

ALL ABOUT SATAN

Isaiah 14:12-14

Introduction

The existence of Satan is doubted by the world:

1. As shown by the typical cartoon concept
2. As shown by the denial from liberal pulpits/cults.
3. As shown by the silence from conservative pulpits.

The Bible attests to the existence of Satan. He is mentioned in 7 OT Books. Genesis

- progressive (from the seeds to the results)
- consistent (no contradictions)
- uniform (only one point of emphasis)

Message

There are three central elements in this parable:

- I. The Grain of Mustard seed-** not the Word as in the parable of the sower, but the birth of the Christian religion training into Christendom- we might say the professing Christian religion. True Christianity cannot be attributed to a religion but it is a revelation carried on by the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. What was Christianity before? During Christ and the apostles (Acts 11:26)?
- II. The Great Tree-** Mustard is an herb but turning into a great tree, suggesting an expansion entirely foreign to its very nature and constitution. Suggesting also, loftiness (pagkatayog), expansion (paglawak), and prominence (katanyagan). It is no longer just flock of God but great ecclesiastical systems with all its orders, institutions, and schools both religious and political.

The world is where the seed is sown- the sphere in which the flesh and the devil are united in opposition to all that concerns Christ and His Church.

The church of the Lord Jesus, which is the headquarters of Biblical Christianity, differs with the professing Christian religion:

1. The Church of the Lord is both an organism and an organization. It has the life of Christ in it.
2. The Church of the Lord does not have the passion for prominence, power, and position, but the passion for lost souls.
3. The Church of the Lord does not strive for loftiness, pride, and mastery (kapangyarihan) but to be servants and laborers of the most high God.

4. The Church of the Lord does not look forward for world domination but for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

- III. The Birds of the Air-** symbolizes Satan and his subtle forces (Revelations 18:2). What does Satan and his forces do to the true church of Jesus Christ:
1. He puts up his imitation churches for the purpose of compromise.
 2. He establishes false religions to destroy it from without.
 3. He puts up false teachers in the church to destroy it from within.
 4. He puts up hostile government with godless ideologies to destroy the church of the Lord Jesus. But they shall proceed no further- What then should be our attitude in the midst of these things (Titus 2:12-12, Colossians 3)

*Acts 5:25-42, Acts 12

The Christians were persecuted not the persecutors.
They were the slaves not the masters
They were the minority no the majority

*Matthew 15:2-6, Colossians 2:8

They were the Biblicists not the traditionalists.
They were the spiritual not religious.
They were those who turn the world upside down for Christ's sake not the state religion (Acts 17:6).

