Get Behind Me Satan - Jesus Rebukes Peter **Sunday PM 06/24/18**

Introduction:

One of the sharpest rebukes Jesus gave to anyone was Peter. We want to understand the context, the why, and how it applies to us.

I) The Context

- A) The Great Confession, *Matthew 16*.
 - 1. Verse 13 "Who do men say that I am?"
 - 2. Verse 15 "Who do you say that I am?"
 - 3. *Verse 16* "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Was Peter's reply.
 - a. Mark 8.29 "you are the Christ"
 - b. Luke 9.20 "the Christ of God"

B) Jesus' response

- 1. This was revealed from the Father in heaven, *Matthew 16.17*.
- 2. Upon this fact, Jesus being the Son of God, He would build His church, *Matthew 16.18a*.
 - a. Jesus is the head of His church, *Ephesians*1.22-23
 - b. Jesus is the foundation of His church, 1

 Corinthians 3.11.

- c. Jesus is the Savior of His church (body), *Ephesians 5.23b*.
- 3. The gates of Hades, death and the grave, would not stop Him from building His church, *Matthew* 16.18b.
 - a. His death was essential to the establishment of His church. *John 11.49-52*
 - b. His blood shed of the cross purchased the church, *Acts* 20.28.
 - c. His resurrection over came the power of death, *Romans 6.5*
- C) Jesus foretells His death and the preaching of the Gospel, *Matthew 16.19*.
 - 1. Holy Spirit would come to reveal the word of God.
 - 2. When? After Jesus' death and His ascension into heaven, *John 16.7*.
 - 3. Tell no one for this would not occur until the Day of Pentecost, *Matthew 16.20*.
 - 4. Jesus gets specific concerning His death.
 - a. Place- Jerusalem
 - b. His suffering and to be killed.
 - c. His resurrection.

II) Why Did Jesus Rebuke Peter?

- A) Peter did not want Jesus to die, *Matthew 16.22*.
 - 1. How many of us would have had the same reaction?
 - 2. We can understand the feelings the disciples had for Jesus.
- B) Jesus condemns Peter, *Matthew 16.23*.
 - 1. Calls Peter Satan, why?
 - 2. Satan tempted Jesus in *Matthew 4*.
 - a. Turn the stones into bread, take care of His physical needs and by pass suffering, *Matthew 4.2-4*.
 - b. Satan tried to get Jesus to by pass the cross, receive everything without dying, *Matthew 4.8-10*.
 - 3. Peter was doing the job of Satan. Don't die, forget the cross!
 - Peter was mindful of men and what he wanted not what God or Jesus wanted.
 - b. Peter had to realize Jesus' purpose want to die for man's sins not to live for them.
 - 4. Peter had to accept Jesus' death and be willing to die for Him later on. *John 21.18*

III) How It Applies to Us

- A) There are times we have to change our way of thinking.
- B) There are times we have to say "Get behind me Satan"
 - 1. When someone says you can go to heaven and not be a Christian. *John 14.6*.
 - 2. When someone says you can be a Christian and by pass the very law of Christ, *Matthew 7.21*
 - 3. When you starting thinking you can wait until tomorrow to obey the Gospel. *James 4.13-17*.
 - 4. Just one sin or one time won't hurt anything, *Romans 6.23a*.
 - 5. When you hear someone say you don't want to be a part of Christ's church because they are just a bunch of hypocrites. Etc.

Conclusion:

Satan is very good at deceiving and promising what he cannot deliver. Someone said, "The next time Satan reminds you of what you used to do, remind him of his future."