

## **Satan wants to fuel doubt in God's love because he rejected it!**

God has provided the door but it is up to us to walk through it. An important key is humility. Avoid being arrogant and rejecting God's love.

Understand this: God has determined that each child becomes a living soul at conception. This was determined when He told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. The Devil hates our ability to multiply therefore he raises up evil men to destroy life. It is my personal belief, we who are children of Love by choice have great purpose. We will replace Satan and his fallen angels in the realm of eternity. Rejecting the Lord of Glory because of arrogance choosing their personal power and beauty over love for God. The Devil knows his doom is imminent and is angry at all creation as God's children. Because it is God's love that makes a child His not birth. This principle is also true for mankind. Therefore God also determined that each person choosing His gift of love for redemption becomes a child of God. Born of the Spirit.

Satan does all manner of evil and wants all to think God is ignoring our plight. Be assured that every evil word, act, and stumbling block that causes people to sin is recorded and recompense will be applied to each responsible. The Devil and the vessels (people) of evil because they choose self over God's Love. The Devil comes to kill your eternal life, steal your eternal joy, and destroy the plan of God for you. However he has been destroyed and rendered powerless at the cross. Through faith and the work of the cross we can overcome the lies and deception of evil. Satan inspires people not willing to step into a relationship with Christ to do evil or maybe just steal a person's hope. This is why Jesus says: "If you are not for me you are against me". This truth will be evident at His return, which I believe is near.

The Holy Spirit will make all questions that may arise clear when we approach the throne of grace with a genuine heart. The Holy Spirit is the good deposit of things to come. He is Christ in us our hope of glory. Christ is faithful and He has answers for those who trust Him with all their heart.

The reason to think on an eternal basis is our priorities. I also touched on this in another part of the book but it is too important to pass at this juncture. When we set priorities, they must start in eternity and work to the present. If the first is a relationship with an eternal God, then all the blessings and prosperity of eternity will be brought into the present realm. I have enjoyed many miracles. I say this not to boast but give glory to the One who loves me.

Be aware of this, we will have testing and persecution because of faith. I say these things not to scare you away but terrible things come our way all the time as witnessed by our why

questions. I would rather suffer the attacks of evil because of my faith. It only makes sense that a good Father prepares His children for a good purpose both in this present life and the eternity to come. Or did you think we would float around on a cloud strumming a harp?

Keeping with the subject. Once priorities start in eternity and work to the present, our thoughts become clear about many things. We gain the ability to see the why in many questions we had from the beginning. Remember that God's punishment for those who do evil and refuse to repent is more terrifying than any revenge you could think of. God is the Judge. He remembers our pain!

I have a friend named Joe who many like to call a hit man for the Lord. This title did not come without merit. It came from his former profession but he is now a minister for the Lord. His conversion experience was two bullets in the face. As he lay dying in an emergency room the thought came to him: Is this all your life has meant? I believe that it was the Holy Spirit. Joe said to the Lord; if you save my life I will serve you. It did not happen right away but Joe could not get away from his promise and became faithful to the Lord. He told me one of the hardest things he ever had to do was forgive the shooter because he was supposedly Joe's best friend. Joe also led his friend to the Lord on his deathbed. He said only God knows if it was genuine.

People say what right does he have in ministry. His right comes from the power of God's grace and purpose. Joe's forgiveness is between him and the Lord. If anyone wants to be critical, examine the life of St. Paul who had Christians arrested, jailed, and killed for their faith in Jesus. But once he met the Lord - Wow! He wrote much of the New Testament and through much suffering brought faith through the gospel of Christ across the known world.

I went to an award ceremony at Carnegie Hall for my friend Joe. He received an award from the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation for his work with inner city children. After sitting through all the speeches time was running short, they gave him just a few seconds. Standing at the podium he explained after sitting through all the things that others had to say he was only given 30 seconds. He was holding a shiny engraved acrylic award in his hand. Pausing, Joe looked down at the award and said, "Everything without Jesus is plastic" Then he walked off. His speech is the only one I remember. God has open arms waiting for him in eternity. He has entered the realm of glory while he yet lives. I mentioned this story that anyone reading this may understand the power of God's grace and love for all who decide to enter eternal purpose!

Among those who believe not all are called to be in the leadership of the faith. However, among those who believe all are called to be ministers of God's love. If our motives are to serve

with a heart of love and our actions display His character then our purpose will have great stature now and in eternal places.

I am not saying that we can earn this position. That is the finished work of Christ. Only be faithful with what He gives you because eternity is not without order. If I may speak for Paul, Joe, and above all the Lord, Your life is every bit as important as any who have gone before into eternity. The Lord knows His purpose for you and your potential to affect eternity. At the Lord's return the reality of eternity will be brought to light!