
CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL?

1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

In this passage, John tells us that we are **now** the sons of God. If we are only now the sons of God, it stands to reason that we had to be sons of someone else before we became sons of God. To find out whose sons we were, we must take a trip back in time to discover how we became sons of that someone else and who that someone else is. We must go back to the beginning, the Genesis of it all!(If you believe that the book of Genesis is a myth, you will have serious problems believing the rest of the Bible, because you will never fully understand it).

Let us go all the way back to the book of Genesis chapter 3(Read the entire chapter). God had created man in the beginning to be one with Him. Man walked and talked with God, and was in total fellowship with Him, but in Genesis 3 man committed high treason and broke that fellowship with God. Man spiritually, in an instant, became a child of the devil by nature. He became disconnected from God and joined with someone who is polar opposite to God; there was no in-between status. Instead of unity with and faith in God there was now disharmony and fear. In verse 15 God promised that Someone would come who would enable man to walk once again in the relationship he once had with God.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (NKJV)

Since that time, every child born through the seed of man, became the child of the devil. This is why in John 8:44, 47 (AMP) Jesus said,

"You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false. Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him".

The devil, together with those who have not accepted God's offer of forgiveness through Jesus have always opposed anything God does in the earth to turn the hearts of man to Him. Paul, speaking to Elymas in Acts 13:10 (AMP) said,

"You master in every form of deception and recklessness, unscrupulousness, and wickedness, you son of the devil, you enemy of everything that is upright and good, will you never stop perverting and making crooked the straight paths of the Lord and plotting against His saving purposes?"

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 16 (AMP) Paul tells us how to recognize the works of someone who is a child of the devil.

"Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality,

10Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God."

Then he goes on verse 11 to tell us how we become sons of God:

"And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God."

Every book of the Bible is about this one action on God's behalf - to make us once again sons of God, and not children of the devil. That is what Redemption is about!

