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**In the Details is where God's Glory and Satan's
Deception Meet.**

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There's an old saying you've probably heard: "*The devil is in the details.*"

It means that the little things, the ones we think are minor, can end up causing the biggest problems.

But did you know that the original phrase was "*God is in the details*"? It meant that excellence, truth, and beauty are revealed when we pay careful attention to even the smallest things.

Both statements are true, and both are confirmed in the Word of God.

- God works in the details to display His **glory**, His **order**, and His **truth**.
- Satan works in the details to insert **confusion**, **corruption**, and **deception**.

From Genesis to Revelation, the spiritual battle has been fought in the fine print — in the *exactness* of God's commands versus the *slight alterations* of the enemy.

Part 1 — God Is in the Details (The Holy Side)

1. The Tabernacle — God's Design Has No Mistakes

Exodus 25:9 (KJV)

"According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle... even so shall ye make it."

When God told Moses to build the tabernacle, He gave exact measurements for everything — the length of the curtains, the type of wood, the color of the fabrics, the placement of the Ark of the Covenant.

Nothing was left for Moses to "improvise."

Why? Because the tabernacle was a **shadow** of heavenly things (**Hebrews 8:5**). Each item pointed to Christ and His redemptive work. Change the details, and you distort the prophecy.

📌 **Application:** No changing or adding to God's words. When we change God's details or rules for our life; how we worship, how we live holy, how we teach the gospel, we risk presenting a distorted picture of Christ to the world.

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2. Christ says nothing from the law will pass or change until all is Fulfilled, Every Detail.

Matthew 5:18 (KJV)

“Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

A *jot* is the smallest letter in Hebrew, and a *tittle* is a tiny stroke that changes a letter's meaning. Christ is saying: *Nothing in God's law is too small to matter.* He didn't just fulfill the big prophecies — like being born of a virgin or rising from the dead — He also fulfilled the small ones, like riding into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt (**Zechariah 9:9**) and being betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (**Zechariah 11:12–13**). 3 days

🔑 **Application:** We need to live in full obedience to God's commandments. True discipleship isn't partial obedience. It's yielding to God's will in *every* area — even the small commands we might think are unimportant.

3. Faithfulness in the Small Things

Luke 16:10 (KJV)

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...”

God measures faithfulness by the little things — how you speak to your spouse in private, whether you keep your word in small commitments, how you treat the least in society.

An example, David didn't become a man after God's heart in the palace — he proved himself in the fields, protecting sheep from lions and bears (**1 Samuel 17:34–37**). Faithfulness in the “small” prepared him for the “great.”

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Part 2 — The Devil Is in the Details (The Danger Side)

Satan doesn't usually deny God outright — he distorts. He turns “almost truth” into full deception.

1. The Garden of Eden — A Slight Twist

Genesis 3:1 (KJV)

“Yea, hath God said...?”

God said Adam and Eve could eat from *every* tree except one. The serpent repeated God's words but subtly twisted the meaning — planting doubt, rephrasing the command, making it sound negotiable.

This is the enemy's oldest tactic — he takes God's clear words and makes them *sound* open to reinterpretation.

2. Another Gospel — Same Words, Different Meaning

Galatians 1:6–7 (KJV)

“...there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.”

Paul rebukes the Galatians because false teachers didn't come saying “We reject Christ” — they said “We follow Christ,” but changed the requirements for salvation.

A gospel that is 90% true and 10% false is *fully false*. Like poison in water, the smallest addition changes and poisons everything.

3. Satan Quoting Scripture — But Editing It

Matthew 4:6 (KJV) — Satan quotes Psalm 91 to Christ, but leaves out key words about walking “in all thy ways.”

By removing a few words, he changed the meaning — tempting Christ to act recklessly rather than in obedience.

🔑 **Application:** We must verify and test every word and teachings we have and that others bring to us. This is why we must read **all** of a verse in its context — not just the part someone quotes to us or that we like.

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Part 3 — Christ and the Pharisees

The Pharisees claimed to follow Moses but replaced God's commands with *Talmudic* traditions.

Over 600 added rules — many contradicting God's Word — were treated as equal to Scripture.

Matthew 15:3 (KJV)

“Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?”

Mark 7:8 (KJV)

“For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men...”

Examples:

- Limiting “love thy neighbor” to only fellow Jews (twisting **Lev 19:18**).
- Honoring rabbis above elders (twisting **Lev 19:32**).
- Permitting idol worship “if done properly” (contradicting **Ex 20:5**).

They didn't throw God away — they **redefined** Him.

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Part 4 — The Modern Parallel

The same thing is happening today.

John 14:23–24 (KJV)

“...the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”

We see:

- Baptism forms changed from how the apostles did it (**Acts 2:38**).
- Holiness standards treated as optional, not essential (**Hebrews 12:14**).
- Christ’s identity altered for cultural convenience. Songs,
- Church traditions replacing God’s ways.

We must be careful not to follow a **customized Christ** — one shaped by our preferences instead of the Father’s revelation.

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Part 5 — God's New Covenant Still Has Details

Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV) — His law written on our hearts, not erased.

Matthew 5:17 (KJV) — Christ came to fulfill, not abolish.

Deuteronomy 12:32 (KJV) — Don't add or subtract from His commands.
The new covenant removes man-made barriers but still calls us to the same exact obedience.

The Call

1. **Examine Your Faith** — Am I living by God's exact words or my adjusted version?
2. **Test Every Teaching** — **Acts 17:11** — The Bereans searched Scripture *daily* to check Paul's words.
3. **Guard Against Subtle Lies** — Satan's most dangerous work isn't open rebellion; it's an almost-right doctrine.

Closing Challenge

God is in the details — every instruction brings life.

The devil is in the details — every small compromise invites deception.

Revelation 22:14 (KJV)

“Blessed are they that do His commandments...”

Whose details are you living by today — God's or someone else's?

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