



# SATAN'S SIN

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In the midst of writing an inspired list of qualifications for the men who would serve in elderships in the Lord's church, Paul included this line: "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:6). While showing the need for elders to be experienced Christians, he references the sin of Satan. We are informed that the devil stands condemned for his pride. Further study yields that Hell—the place of everlasting fire, gnashing of teeth, and outer darkness, where there will be eternal suffering—was built for the devil & his angels (Matthew 25:41). All because of pride.

**God despises pride.** "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19). In this list of the seven things which God hates, pride is at the top of the list. Furthermore, "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" (Proverbs 8:13).

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

VISITORS,  
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Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

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1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

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**God punishes the prideful.** "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2). "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). If a person does not reap the reward of impenitent pride in this life, he will receive his punishment at the judgment day—the same punishment that has been reserved for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

**God exalts the humble.** "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10). And again, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6). Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). Those who are poor in spirit recognize that they have sinned against God and they are nothing without God.

**Satan has shown his pride by changing the Word of God.** In the beginning, God said to Adam, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Satan used a serpent to say to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). All it took was for Satan to add one word to God's Word to change the entire meaning and deceive Adam & Eve into sin. All of the physical world is subject to decay, disease, and death because of their sin and Satan's deception.

**Satan has shown his pride by twisting the Word of God.** In Matthew's account of Jesus' temptation by Satan, we read, "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Matthew 4:5-6). It is notable, here, that Satan can actually quote scripture. Just being able to quote and reference scripture does not mean we are using it properly. In fact, Satan is misapplying scripture, so Jesus replied, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matthew 4:7).

**Satan has shown his pride by tempting and testing God,** as Jesus has just indicated in Matthew 4:7. We see it also in Matthew 4:3-4. "And when the ...

... tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3). Jesus replied, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Satan tried to put God to the test using His faithful servant, Job. Like Job, our faithfulness glorifies God in the face of Satan's attempts to put Him to the test.

**Satan has shown his pride by attempting to take worship away from God.**

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matthew 4:8-9). Satan wanted to take from God the thing of which ONLY the God of Heaven is worthy—worship. Furthermore, Satan's sin of pride knows no limits, as the occasion we are considering is Satan demanding worship from the God of Heaven. "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10).

**Satan has shown his pride by trying to take faithful servants from God.**

In the book of Job, we learn of an occasion in which the angels were giving an account to God. Included among those giving account to God was the devil. "The LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it" (Job 1:7). Satan was essentially saying: "I'm walking all over your creation, and plaguing the souls you created." Satan will go on to try to cause Job to turn from serving God, and he wants you to turn from serving the living God. He continues this diabolical work, even today. "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

If we choose not to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24), we pridefully take worship away from God. If we choose not to be faith any longer, we pridefully take a faithful servant from God, and potentially influence others to leave him also. Let us never test/tempt God. Let us never twist the Word of God. Let us never change the Word of God. Let us avoid pride—the sin of Satan.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards;  
Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

**Far East Missions  
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### Family & Friends

**Michael Rocco**, Lara's brother-in-law, recovering from pneumonia, most likely linked to COVID; **Charles Savage**, recovering from COVID and dealing with some blood complications; **Dominic Rosado family**, Monica's uncle passed recently; **Loretta Newton**, Joe's aunt, leukemia; **Mac Easley**, rehab; **Chastidy Collums family**; **Axel Holliday**, Ginger's co-worker's grandson; **Paul Perkins**; **Kathy Gullede**; **Betty Culbreath**; **Martha Williams**.

### Anniversaries

8/1 Terry & Dana Davis  
8/1 John & Suzanne Wofford  
8/6 Tim II & Rachel Wilkes  
8/17 Tim & Monica Meredith

### Birthdays

8/4 Terry Davis            8/17 Dana Davis  
8/6 Monica Meredith    8/18 Carl Honeycutt  
8/9 Xander Cagle        8/25 Addi Bayless  
8/10 Larry Campbell    8/26 Jim Jackson  
8/14 Lily Wilkes         8/28 Jerry Davis  
8/15 Carolyn Davis     8/30 Hannah Davis  
8/16 Clifton Angel      8/31 Kara Strickland

## Get Involved!

### **Resuming 1 PM Services: Sep 6**

No potluck meal;  
You may bring your lunch to eat at building, go out to eat, or eat at home if you live close

### **Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Postponed**

Was Scheduled for end of September  
Pray for Ed & Iris Casteel

### **Independence Gospel Meeting: Sep 20-23**

Tom Wacaster preaching

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, August 23

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Tim Wilkes, II
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis

Assist

Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson
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#### Afternoon

Song Leader	
Opening Prayer	
Sermon	
Lord's Supper	

**TEMPORARILY  
CANCELLED**

Closing Prayer

### Wednesday, August 26

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Billy Bland

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	