

THE SPIRIT WORLD – I

"The Origin of Evil"

I. RATIONALE OF STUDY

- A. Satan is God's enemy
- B. Satan is man's enemy
- C. Danger of putting Satan in limelight
 - 1. Arouse harmful curiosity
 - 2. Glorifying his power
- D. Should know our adversary
 - 1. War not against flesh and blood
 - 2. Put on the whole armour to fight wiles of the devil
 - 3. Not ignorant of his devices

II. SATAN RULES OVER A KINGDOM

- A. Mt. 12:26 - *"If Satan cast out Satan, his kingdom cannot stand..."*
- B. Suggests order, rule, authority
- C. Hierarchy of principalities and powers
 - 1. Fallen angels of various rank
 - 2. Each with legions of demons at their command
 - 3. Hold positions through greater fierceness and power

III. HOW SATAN BECAME GOD OF THIS WORLD

- A. Sought to become greater than God
 - 1. Isaiah 14
 - 2. Ezekiel 28
- B. Angels fell with him
 - 1. II Pet. 2:4 - *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment..."*
 - 2. Jude 6 - *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."*
 - 3. Mt. 25:41 - *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*
 - 4. Rev. 9:14 - *"Loose the four angels which are bound..."*
 - 5. Rev. 12:7 - *"...dragon and his angels..."*
- C. After the fall, Satan usurped man's authority

IV. HOW SATAN OPERATES

- A. Loves to work in secret
 - 1. Occult (Latin for secret, hidden)
 - 2. Exposure the most effective tool against Satan

a. I Cor. 4:5 - "...will bring to light the hidden works of darkness"

b. II Cor. 4:3-6

c. Eph. 5:11-12 - *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things are reprov'd are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light."*

B. Is a deceiver

1. Mt. 24:4-5 - *"Take heed no man deceive you..."*
2. Disguised as angel of light (II Cor. 11:14)
3. Try the spirits
4. Most vicious traps may at first seem harmless
5. Slightest occult involvement fuels desire for more
6. Satan's power unrelenting

C. Murderer

D. Liar

V. HOW SATAN ATTRACTS TO THE OCCULT

A. Promise of power

1. Desire to control others
2. Simon the sorcerer desires power of Holy Ghost
3. Heart must be right

B. Promise of knowledge

1. Lie to Eve
2. Reveal deep dark secrets
3. Promise of hidden things (fortune-tellers, etc.)

C. Promise of pleasure

D. All of Satan's promises are empty

1. Cannot give satisfying power, knowledge, pleasure, peace
2. Only available through Holy Spirit
3. Fruits of occultism are bondage, sorrow, and unfulfilled desire