the plan of GOD and Divine decree of eternity past.

Our anchor study of James chapter one has really opened us to a study on the whole plan of GOD. Pointing out how our Divine Father has created mankind to embark upon this legal battle between God and Satan;

/Jam 1:18 **In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth**, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.\

We have noted the writings from the Apostle John were all directed at several congregations that he had authority over.

Within the 3 letters of - 1Jhn, 2Jhn and 3rd Jhn, we see his guidance concerning falling away into the cosmic system lies and counterfeits of the Gnostic movement.

His warning regarding the trickery of Satan’s system and the OSN.

1Jhn 3:9 No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin *continually,* because he has been born of God.

To practice sin points to a lifestyle removed from BD. A lifestyle which is carnal not spiritual, and notice the seed war of Genesis chapter 3 is brought to light.

/1Jhn 3:10 By this **the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious**: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother *and sister.*

The Christian who refuses to grow into accurate theology, may never grasp the depth of the Angelic Conflict. Therefore, they fall upon the spiritual battlefield or they are pawns for the enemy.\

Either way it shows us the small victories of Satan and his army can have, yet we know in the end God’s victory is inevitable.

[1Jo 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/11/s_1162011) For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we are to love one another;

The call for impersonal, unconditional virtue love, is only found in union with Christ.

It is not an emotional, worldly love which many pulpits preach, because they do not know the true nature of God… Jesus Christ is GOD!

Jesus Christ is pure love and pure righteousness, without being self-righteous or weak.

[/1Jo 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/12/s_1162012) **not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and murdered his brother**. And for what reason did he murder him? Because **his *own* deeds were evil**, but his brother’s were righteous.

Cain was not only the first murderer; he was also the first Unbel to create a religious works program based on his own power.\

The fact that Cain was so arrogant and a staunch Unbeliever, it became easy for the fallen angels to lead Cain and his offspring into a worship system of Satan.

/Gen 4:6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why is your face gloomy? 7 “**If you do well**, will *your face* not be cheerful? And **if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door**; and its desire is for you, but **you must master it.”**

Sin is crouching (*rāḇaṣ*) at the door (soul), you must master it! *IF YOU DO WELL,* speaks to the right thing done in the right way.\

RAH-BASS, is Hebrew verb meaning to lay in wait, to hide low and be prepared to spring up for an attack.

Like a lion laying in the tall grass as the prey innocently walks by.

The OSN is always laying in wait and the cosmic system is designed to enflame that OSN.

Cain never believed upon Christ, his offering was from a position of fleshly strength.

/Gen 3:21 And **the LORD God made garments of skin** for Adam and his wife, and **clothed them**.

The innocent blood sacrifice was established pointing forward to the LAMB of God who covers the sins of the whole world.\

This was the legal decree established in eternity past.

Cain never respected the protocol of God; he had the desire to be his own little god.

The fallen angels witnessed this and Cain became the leader of the serpent cult. Pledging allegiance to the serpent of the garden which led to his offspring not only worshipping Satan, but offering themselves up as slaves to his fallen army.

This began the population of the Nephilim. What Cain’s children and grandchildren got in return was a gateway into dark arts and angelic knowledge beyond anything mankind could understand.

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I believe the Apostle John references Cain, because of the satanic influence and religious system of the Gnostics.

[1Jo 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/13/s_1162013) Do not be surprised, brothers *and sisters,* if the world hates you.

IF is a Greek first-class condition, this is a fact!

Meaning we live in a temporal system that is similar to enemy territory. There is a great deal of hatred for true Christianity.

That hatred is often very subtly under the surface of many people and most ideologies within this cosmic system are foundationally, hateful toward the truth of TLJC.

/To teach false doctrine brings strife among people, especially Christians. This is one reason Cain was brought up; he led his whole family tree astray from the truth of Christ. False teachers, false prophets, have love for self, love for power and wealth, they practice a lifestyle of enmity because they are children of the devil.\

They teach and prophesize with the appearance of great love and yet in the end they bring death.

All false doctrines and false teaching is from the devil…even for the teacher or ministry leader, who thinks they are doing the work of GOD.

They may seem sincere and yet they are sincerely wrong.

In fact, the calling into leadership for teaching and evangelizing the WORD is very strict.

Ignorance will carry no weight in that argument at the Bema Seat Judgment of Christ.

 REPEAT

[/1Jo 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/14/s_1162014) We know that **we have passed out of death into life**, because we love the brothers *and sisters.* **The one who does not love remains in death**.

The Believer dies once physically; there is no second death (spiritual) for a true Christian. All Bels are in union with Christ, therefore they have Virtue Love found in their new nature.\

Again, we see scriptures like this often taken out of context.

Anytime you speak on love in the Bible, most people immediately fall back upon personal love, emotional love and that is not what is being highlighted.

The New Testament was predominately written in the Koine Greek, where we can find several different types of the definition of LOVE.

This is incredibly pertinent to understanding the plan of God.

*/Eros* was one word for love. It describes erotic love, it refers to sexual attraction.

*Storge* was another word for love. It referred to family love.

*Philia* is a third word for love. It spoke of as a brotherly friendship or affection. It is a deep love for intimate friendship or even used within marriage. It has a very close and personal meaning for intimacy.\

The two words you find most often in the NT Greek are either Philia and Agape, with agape, being more frequently used in NT scriptures.

/*Agape* is the fourth word for love. It described a love that loves without conditions, it is not changing all the time. It is a selfless love that gives without demanding or expecting re-payment. It is love so great that it can be given to the unlovable or unappealing. It is love that loves even when it is rejected. It is impersonal and unconditional.\

This is one used in reference to the Christian-walk; it is the love the humanity Christ operated from daily.

/1Jhn 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother *or sister* is a murderer, and **you know that no murderer has eternal life** remaining in him.

The mandate for a true Christian-walk points us backward into 1Jhn 3:11 - *we are to love one another.* The concept is a focus on lifestyles and who is walking in their union with Christ and who is walking in union with Satan’s system.\

Much of this is the Apostle John putting forth an indictment on worldly Christians, those who have fallen for the lies of the Gnostic teachings.

The misconception that can be taught from this is loss of salvation. Yet I am certain both Moses and King David are in heaven.

Both men fit the bill for a murderer.

 REPEAT

You cannot lose your salvation; you have eternal security. Therefore, just as the word love is misunderstood inside the plan of God… so to are many scriptures just like these!

/ The last half of this verse emphasizes the fact that when the Believer is living in the cosmic system he cannot be distinguished from an Unbeliever. Hate, strife and anger are directed outward from Unbels toward Bels. Because the Christian who spews that type of negativity is no different than the murders, liars and corrupt Unbels in the cosmic system. The Unbeliever does not possess eternal life. Whereas, the Bel does have eternal life and should be walking in a manner displaying that.\

The lesson that John is teaching is speaking to Bels walking away from God’s plan.

[1Jo 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/16/s_1162016) We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers *and sisters.*

The love is agape’ – it is not manufactured in the cosmic system, it is Christ dependent.

HE must increase and we must decrease is the lesson here. Jesus Christ is the role model for Christianity.

[/1Jo 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/17/s_1162017) But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother *or sister* in need, and closes his heart against him, **how does the love of God remain in him**?

Luk 3:11 And he would answer and say to them, “**The one who has two tunics is to share with the one who has none**; and the one who has food is to do likewise.”

(Deu 15:7-11, Prov 19:17, Isa 58:7-10, 2Cor 9:6, 1Tim 6:18…etc.) \

That is a standard of God’s plan for us, to have the generous nature of Jesus.

That is a protocol woven throughout the Bible because it is the very mind of Jesus Christ.

Those with a selfish, tight grip on everything are usually those with a lack of compassion for others in need.

Our LORD laid HIMSELF down for the whole world, we should be growing into HIS nature, that is willing to see others over our own selfish interests.

[/1Jo 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/18/s_1162018) Little children, **let’s not love with word or with tongue**, but in deed and truth.

Between the Sanhedrin and the Gnostics there were many scholars and men of great intellect, yet they practiced ritual and religion not a relationship with God.\

Just as many Christians do not fully grasp the concepts of the Angelic Conflict or what Virtue Love means, there are many who have superior intellect yet lack the compassionate nature of Christ.

/Christians are called into maturity through the study and knowledge of BD (mind of Christ), not emotional nonsense. Yet unlike the intellectual pursuits, of the Cosmic System, the Bel who truly grows does not become a callous, intellectual snob. Because their growth is from a love affair (relationship) with GOD. That unique relationship is dependent upon the SPIRIT – which leads us into becoming who we were designed to be IN Christ.\

Which means – *OTHERS*, takes on a deeper meaning over time in our walk with God.

True growth happens at the stage of not just hearing the word, but having divine wisdom in our life, meaning…application.

[/1Jo 3:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/19/s_1162019) We will know by this **that we are of the truth,** and will set our heart at ease before Him,

*To be OF THE TRUTH* – tells us this is our lifestyle, BD is the norms and standards and ideologies, now dominating our soul structure.\

Your heart – your mind, or soul is the reference, for that to be at ease, it speaks to a serios relationship, a deep fellowship.

/God is not having fellowship with your flesh. There is no good communication or divine knowledge flowing from a soul occupied with self and occupied with the devil’s world. The exterior of mankind’s immediate action is not always true to what resides deep within the soul. The soul is revealed through time, pressure and challenges. What our LORD revealed over 3 years of pressure and challenges was the Virtue Love and Righteousness of GOD in action.\

That is the protocol for spiritual maturity.

Jesus Christ fulfilled the whole of the Bible because it is HIS very mind.

Every law, command and prophecy is fulfilled in HIM.

/Gal 3:9 So then, **those who are of faith** are blessed with Abraham, the believer. 10 For **all who are of works of the Law are under a curse**; for it is written: “**CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE** BY ALL THE THINGS THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM.”

It is only fulfilled IN CHRIST! He did not come to abolish but to fulfill the whole of the Bible.\

The Greek word MENO means to abide, to dwell in comfort and make a home within it. This speaks to our lifestyle.