

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:19. I also taught in part verse twenty. When the clock tolled 10:45 we were in the middle of a study of Gal 5:20.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:16-19.

### **Expanded Translation**

**Gal 5:16 Clearly, if you rebound when necessary and consistently take in the Word of God, you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.**

**Gal 5:17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not necessarily, to do whatever you want.**

**Gal 5:18 But since you are now being led by God the Holy Spirit, you are no longer under the Mosaic Law.**

**Gal 5:19 “Understand, the production from the old sin nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins such as adultery, filthy thoughts and shameful sexual conduct ...**

4. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 5:20. The entire verse has been rendered in the NIV:

#### NIV-Sentence Continues

Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, ...

1. I could take the nine overt sins and discuss each in great detail. Instead I want to review the Devil's strategy for our 21<sup>st</sup> century world which, no doubt includes the use of all nine.

1.1 I want to review some of that learned earlier and then begin new material at point eleven on page four.

2. Last week we looked at the first overt sin: **Eidolatria** and noted how past and present world leaders have continued to worship Satan's favorite idol: power.

3. The Devil has a strategy for the world. His primary strategy is to encourage internationalism and discourage nationalism. From the earliest of times foolish leaders motivated by Satan have attempted to conquer other countries.

4. There is something about mad men at the helm. There has never been any shortage of mad men as we see myriad examples both in history and in our world today; intra and inter boundary fighting abounds everywhere.

4.1 Those nations who have been foolish enough to disarm are often made vassal states to aggressor nations. Isa 14:12 raises his ugly head: "he who weakens the nations."

5. A case study of military preparedness and how God uses the military to protect a nation is provided in Neh 4:13-15: "they built the wall with trowel in one hand and sword in the other."

6. When Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, led the nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to relax and watch Him fight for them. Exo 14:14 "and the sea opened-up and swallowed the Egyptians."

7. However, Jehovah God recognized Israel was not ready for battle. Jesus told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in the art of war. Exo 13:17

Exo 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

8. So Jehovah God led Israel around the "Philistine city-states" leaving many enemies in their "rear-view mirrors." There would be many **idolatrous** nations left for Israel to conquer.

9. There was an entire generation who had wandered in the wilderness and had never had the privilege of serving their country.

Jdg 3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;  
Jdg 3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

10. Now let's review **Pharmakeia** as a motivator of various world leaders. **Pharmakeia** has been variously translated "witchcraft, magic spell, magic arts, sorcery or sorceries. Examples: (Gal 5:20; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8)

NIV

Gal 5:20 idolatry and **witchcraft**; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

Gal 5:21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

NIV

Rev 9:19 The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood -- idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Rev 9:21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their **magic arts**, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

NIV

Rev 18:23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your **magic spell** all the nations were led astray.

NIV

Rev 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice **magic arts**, the idolaters and all liars their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

11. Now let's see what we can learned about the demons who are alive and well on planet earth.

### *Doctrine of Demons*

1. Demons are fallen angels who followed Satan in his fall.

Rev 12:4 His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

2. There are two words used for the devil in the Greek, and both are descriptive of an aspect of his character.

2.1 **Satanas** according to Zondervan means "an adversary, opponent, enemy or he who opposes." In the KJV and the NIV, **Satanas** is translated "Satan."

2.2 **Diabolos** means "an accuser, a slanderer, a treacherous informer" (from **Diaballo**, "to accuse, to malign"). In the KJV it is translated devil.

2.3 The subalterns of Satan are called in the Greek **Daimon**, meaning a subordinate of Satan; once an elect angel who fell with Satan.

2.3.1 **Daimon**, a "demon," is frequently, but wrongly, translated "devil"; it should always be translated "demon."

2.3.2 There is one devil, there are many demons. **Daimon** is used more than 55 times in the New Testament and mistranslated "devil or devils" in the KJV. There is one exception: once it is translated "gods."

3. The study of Satan's fall, as a super angel taking one-third of the angels with him, is best approached by comparing several Scriptures.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!  
how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Eze 28:11 The word of the LORD came to me:

Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. . .

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Eze 28:18 By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.

Eze 28:19 All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

Rev 12:8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

4. Satan and demons operate under the permissive will of God.

Luk 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Luk 10:18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Luk 10:19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Luk 10:20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Mat 17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water.

Mat 17:16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him...

Mat 17:18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

Mat 17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out..."

Mat 17:21 ... this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Job 2:1 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

Job 2:2 And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Job 2:3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

Job 2:4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.

Job 2:5 But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

Job 2:6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

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