

# AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

## 1 CORINTHIANS 14-15

Text:

Introduction:

### **1. RACKET – TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT**

**2 Corinthians 11:14**

<sup>14</sup> And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Why is this Satan's scheme?

Remember we stated a few weeks ago; "The most dangerous thing is that which is closest to the truth."

Truth mixed with error.

Example:

Eve in the Garden

Note Genesis 3

**Genesis 3:1-19**

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. <sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. <sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. <sup>7</sup> And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? <sup>10</sup> And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. <sup>11</sup> And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? <sup>12</sup> And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. <sup>14</sup> And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. <sup>16</sup> Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. <sup>17</sup> And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all

the days of thy life; <sup>18</sup> Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Speaks of God vs. 1

Speaks of God's knowledge vs. 5

Matthew 13:23-25

### **Matthew 13:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: <sup>25</sup> But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? <sup>28</sup> He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? <sup>29</sup> But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Sowed among the wheat

## **2. REASON – GOD IS LIGHT**

### **1 John 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

John here says that “God is light” not the light, or a light, but light itself; that is, he is himself all light, and is the source and fountain of light in all worlds. He is perfectly pure, without any admixture of sin. He has all knowledge, with no admixture of ignorance on any subject. He is infinitely happy, with nothing to make him miserable. He is infinitely true, never stating or countenancing error; he is blessed in all his ways, never knowing the darkness of disappointment and adversity.

### **3. ROUTINE**

Satan attempts to counterfeit everything pertaining to Christ and His work. He can make a counterfeit for most all that Jesus Christ has done, except to generate a born again person. He cannot counterfeit the death of Christ upon the cross. He cannot counterfeit the resurrection of Christ; neither can he counterfeit the Second Coming of our Saviour.

Remember that Satan will not come to you in a red suit with a pitch fork and a tail. He will come to you in a way that you will not expect. He is a counterfeit. If he approached anyone wearing a red suit and pitch fork he could fool no one.

A counterfeit looks very much like the real thing. Counterfeit money will go undetected with most people, because they do not know the difference. The FBI people who investigate counterfeit money train for

that job by familiarizing themselves over and over with the real currency, thus when they touch a counterfeit they immediately recognize it.

Some areas in which the devil has given us a counterfeit are:

- Church

Jesus established the New Testament Church during His ministry on earth. (Mat 16:18)

**Matthew 16:18**

<sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

It was already established on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:41)

**Acts 2:41**

<sup>41</sup> Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Three thousand new members was added to the N.T. Church on that day, thus it had to be in existence previously.

The Counterfeit Church is the Mystical, Invisible, and Universal Church

Anything other than a local church is a counterfeit.

- Christians

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**Matthew 13:37-43**

<sup>37</sup> He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; <sup>38</sup> The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; <sup>39</sup> The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. <sup>40</sup> As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; <sup>42</sup> And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The Wheat represents born again Christians.

The Tares are counterfeit Christians.

Satan sowed the tares among the wheat. Both grew together.

The tares that were sown by the enemy did not cross breed with the wheat and produce half wheat and half tares.

Neither was the wheat once that of tares which grew or became wheat by some means of evolutionary procedure.

The counterfeit is never part of the real thing. It is always made or fabricated to appear like the real thing.

Satan's counterfeit is always created to produce confusion, deceit, and eventually destruction.

In this passage of Scripture Jesus is telling His disciples that there will always be counterfeit Christians.

They will look like the real thing.

They are counterfeit. They look like Christians.

They act like Christians.

They even attempt to live like Christians, but they are counterfeits.

They will attend church. They will tithe. They will sing in the choir. They will stand and testify. They will be so much like the real Christian that mankind cannot tell one from another.

Therefore, Jesus says to let them grow side by side. If we attempt to pull up the tares, or the counterfeit, we will also pull up some real wheat, or real Christians.

Thus, we are to allow them go grow side by side until the harvest time.

Then the reapers, the angels, will separate the wheat from the tares and the tares will be cast into the fire and burned.

Notice it doesn't say that they will be burned up. That burning will never be finished.

They will be in that burning, fiery furnace forever and forever.

Why, because they are counterfeits.

- Gospel

**Galatians 1:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: <sup>7</sup>Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.



Health and Wealth Gospel:

They preach that if one is truly saved and filled with the Spirit of God, they will be rich and healthy.

Social Gospel

Feed the hungry, care for the homeless

There is nothing wrong with caring for and feeding the hungry and the homeless. But many churches have made that their whole ministry and thus attempting to redeem through the social approach.

The hungry need Jesus.

The homeless need Jesus.

The poor need Jesus.

## **4. REALITY**

Satan is the ruler of darkness

**Ephesians 6:12**

<sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

**Colossians 1:13**

<sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

“Darkness” is an emblem of ignorance, misery, and sin; and no description could be more accurate than that of representing Satan ruling over a dark world.

Close:

Satan by deception sows doubt and discouragement and by design he sows dissatisfaction and division. He deliberately discredits and distorts and by delusion he causes destruction and damnation.

A biblical understanding of the person, presence, power, program, and perdition of the devil enables one to withstand his power and flee his presence.