

THE DEVIL'S BEST SERMON

TEXT: GEN. 3:1-13

INTRO:

- The world would ^{have} you believe that the devil is this cute little harmless mythological figure with pointed ears running around with a pitch fork.
- He is almost made out to be a loveable figure.
- We see his image on such products as hot sauce, devil dogs, & devil ham.
- However, the Bible tells us he is a real figure out to destroy mankind and take as many souls to hell with him that he can.
- He also is a preaching devil.
- He never lets up in his diabolical preaching.
- For six thousand years he has been preaching to the hurt of men and women.
- Every hour he erects his pulpit in the hearts of individuals and preaches his message to them.
- HELL IS BEING FILLED and is still receiving those who believe his preaching.
- The best sermon he ever preached is recorded ⁱⁿ our text.
- Let us consider what he preaches.

I. THAT GOD'S WORD IS NOT TRUE. V1. - "Yea hath God said"

- A. The Devil preaches that what God says about the New Birth is not true. **John 3:3.** - *Read.*
1. The Devil says be honest, sincere, upright, keep the ten commandments, live by the sermon on the Mount and you will be all right.
 2. Jesus says, "Ye must be born from above." - *Spiritual birth*
John says: John 1:12-13, Paul says Eph 2:8-9 & Gal 3:28
 3. Which shall you believe? I believe God, *and His Word.*
- B. The Devil preaches that what God says about having no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness is not true. **Eph. 5:11** - *Read*
1. The Devil says join the church and live with the world, have a high heel time, and enjoy life (as though you cannot *enjoy* life if you are saved).

2. God says, "Reprove (speak out against) the works of darkness".
 3. Which preacher is telling the truth? God is!
- C. The Devil preaches that what God says about souls going to hell is not true. **Psalm 9:17.**
1. The Devil says God is too good to let anyone go to hell.
 2. But God says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forgot God."
 3. Better believe God on this one too!

II. THAT INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT DIE IF THEY SIN. V 4.

"Ye shall not surely die"

- A. The Devil preaches that individuals may go ahead in sin, live any life they wish, comit all the sins that they like, and they will never have to pay for them.
1. God says Gal. 6:7,8. - *read -* "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth...."
 2. What kind of harvest do you want?
Corruption ^{or} life everlasting?
Better believe God.
- B. Many a person has believed the message of the Devil only to find out, like Eve, that they have been deceived.
Genesis 3:16 - *read*
Proverbs 13:15 - "....the way of the transgressors is hard."

III. THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN SAVE THEMSELVES V5 - "Ye shall be as gods"

- A. He preaches to souls that they can within themselves become "as gods"
-This is the philosophy of humanism and evolution
-There is good ⁱⁿ ~~us~~ _{all} of us - See Jeremiah 17:9-10
1. I'm just as good as any church member.
Even the preacher and deacons.
 2. May be - but God says, "Marvel not that I say unto thee, ^{to very a religious, good man.} ye must be born again." John 3:7
- Standard
- Nicodemus
plural = not just Nicodemus but all of us.
 3. We could remind you that God says, "Except your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees (church members and preachers) you cannot enter the kingdom of God." *= How obtain that righteousness? Through Christ & Cor 5:21*

- B.** Satan told Eve that all she needed to do to become righteous and to lift herself up to God's level by her own bootstraps was to eat of the forbidden fruit. - **Isa 64:6.**
1. But God says, "We are all as an unclean things, and all our righteousness are as a filthy rags."
 2. You do not become righteous by disobeying God.
 3. But you sure do become UNRIGHTEOUS by obeying the Devil.

IV. I BELIEVE GENESIS 3:1-13 IS THE DEVIL'S BEST SERMON.

- A.** He has brought blight - wrecked right - wrought ruin to thousands of lives by this sermon.
1. Thank the Lord for those in this service who have already turned his sermon down.
 2. And for those who will turn their back on him now.
- B.** God's best sermon was preached by His Son, Jesus Christ, and is summed up in John 3:16. - *Read.*
1. Both sermons are before you.
Choose the message of Christ.
 2. His message will save eternally.