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BIBLE STUDY

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Topic: Two kinds of Spirits (God and Satan) part 2.

Text: John 17: 3.

The Bible talks about the one true God.

Why would the scripture say true God?

It means as there's one true God then it implies there is existence of a false god as well.

There is a true God and a false God, hence the title of our lesson the two kinds of spirits.

A. The difference between God and Satan.

The main point of today's lesson is distinguishing between God and Satan but let us start by looking at the difference between God and Satan.

We already established this last week that God is the Creator and how many creators are there?

Only one creator the Creator of the heaven and the earth.

Why is God fighting Satan? Because God is trying to recover and to restore back His creation from Satan.

What does that mean?

God's creation was lost due to the deception of Satan and due to the sin of man, God had to leave his creation and Satan took it for himself. Satan has been reigning over this world reigning over the hearts of men that's why this world has become so corrupt and so evil. That was never God's intention rather God is trying to recover it back to Himself.

As people, we don't belong to Satan in terms of that Satan is trying to keep us trying to keep this world when it is actually God's creation.

What do we have to check?

Am I believing the true God or am actually secretly being deceived by the false gods. everyone wants to be believing in the true God right no one wants to be deceived by the false god. The thing is, Satan is incredibly crafty he can deceive even the most righteous according to the Bible.

So let's not think I'm immune to Satan.

Don't say I'm immune from Satan's deceit no matter what state or what he throws at me, I can do it by myself. No, let's always humble ourselves before God and in His



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word, make sure that we can use the word, use the Bible because that way will be having God in and outside if we use the word God.

If God is on our side then of course we can overcome anything, however if we try and do with our own thoughts and our own perspective, Satan can come in and deceive us.

Revelation 21:3-4 Now the dwelling of God is with men and he will lead them they will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God who will wipe every tear from their eyes There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old things has passed away he who was sitted on the throne said I am making everything new.

It is such a hopeful verse.

It says some interesting things Now the dwelling of God is with men and this is a prophecy in Revelation for the future.

Actually Satan has been dwelling with men keeping them away from God but God's plan is to make everything new no more death, mourning, crying or pain, these evil things the world which cause our hearts so much suffering God is trying to get rid of this for you for me.

God wants to make everything new but He cannot do that if we do not make the effort to reconnect with God.

God cannot force himself to reconnect with us rather we must be the ones who seek God with our whole heart then we can find God and this prophecy can come true for us. However if we have hearts that don't look towards the word or rather simply understand the word but our own thoughts then maybe when this comes to fulfillment then we have different ideas we have different thoughts and they lead us astray.

Those who have thoughts and ideas that are only according to the Bible will not be deceived.

So also another difference between God and Satan is that God teaches the truth. God's word is truth and this is really so important. God's word is true whereas Satan teachers' lies.


Satan is a liar let's look at few verses:

John 17:17 says "sanctify them by the truth, your word is truth".



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God's word is truth, if we want a standard of what is true what is true about God must be from the word. However what about Satan? Let's read John 8:44 "you belong to your father the devil and you want to carry out your father's desire he was a murderer from the beginning not holding to the truth for there is no truth in him When he lies he speaks his native language For he is a liar and the father of lies".

Satan is a liar and the father of lies.

What is Satan lying about?

Satan lies about about God's word.

Satan is trying to twist God's word so that you would miss the way so that you would not understand God properly so that you would not understand God's plan.

If you only knew the word and you had the truth then you would know God's will you would know what is to be fulfilled and you would believe the fulfilment when it happens.

However Satan's spreads lies throughout the world so that people's understanding of what God wants to fulfill becomes meaningless so that everybody has a different understanding a different interpretation and then suddenly nobody can agree God is one.

So God's word must also be one, God's believers must also be one but if we look around the world of Christianity today, is everybody one does everyone believe the same thing?

Does everyone understand the same thing about God? It's so fractured and people believe many different things I've met various believers from around the world Pastors, leaders, ministers and I've heard so many different takes and interpretations about the Bible, but how can that be?

Everything we believe about God must entirely come from the Bible.

The difference between God and Satan is that God can create, Of course we know God is the Creator.

He created the physical world as well as
the spiritual world


God can prophesy and fulfill


God can promise something and do it

in a space of seconds or minutes even years hundreds of years thousands of years.



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I can barely make a promise and fulfill it within a day.

God can promise to do something and he certainly fulfills it no matter the timeframe hundred years or a thousand years if God promises something he fulfills it.

That is creator that is creating who else can do that only God only God has that power of creating, processing and fulfilling.

Whereas Satan cannot do that he is a created being. Satan cannot prophesy thousands of years and will fulfill it, No because Satan is not a creator.

God has given us many prophecies in the Bible and if they come true we know this is from God.

However Satan can make as many promises as he wants but if it never comes true we know that is something that God has not said.

1Thessalonians 5:3-4 While people are saying peace and safety Destruction will come on them suddenly as labor pains on a pregnant woman and they will not escape.

[4]But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

It's saying wild people are saying peace and safety even God's people while God's people are saying peace and safety destruction things that take place in the future prophecies they could just come suddenly.

Satan is always on the prowl trying to deceive those who belong to God.

Let's not fall into this mindset of peace and safety we need to learn about lies of Satan but don't apply any of it to your life.

As we learn about the two kinds of spirits God and Satan I hope that we're always actively thinking what can I do to be on God's side is there something in my heart that actually may be Satan still has control over? Have I misunderstood something about God in the Bible Can I fix it Can I change it?

B. Distinguishing between God and Satan.

How can we know if something is from God or something is from Satan especially when it comes to teaching about the Bible doctrines.



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Religion was about reconnecting to God through the highest teaching and the highest teaching comes from God but there is also other teachings that Satan tries to give about the Bible and how can we know which one is true teaching that leads us to reconnection or which one is actually a false teaching from Satan.

So here the distinguishing God's people have to be those who are filled with God's word not filled with a half understanding or filled with a false understanding that Satan wants to tell you. Remember Satan tells lies and he does it in a crafty way in a way that you might not even realize that you've believe something false.

So here when Satan appeared when Satan betrayed God and became an opposer it wants to be like God himself and was cast out of heaven then it caused a division in the spiritual world between God and His angels against Satan and his angels.

In the spiritual world, we had God's group versus Satan's group.

However if there is a division in the spiritual world do you think that division only remains there, no Satan came in and also divided the physical world as well even states and even came in and deceived Adam and Eve so that they would be separated from God.

This is because spirit works through flesh we can't see Spirit, we can't see God but we know that God works through Jesus.

Satan work through the Pharisees at the time of the first coming even though we couldn't see those spirits but we know that those bodies were working through those flesh and through the words. Jesus was saying the words of God the Pharisees were saying the words of the devil.

So therefore spirit works through flesh and because there is a division in the spiritual world there is also a division in the physical world here and our world, there is also God's group against Satan's group.

Which group do you belong to?

I believe we all want to say God's group but how can we say God's group without being able to know how to distinguish Go's group and Satan's group.

Who is Satan trying to deceive?

It can be easy to think that Satan is trying to deceive the non-believers, people who don't believe in God.

That's where Satan is and they won't have God but Satan is even more crafty than that



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even most sneaky even more deceitful and is working in a way that actually maybe we would not expect it.

2 Thessalonians 2: 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped so that he sat himself up in God's temple proclaiming himself to be God.

We can see here that Satan's characteristic is to oppose everything that is called God. Satan wants to oppose what God is doing.

So then therefore would Satan's main focus be non-believers? No.

Satan doesn't even need to worry about those people, the unbelievers.

What about people of other religions Is that what Satan is trying to oppose? No

What Satan opposed in God's temple the people of God so therefore what Satan is trying to do is set himself up in God's temple, in Church of God.

The Church of God, the believers of God that is where Satan is trying to set himself up that is where Satan is trying to work trying to deceive. Are you a Christian then you are in the place that Satan is trying to work, that Satan is trying to deceive.

With this, none of us here should say I'm immune to Satan's deceit no we must be aware that it is in God's temple that Satan is actually trying to work and trying to proclaim himself to be God. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles but masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder for Satan himself masquerade as an angel of light It is not surprising then if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.

Bible is talking about men who are false apostles the paraids as masquerade. They were covering and hiding their true identity and it says that these people are just like Satan himself.

Satan himself masquerade as an angel of light meaning it is not easy to recognize Satan because Satan was once an angel.

This means that Satan is trying to teach things that sound good, teach things that sound holding all people down a path that seems also nice or holy.

At the first coming, the Pharisees were the teachers of God's law.

They were meant to be guiding people to one God. What did Jesus say to them? "You belong to your father the devil" therefore even though they were dressed as Pharisees, as priests of God but actually what was coming out of their mouth was from the spirit of Satan, lies about God.



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What must I do if I attend God's temple what if I am in God's church then I am in the very place that Satan is sitting himself up in that Satan is giving his false teachings trying to deceive, trying to pull people away from the true God.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends do not believe every spirit but test a spirit to see whether they are from God because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Very great advice from Apostle John here when he wrote this he said dear friends to not believe every spirit to test the spirits to see if it's from God.

You are the one who must discern by learning the scriptures.

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians For they received the message with great eagerness and examine the scriptures every day to see if the teachings was true".

Talking about the Bereans, these people were of knowable character and what made them so, they search the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

They were checking to see if God spirit was really working through Paul or not.

They didn't just listen to Paul and say oh yeah we'll just believe whatever you say. Now you also didn't just listen to preachers and say oh no we don't really care I don't want to listen to what you said. They listen to Paul and then they check the scriptures to see if God's spirit is truly working through this man or is speaking his own words they could see the spirit only because they examine the scriptures every day.

God and Satan are fighting over us and we need to be those who are clearly on God's side but we can only do that if we have the word because God is the word so let's be those who know how to discern by always checking not just checking in the church by checking wherever you get the word and if we find something that is not according to the word should we just keep eating that listening to that? No, we should cut it off.

Think about the time of the first coming when Jesus came and he had how many disciples 12 disciples.

They went through the nation of Israel and do you think everyone accepted Jesus? The majority of the believers and the preachers and the priests at that time they rejected Jesus.

They persecuted him killed him as well So Satan's group always tries to persecute God's group.



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Whereas God's group is the one that receives persecution, What does that mean That means on this journey As we become securely part of God's group we may receive persecution but let's be those who don't back away from our faith but let's have strong faith let's do it together so that no matter what kind of persecution we receive we can friendly remain as God's people.

God's ministers is going to teach about prophecy and fulfillment not only about the prophecy but about the fulfillment as well because the fulfillment would have been fulfilled by God.

That's how you can know that God is truly with that ministers or with that group.

Satan's group cannot teach about fulfillment, they can try and teach about prophecy but they will fill their own thoughts with it, their own understanding and no fulfillment whereas God's group can teach about prophecy and fulfillment.

1Corinthians 2:9-10 However as it is written No eye has seen no ear has heard no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit all things even the deep things of God".

It says that no one has really understood what God has prepared.

What does it mean?

It means that God has promised and prepared something to fulfill and nobody can comprehend this nobody can understand this unless it has been revealed to us by his spirit and the spirit searches all things even the deep things of God. God write down what he has prepared for the future, we call that prophecy.

Prophecy was written in parables which means we must know the true meaning of parables as well which is what we're going to get into very soon in future lessons as well please understand this that God is not just trying to teach you basic things for superficial things God wants you to know his whole will He wants you to know the deep things of God but what must we do? We must seek God with all our hearts.

Isaiah 29:13 it says "the Lord says these people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me their worship of me is made up only of rules told by men"

meaning there are people out there who claim to be part of God's group they honor God with their mouth and honor Him with their lips so they are saying they are part of God's group but they belong to Satan's group.



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Hebrews 5:12-14 A solid food is for the mature who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."

This is exactly what we're trying to do, to distinguish good from evil and it says that solid food this is actually talking about solid understanding of the word not just basic things not just the milk So the deep things of God by constant use have trained themselves in the word of God.

