

A Bible Prophecy Series

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The Antichrist's Tactic

Lesson #7

Introduction:

If you were the devil, how would you deceive people in the last days? Today we are going to see exactly how he does this. In a previous lesson we saw that the Bible identifies the little horn of Daniel and the Beast of Revelation. Today we will look at the strategy of the little horn.

1. **What is the little horn's strategy?** – Daniel 7:25
The little horn will “think to change times and laws”. Satan has launched an all-out attack on God by blaspheming God, His law and His loyal people.
2. **What is sin?** - 1 John 3:4
According to the Bible sin is breaking God's law. By thinking to change God's law, Satan confuses people as to what sin actually is. There are people today who think lying, cheating, stealing, even killing is not sin! Satan wants us to think God's law has been changed so sin doesn't exist.
3. **Why would Satan not want us to know what sin is?**
A – Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death”. Satan wants us to sin so we die. He hates God and is attacking His children to hurt God Himself.
B – Romans 6:23 – “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”. God sending His Son Jesus to die on the cross allowed us to have the free gift of salvation/eternal life...but to receive the benefits of a gift you must accept it.
4. **How do I know I need a Savior?** – Romans 7:7
To know you need a Savior means we must first recognize you are a sinner. The law points out that we, indeed, are sinners. Satan “thinks to change times and laws” because he if can make us think we aren't sinning then we don't need a Savior from sin.

Two groups attack God's law.
Secular humanism – God's law not allowed to be taught in schools etc...Much of society teaches freedom from moral absolutes. This teaches you can do anything that feels good and makes sense to you. Could this explain the many broken homes and rise in crime?

Christian churches – Unfortunately many Christian churches today are teaching that God's moral Ten Commandment law has been done away with. We will now take time to discuss this.
5. **Is saved by grace a license to sin?** – Romans 6:1,2
We are saved by the grace of God, however that does not make it OK to continue in sin. (Remember sin is defined as breaking God's law).
6. **Are you sure it's not OK to sin (break God's law)?** Romans 6:14, 15
“God forbid”. It is not, never was, and never will be OK to break the law of God (sin). When you are stopped by a policeman for breaking the traffic law and let off with only a warning you have been shown grace when you broke the law. Does that now make it OK to speed again? On the contrary you are probably more careful to obey the law.

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7. **Aren't we only under the law of love now?** - Matthew 22:35-40
The Ten Commandments are summarized into two groups by Jesus. The first four deal with our love for God, and the last six deal with our love for fellow man. We are to love but Jesus never abolished the Ten Commandments by saying we need to love. Love is the basis of the Ten Commandments.
8. **Didn't Jesus keep the law so we don't have to?** - John 14:15, 1 John 5:2, 3
The basis of the Ten Commandments is love. If we truly love Jesus it will not be burdensome to obey His law.
9. **Weren't people in the Old Testament saved by keeping the law and by grace in the New Testament?** - John 14:6
There is only one way to eternal life and that is through Jesus Christ. No person in the Old Testament was ever saved by works.
Noah (Gen. 6:8) and Moses (Ex. 33:17) both found grace.
10. **Was the Gospel preached in the Old Testament?** - Hebrews 3:16- 4:1
The Gospel was preached to them as well as us.
11. **Are you trying to tell me I'm saved by works?** - Ephesians 2:8,9, James 2:18
We are not and never will be saved by works or the law. But when we love God it will be our pleasure to obey Him. God's work in our lives will be evidenced in the way that we live.

Summary:

There is only one way to eternal life, and that is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The people in the Old Testament looked forward to the cross in faith and we who live in the New Testament look back in faith at the cross. **Amen**

Supplement

-Jesus is our example (1 Peter 2:21) and He kept the commandments (John 15:10).

-Can I be a true Christian without keeping God's commandments?

According to 1 John 2:3, 4, no, He that says I know Him and doesn't keep His commandments cannot be a Christian.

-Whom does the devil especially hate? – Revelation 12:17

The devil hates those who keep God's commandments because he knows it's power to point us to Jesus.

How in the world is it possible to keep the commandments?

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.