

# Father of Lies – the Devil – Part 1

People of the world, though they often boast of their freedom to do as they please, are really the pitiable objects of the most advanced slavery being bound by their passions, desires and fleshly weaknesses from which they are helpless to escape. Only faithful children of God are truly free, being neither in bondage to the world, or of the devil; free also from an evil conscience, the cares and anxieties of the world, and the second death which is eternal punishment away from the presence of God.

Many sins committed by man are given “heartily approval to those who practice them” (Romans 1:32). The apostle Peter wrote, “These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved. For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshing desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them [peers] freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome [sinful lusts], by this he is enslaved” (2 Peter 2:17-19). Their actions are those of the devil because they possess his nature and his desires [lusts] are theirs. This does not mean that they were under any compulsion to act as they do by an acquired nature. This is not something that they were born with! It is the desire of the child of the devil to do what the devil does because they are of the same nature. Jesus described these people in this way: “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning [Cain murdering Abel], and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie [Garden of Eden to present day], he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

Jesus said, “I will not speak much more with you [disciples], for the ruler of the world [Satan] is coming, and he has nothing in Me...Because the ruler of this world has been judged” (John 14:30, 16:11). The apostle Paul described the devil as “the god of this world who has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4). He also described the devil as the “prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

Those of the world are seeking solutions for moral problems outside of the counsel and guidance from the word of God. They look for solutions from the mind and wisdom of man, which is a fruitless endeavor. They will tell you that one who has homosexual tendencies were born that way. Paul wrote that God gave these sinners over to the “lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the NATURAL function for that which is UNNATURAL, and in the same way also the men abandoned the NATURAL function of the woman and burned in their desire one for another, men with men committing INDECENT acts and receiving in their own persons

the due penalty of their error” (Romans 1:24-27). The devil has lied to the world and caused many to believe that homosexuals were born that way. God said that he created mankind, “male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:27). Jesus said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’ “ (Matt. 19:4). God does not make mistakes so a person is born either male or female. This leaves no room for transgenders.

The devil has lied to the world saying that a child in the womb is just a fetus [embryonic tissue] and it would be okay to abort that child up to the time of birth. According to God’s word “My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret...Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them” (Psalm 139:13-16). God’s word calls a child in the womb a baby (Luke 1:41, 44). Judgment will not be good for those who murdered their baby in the womb according to Proverbs 6:16-17.

God will call ALL people to judgment for their decisions in this life. The Christian has an advantage because they have an “Advocate” through Jesus Christ. Those who believe Satan’s lies have no advocate, no savior, and will be lost eternally.