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.”