

## BLINDED BY SATAN

⇒ **Text:** II CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

⇒ **Intro:**

- There are multiplied thousands of people in this world that are spiritually blind and are unable to see the goodness, the grace, and the salvation of God.
- Our Scripture declares unto us that it is the work of Satan to keep people blind to the glorious gospel of Christ that is able to set them free from the power of sin.
- Now, to what does Satan blind men

⇒ **I. FIRST, SATAN BLINDS MEN TO THE GOODNESS OF GOD.**

- A. God's mercies are extended to us every day of our lives. - Lam. 3:22-23
- B. Yet, there are many that ignore, and actually hold the mercies of God in contempt. - Rom. 2:4-5.
- C. The mercies of God have been abundantly bestowed upon the people of the United States. (Prosperity, freedom, etc.)

⇒ **II. SECOND, SATAN BLINDS MEN TO THEIR SPIRITUAL CONDITION.**

- A. Satan would lead men to believe that they are all right because they appear to be so outwardly. - Matt. 23:27-28.
  - God looks on the heart.
- B. What, then, is the condition of the lost man before God?
  - 1. He is a sinner. - Rom. 3:23; 5:12. 64
  - 2. His best is as filthy rags before God, - Isa. 64:6.
  - 3. He abides under the wrath of a "sin-hating God." - John 3:36.

⇒ **III. SATAN BLINDS MEN TO THE BIBLE TRUTH AND WAY OF SALVATION**

- II Cor. 4:3-4.
- A. Satan does not want men to believe the gospel of Christ.
- Why?
  - 1. Because the gospel is good news for the poor lost sinner. - I Cor. 15:3-4; Rom. 5:6.
  - 2. Because the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. - Rom. 1:14-16
  - 3. Because the gospel will transform the servant of Satan into a servant of God. - Rom. 6:16-18. (Ill.: the Philippian jailer.)

⇒ **IV. SATAN BLINDS MEN TO THE BREVITY OF LIFE AND THE CERTAINTY OF JUDGMENT.**

- A. God's word declares:
  - 1. That death is certain. - Heb. 9:27.
  - 2. That life is brief. - James 4:14.
  - 3. That we have no promise of tomorrow. - Prov. 27:1.
- B. God's word also declares that all sinners shall be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire. - Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

⇒ We have seen this morning that Satan is in the blinding business

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