

Current Affairs # 16 — Defeating Satan, Part 1

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In Current Affairs #15 – Understanding How the Devil Works, I gave you, in a sense, the blueprint for how the enemy takes us captive through the agency or instrumentality of the soul. Before I get any further in this discussion, let me say that this is not the *only* way the devil works, but this is to reduce what the devil does and how he works on a personal level in your life, in our lives, or in the life of any human being. Now, I do understand and I have taught extensively on the schemes of the devil as they relate to systems—the creation of alternative systems to the Kingdom of Heaven. These systems entrap entire nations and entrap humanity as a whole, because they are systems designed to replace the order of the Kingdom. For example: the legal system that is based in an adversarial posture. If a society based its legal systems on an adversarial basis, so that the persons involved in that system are inherently involved in a process that is designed to produce enemies out of associates, if you are involved in that system, there is a way for that system to work to create animosities and to create enmities. When whole nations adopt these forms of systems, then the entire nation and all nations who view the process of the adjudication of disputes through those lenses, through those processes, will be entrapped in one of the schemes of the devil.

Every kingdom has systems on which it relies for its laws, for its order, for its stability, for its prosperity, and the like. Every kingdom has that. The Kingdom of Heaven has the perfect system, because its goal, the goal of each of the systems of that Kingdom, is to portray the nature of God. The nature of God is inherent in each of these systems. In the system for the adjudication of disputes, for example, the order of that system displays the value God places on the human being. For example, if your brother sins against you, the process is not to gain control over the thing in dispute; the process is to gain your brother, which is the model or the demonstration of the nature of God. God values the brother; man values the thing over which the brothers may be fighting. And so, an adversarial system is designed to assign control of the *thing* to an individual, but once it does that—it takes it from one, gives it to the other—it establishes a permanent enmity between the two. In the systemic order of these things, there is clearly a work of the devil in a mega-trend, in a systemic way, so he captures and controls in vast ways.

But, at the core of it all is essentially the way he controls at the human level—at the individual, human level. That is what I was talking about in the first portion of this, and just as a quick review

and to refocus your minds away from the mega-trends, with which the enemy controls nations and groupings of nations, back to the individual: We said that from our earliest years, even in childhood... Let me pause here to say that the schemes of the enemy may actually go back to a time when you were yet in the womb. So, the earliest of the attachment of the schemes of the enemy against you may come as early as in the womb, and as an important note here, when that is the origin of the effects of the enemy's schemes upon you, those are harder to detect. You will know that there is something wrong, and typically people will go back to try to find the traumatic experience that made them susceptible to, let's say, the feeling of fear, but you cannot find it. If you have had what is called, more a less, a normal life, the reality is that the aberration in your behavior—the upset within your soul; the emotions that keep you stirred up, that, as it were, keeps the engine running all the time, the sound going on in your head all the time; where you are never at rest and where you are constantly, both in sleep and while you are awake, you are agitated. Sometimes, in fact, you awaken around 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, and it is like your mind has been going all night, and you just do not know how to shut it off. You know, you will tell yourself you need to go to sleep—here, I am talking about chronically being this way; not the momentary thing that comes from immediate stresses that you are dealing with right away. But, if you have a pattern of sleep deprivation—you awaken and are just wide awake all of a sudden in the middle of the night when you should be asleep—and you are trying to find causation but nothing comes to mind, the problem may well be that the trauma that created the emotions occurred in the womb, before you were born. Those are harder to detect. I will come back to that, time permitting. In recapping that, I am saying, early on in your life you may find yourself the subject of emotions stirred up by experiences to which your five senses were subjected.

In the first part of this message I talked about the fact that in my case, the smell of curry takes me back to a time when I was a boy and the smell of curry was wafting through the house, and it was a happy time. The funny thing about these memories, your memories are jogged by present events stirring up former experiences and the memory of former experiences from an earlier time. These may be terrifying experiences from a former time. But, if the stimuli in the present environment—you may be a full-grown adult functioning normally, but you hear a certain word, you see a certain behavior, not necessarily directed at you—words may be spoken in your environment that register in you. When it does, the memory that it evokes does not take you back in your present state, to

your former state—to the state when that base emotion was initially established in you. It takes you back to *that* time in your life. And almost always, in a time in your life when the experience was unpleasant, you were vulnerable. For example, if something happened in your environment presently that stirs up in you an emotion of fear, although, as an adult, if you were as an adult in that initial happening that created that emotion of fear, you, in your present state, would not be afraid of that thing when it happened at that time. But, when you were vulnerable at that time, that is why the emotion so traumatized you. That is why the experience so traumatized you, because you were vulnerable. There was not anything you could do to prevent it. The nature of the emotion, when it is stirred up in you, it takes *you* captive, both to the time and place in which you were at the time.

So let's say, when you were five years old, or as young as you are able to remember, something was said to you that was completely humiliating to you. If in your present situation, if in your present life (and that humiliating experience may have been decades ago), but if something similar to that was said in your environment—it does not even have to be said to you; you could be observing two people interacting with whom you have absolutely no relationship—and in that exchange something would be said that triggered *this* thing in you, because you are observing it. It is a working of multiple of your senses: the sense of sight, the sense of sound. It may recall something to you from way back. When you go back to that, you go back to it where you were in the stage your development, not where you are presently. That is why it has the capacity to affect you like it does. Because, if you were to go back as an adult to speak to yourself in that place and time, you would bring all the skills and all the resources that you have as an adult to bear on that event as a child. It would be you talking to yourself as a child, but you are talking to yourself from the point of view of an adult. Obviously, you would limit the effect of that thing on the child. But you do not go back as an adult; you do not go back from your present state. The memory transports you entirely back to that thing and strips you of all the abilities you may have acquired in all the years since.

I remember one time I was watching a television interview of a man who had made large amounts of money—he may even have been a billionaire—and they were asking him what drove him. He said his father told him that he would never amount to much. Then the interviewer asked, “Well,

how old were you when that happened?” All he knew was that he was a small boy, and his father dismissed him as being essentially worthless. While he was giving the interview, he broke down—a very accomplished businessman broke down—and he began to speak to his dead father. This is what he said: “When will I have done enough? When will you approve of me?” Here is this highly accomplished guy—lots of people under his command who derive their paychecks from him, and a long dead father—but on television it triggered a memory. It confused the interviewer, because it went sideways so quickly. She could not see it coming. That is because he went back to that vulnerable child, vulnerable to the thoughtless words of his father. And who knows where the father was coming from? Who knows what thing in him motivated him to treat his own son in such a casual and demeaning and humiliating fashion? But when the grown man—he must have been in his late fifties—when the memory of that was triggered just by the conversation right there on television (he did not anymore know to prepare for that), he just broke down, and he reverted all the way back to where he was as a child when he was traumatized by the words of his father. None of his resources, none of his intelligence, none of the people he could call on, none of what he could do to rescue that child, if he could only go back as an adult to the child—his adult self going back to his infant self—none of that went back with him.

That is how the scheme of the enemy works, because that is the way your memory works. Your memory does not take you back from your present state, in whole, to the past state. When you go back, you leave the present, including who you are at present. You leave it and you migrate all the way back. To use *Star Trek* terms, it is like going back through a worm-hole or going back in time, except that your present situation has all the conscious memory and hurt of it as an adult. If someone can capture an adult and turn that adult, again, into being a child, how could you influence this adult? When he/she returns from the memory, but still freshly stung by it, when they (he or she) speak in their environment as a reaction to that emotion, they are going to be speaking from their present state, from their present capacity to create harm, from their present abilities to inflict pain. That is the strength of the enemy. That is how he works. So, he takes you back as a child and reacquaints you with the emotions that you had as a child. You live all of that, momentarily, then you come out of that, back into your present situation. Whoever did the thing that triggered that in you is still standing there, and you have all of your position, all of your strength, all of your resources, all of your capabilities to threaten them or to respond in kind. Because by now, you see,

when you come back from that experience—you are not aware you went back as a child; you are not aware that you experienced it again as a child; that is all just completely unregistered in your emotions—when you come back to the present and you start responding, you can only respond from your present state. You cannot respond from the state of a child, but you are responding from the emotions of the child. Do you see?

Let me give you an example. Let's say it is a husband and wife having an argument, and the wife says something that triggers this thing in the husband. He goes back, and instead of hearing the voice of his wife, he now hears the voice of his father, who humiliated him, who demeaned him. She in no way means to take the place of his father and to take the position of his father, but the words created the emotion, which accessed the memory, which triggers the behavior. When he comes back around, now here is his wife, but he does not see his wife, because he is not seeing rationally, he is seeing emotionally. And who is the wife, now? She has been substituted for the one who hurt him in his childhood. She is now standing in the place of the one whose wound he has been carrying his whole life. How fair is that to his wife? How fair is it for him to substitute his wife for a father who brutalized him? Do you see my point?

So at that juncture, when he unloads on her all of this rage, how is she going to interpret this, except that he is a monster? Because she does not know what just happened, no more than he does—that he was transported back to a time of humiliation, a time of diminishment, a time of being demeaned and marginalized, and made to feel like nothing. When that emotion is still fresh and present, but now he has the position of the husband, now he has the position, himself, as a father, or whatever it is that he is now and to whomever he is speaking when this emotion has been triggered, in that environment he is unbalanced. In that environment he has no objectivity. In that environment he is not even himself. But, he will unload on the person in the present out of that past. When he does that, the relationship is put in a very different light and not good on any level. That relationship is put in the light of adversarial. The enemy has entered in.

Now, are his feelings legitimate? Should he be feeling these things? Well, that is not even an appropriate question, because your feelings are your feelings. You feel what you feel. By the way, you know, I am sure that I am discussing a condition that is so painfully familiar. But, I pulled it apart so you could just see how this matter of stimulus taken in through the senses, accesses from

the emotional banks, an emotion, which in turn accesses your memory banks, which in turn stirs up your emotions, producing a result, because we act out of our emotions, transporting you in the whole process from the present to the past, reliving the past and all of its hurts. If these things are not healed, that is what is encountered. It comes back as a wave onto the present, and no one is aware that that transaction just occurred. The one, male or female, who is taken back into those emotions is unaware that that is what happened, because this is a familiar emotion—so familiar and so routinely stirred up over time that it is always there.

Sometimes, when the wave of this thing subsides and the full impact of the behavior is assessed, then the person perpetrating the behavior goes into a kind of depression. Because then the enemy says to them, “You are as worthless as your father said you were. You are as unstable as that voice that spoke to you accused you of being.” Soon enough, you begin to believe the lie. By then, if this were the last straw in the marriage and the wife has had enough, she is looking to file for divorce. And, of course, that triggers another wave of the sense of failure, the sense of worthlessness. What does that, in turn, trigger? One of the things it routinely triggers, and this may be a surprise to you, but your enemy, who has gained access to your thoughts through your responses to these emotions, begins to make suggestions to you as to what you should do. One of the first suggestions he makes when you are confronted with this quantum of potential loss is, “All is lost. You might as well kill yourself.” I talk to so many people who say, “I am ashamed to admit this, but I have thought about suicide.” I stop them and I say, “No. Those are not your thoughts. That is your enemy, who was on a roll, and he saw the opportunity to supply you with the solution, which in fact was the whole point of utilizing this thing to get to you in that way. So, no. Reject that thought as being your thought. Yes, it did come up in your mind, but look at the sequence of events and see who is the prime actor here. The prime actor here is your enemy.

I want to continue at least one more broadcast on this thing, because I think we are getting into the murky waters of understanding how the devil works. One of the things I want to do is to try to help you decide what are your thoughts and what are the plants of your enemy into the processes of your thought. I want to talk about how easy it is to give into these thoughts if your family has a history of behavior that reflects the way the enemy succeeds against your family by planting thoughts that lead to actions, and curses the family. I am Sam Soleyn. I will talk to you again.