

The Wiles of the Devil

The Father of Lies

John 8:31-59

Lesson 8

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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The wiles of the devil

- ▶ Fulfill the exhortation of 1 Peter 5:8
- ▶ Learn the methods of the devil
- ▶ Learn the tools to deal with his deceptions

The wiles of the devil

- ▶ The origin of Satan (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)
- ▶ The entry of Satan into this world – Genesis 3
- ▶ The temptation of Job (Job 1:11; 2:5)
- ▶ The temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11)
- ▶ Satan opposes the Kingdom of God (Matthew 13:1-30; 36-43)
- ▶ Satan's possession of men (Luke 8:26-39)
- ▶ Two Kingdoms (Luke 11:14-26)

The wiles of the devil

- ▶ Two families (John 8:31-59)
- ▶ Context – Jesus is the light of the world
- ▶ The light is not received
- ▶ A lesson on freedom (and bondage)

“I am the light of the world”

John 8:12

- ▶ **The Person of Christ**
- ▶ **The truth**
- ▶ **Eternal life**

Responses

- ▶ “They did not understand” (8:27)
- ▶ “Many believed in Him” (8:30)
- ▶ Jesus spoke to “Jews who had believed in Him” (8:31)
- ▶ A lesson on the wiles of the devil

True discipleship

- ▶ Abide in Christ's Word
- ▶ You will know the truth
- ▶ The truth will set you free
- ▶ Caution: John 2:23-25; 6:66; Matt. 13

A lesson on slavery (8:33-38)

- ▶ The Jews deny slavery
 - An obstacle to true faith
- ▶ Bondage or slavery to sin
 - All who commit sin are slaves to sin
 - Son of God sets free from slavery to sin
- ▶ Son, not slave remains in house forever
- ▶ Their behavior showed their bondage
 - “Offspring of Abraham” were seeking to kill the Son
 - His words had no place in them

The slavery of man – no freedom

- ▶ No righteousness – Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10-18
- ▶ No wisdom – 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
- ▶ No strength – Romans 5:6
- ▶ No freedom – John 8:34
- ▶ No ability to do good – Romans 7:18
- ▶ Cannot please God – Romans 8:6-8
- ▶ Cannot believe – John 12:39
- ▶ Cannot come to Christ – John 6:44

The slavery of man – no freedom

- ▶ Natural theology – “born free!” or free will
- ▶ A constitutional problem – Who is your father?
- ▶ They acted according to their father – the devil

A lesson on family (8:39-47)

- ▶ Children of Abraham
- ▶ True children of Abraham
 - Children of the Promise (Romans 9:6-13)
 - Children by faith (Galatians 3:7-9)
 - They love Christ (8:42, 56)
- ▶ Pretenders – counterfeit sons
 - Seeking to kill Jesus (8:40)
 - Despising the truth He spoke (8:43)
 - They are living according to a different father (8:41, 44)
 - The devil is their father

The Fatherhood of Satan

▶ Murder

- Killed the first man and woman
- Literal murder arising from hate, Cain (1 John 3:8-15)

▶ Lies

- First lie in the Garden (Gen 3:4)
- Irenaeus: “For as the serpent beguiled Eve, by promising her what he had not himself.”
- The temptation of Jesus
- Satan masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:13-14)
- Ps 58:3; Ps 62:4; Isa 28:15; 2 Tim 4:4; 2 Tim 3:7

The Fatherhood of Satan

- ▶ 2 Tim 2:26 – snared by the devil to do his will
- ▶ Eph. 2:2 – following the prince of the power of the air
- ▶ John 8:44 – Your will is to do the devil's desires
- ▶ Col. 1:13 – living in the domain of darkness
- ▶ 2 Cor. 2:4 – Satan has blinded our minds

The Fatherhood of Satan (8:48-59)

- ▶ Jesus is a Samaritan
- ▶ Jesus is a demon
- ▶ Jesus does not offer life.
- ▶ Jesus does not speak the truth
- ▶ Jesus is not the Son of God
- ▶ Life led by the lies of Satan

THE FATHER OF LIES

- ▶ Satan's deception – a total blackout
 - Hatred for Christ is the core
 - Rejection of the truth
 - Denial of eternal life
- ▶ The solution – The Light of the World
 - Abide in Christ's Word
 - The truth will make you free
 - Roman 1:16 – “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”