Nots In Satan’s Tale

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Text: Genesis 3:1-6

### Intro

1. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5: When talking to Eve, the serpent (Rev. 12:9: Satan) just added the one word “NOT” to the command of God.
   1. A word that brought death, sorrow and all its woe to all of mankind!
2. There have been many pictures of the devil as conceived of by man’s imagination…
   1. He’s pictured as a beast-like-man with a long tail, dangerous horns, cloven hoofs, and a three-pronged pitchfork in his hands, with powerful muscles to use that fork.
      1. ***Where in the Scriptures did they ever get the material for those pictures?***
3. He is depicted quite differently in the Scriptures:
   1. *Gen. 3:1:* He is pictured as a serpent. The serpent was the agent, mouthpiece through which the old devil worked (Rev. 12:9).
   2. *I Peter 5:8:* He is pictured as a roaring lion. The lion doesn’t roar until he leaps for his prey; thus without warning. His prey is startled and doesn’t move.
   3. *Rev. 12:3-4, 9; 20:2:* He is pictured as a great red dragon, with 7 heads, 10 horns, 7 crowns, and a massive tail able to sweep a third of the stars from heaven to the earth!
      1. ***Scarier than the horned man-beast creature man has thought of!***
   4. II Cor. 11:14: Perhaps the scariest form Satan is pictured as: Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light – thus he appears in deceit and disguise!
      1. II Cor. 11:14-15: His ministers are transformed into ministers of righteousness and this may well be our mental vision of the devil at work today.
      2. False teachers changing a word here, a meaning there, just what Satan did!
4. Five NOTS in Satan’s Tale…

#### You Surely Will NOTDie

* 1. Genesis 2:16-17: God said, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”
  2. Satan to Eve: “Has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?” (Gen. 3:1)
     1. Answer: No, God said they may eat freely from any tree except one! (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:2-3)
  3. Satan to Eve: Took away the consequences for sin in Eve’s mind when he said, “You surely will not die!” (Gen. 3:4)
     1. Answer: God said “You will surely die” (Gen. 2:17; 3:3)
  4. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we are in a world of death (Romans 5:12)!
  5. Every pain, heartache, sorrow and death is because of sin, either in us or in someone else.
     1. Gen. 3:6: Eve was tempted with basics of what man is tempted from today:
        1. Good food (I John 2:16: Lust of the flesh)
        2. Eye appeal (I John 2:16; Lust of the eyes)
        3. Desired wisdom (I John 2:16: Boastful pride of life)
     2. John 8:44: Satan cannot tell the truth – he is a liar by nature!
     3. This lie of the consequences for sin still deceives people today! There is a second death and eternal punishment that awaits the wicked (Mt. 25:41, 46; Rev. 20:14-15)
  6. Satan just added one little word “NOT” that brought the penalty of God upon man!

#### He That Believes And Is NOT Baptized Will Be Saved

* 1. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38:Jesus said, “He that believes and *IS* baptized will be saved.” Peter said, “Repent and be baptized *FOR* the forgiveness of sins”
     1. I Peter 3:21-22: Baptism is the mode of transfer into the kingdom (the church) and thus to salvation.
  2. Satan to mankind: He has deceived the world in saying, “He that believes and is NOT baptized will be saved.”
  3. Jesus said, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16)
  4. Satan to man: Through his servants, is saying to the religiously inclined “Are you foolish enough to believe Mark 16:16?”
     1. What about all those “so called” Christian people who were never baptized?
     2. It is taught they are in heaven though never baptized.
     3. Just say a “Sinner’s Prayer” or “Invite Jesus into your heart,” and they twist passages such as Rom. 10:9-10, 13 to further their false teaching.
  5. Peter said repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38)
     1. *I Peter 3:21:* The inspired apostle Peter clearly said that baptism saves us.
  6. Satan has deceived men into teaching others to believe and NOT be baptized!

#### The Lord’s Supper Is NOT Important

* 1. I Corinthians 10:16; 11:17-30: When we meet together “as the church” it is to partake of the Lord’s Supper (not to eat a meal out of it, for that is what our homes are for) and share in Jesus’s body and blood.
  2. They met together on the First Day of the Week (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2)
  3. Satan’s Deceit: Some must believe this NOT in the devil’s tale.
     1. Some hold communion every quarter, others twice a year, still others who do it any day they please, and some like in Corinth, turn it into a feast! (I Cor. 11:22, 34: Eat and drink at home, not when you come together as the church)
     2. Some use whatever they want to substitute the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (IE: burgers and coke) – *Luke 22:7, 18: Unleavened Bread, Fruit of the Vine*
  4. I Cor. 11:17-30 mentions getting together 5 times (both for their good and bad)!
     1. 17. …you come together...
     2. 18. …when you come together as a church…
     3. 20. …when you meet together…
     4. 33. …when you come together to eat…
     5. 34. …so that you will not come together for judgment…
  5. They met together on the First Day of the Week (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2)
  6. Satan, through servants disguised as servants of light, deceives men into thinking it is NOT important to remember Jesus Christ the way He instituted!

#### Salvation Is NOT In The Church

* 1. Ephesians 5:23, 25: Paul says, Christ is the head of the church, being the “Savior of the body; and that He “also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”
     1. The church (His body) is made up of His people! (I Cor. 12:27)
  2. Satan’s Deceit: There are those who teach and deceive men into thinking the church is not essential to salvation, that one church is as good as another, or you can be an “island Christian.”
  3. Why did Christ die on the cross and give Himself up for the church? (Eph. 5:23, 25: “Savior of the body; gave Himself up for her”; Acts 20:28: “He purchased with His own blood”)
  4. Satan’s Deceit: One does NOT have to be in the church in order to be saved.
     1. Teachers that say, “Join the church of your choice,” or “As long as you go to any Bible-believing church you’ll be OK” teach that any church will do!
  5. If the church is not essential, then why did Christ build it? Why did Christ add the saved to it? (Mt. 16:18; NKJV: Acts 2:47)
  6. One must be in the church Christ died for in order to be saved! (Eph. 1:22-23; Acts 2:47)
     1. Acts 20:28: Christ’s blood bought the church.
     2. I Pet. 1:18-19: The church is made up of people bought from sin by His blood!
  7. If the death of Christ was necessary, then His church is essential because the church identifies people saved from sin by the blood of Christ!
  8. By saying salvation is NOT in the church, Satan says Christ’s death was unnecessary!

#### You Are NOT Ready To Obey The Gospel

* 1. James 4:17: “Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
     1. When one knows they have committed sin, they are under the curse of eternal death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
     2. The only cure for sin is the blood of Jesus Christ that can wash away one’s sins when they are baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
  2. Satan’s Deceit: Satan will try to get you to reason that you must wait to obey the gospel:
     1. To take time to sow your wild oats before you obey the gospel.
     2. To take time to study more and become an expert on the Scriptures before you obey the gospel
     3. (The NT saints became Christians when they heard they were guilty of sin and that Jesus died for them! Doctrine came later!)
     4. The devil knows that the longer you wait, the older you get, the less chance there is for you to ever do that!
  3. Think for a moment, do you know what the right thing to do is?
     1. James 4:17: The age of accountability begins when one knows the right thing to do, and either does it, or does not do it, or old enough to try and cover it up!
     2. Old enough to sin, old enough to obey the gospel *(Acts 22:16; II Thessalonians 1:7-9)*
  4. Satan convinces some that they are NOT ready to commit to God – ***when will they be?***

## Conclusion

1. Any one of these five NOTS in the devil’s tale will condemn our souls forever in eternity.
2. The devil contradicts and blasphemes every one of the commandments of the gospel of Christ.
3. The condemnation of Christ awaits all who fail to obey the gospel of the Son of God.
   1. II Thessalonians 1:7-9: The penalty of disobedience is eternal separation from God!
4. The truth of God’s word will expose the lies of Satan if one will but hear and obey!
5. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
6. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
7. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!