

Current Affairs #80 – The Attack Upon the Man Child

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The attack of Satan is always upon the sonship of the believer. This has been the theme since Adam, who was the first son of God according to the genealogy of Christ recorded in the Book of Luke that concludes, Adam was the son of God.¹ In the case of Christ, we saw repeatedly the attack of the enemy, as detailed in His time in the wilderness, in those three temptations recorded in Matthew. In two of the three temptations, the devil says, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones be made into bread,” and “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down off the pinnacle of the temple” (cf. Matthew 4:3-6). When the enemy is dispossessed of that guise, the subtlety and the indirection, he is obligated to come full force and to say, as he did in the third temptation of Jesus, “Look, I control all the systems of the *kosmos*.²”

We talked about how the devil showed Jesus the kingdoms of the world, the *basileia*³ of the *kosmos*, which are the systems of the world, as opposed to individual kingdoms over a span of time. So we see that the devil disclosed to Jesus the nature of his entrapment of mankind, and he is so proud of that entrapment as to say to Jesus, “I have humanity totally entrapped. And since You are here on the planet in the form of a human being, there is no escape for You from this entrapment. But, listen, I have got a deal for You. If You will fall down and worship me, I will let You have rule over the systems. They are mine,” he said, “to give.”⁴ Which indicates that he is proud of his creation. He is sure that he is the one who has created these systems, and they depend upon him. In fact, the structure of these kingdoms is the result of his activities, his conceptions, his thoughts, and the like.

We should take note of that before we move on to the third iteration found in Scripture, where the enemy attacks the son at the end of the age. This is the nature of the reference throughout the Book of Revelation and, generally speaking, throughout prophetic Scripture, and how God responds,

All Scripture references are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Luke 3:38: “...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”

² See *kosmos* Strong’s Greek 2889 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2889.htm>

³ See *basileia* Strong’s Greek 932 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/932.htm>

⁴ See Matthew 4:8-9: “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ ”

and the fact that God would have us view ourselves no longer according to the flesh but according to the spirit. The first Adam made the mistake of viewing himself according to the flesh. The last Adam did not. He viewed Himself from His position as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.⁵ And we are in the last Adam.

We are in Christ, and therefore, for our responses to be effective, we must submit to Christ before we resist the devil.⁶ In short, the only openings that the enemy actually has against us are the openings in which we retain the right to independently act—that is, independent of Christ. But if we will submit to God, who has appeared to us in Christ, to whom we have been assembled and of whose body we are members, if we will submit to Christ, then from that position we may resist the devil. When we are resisting the devil from our position in Christ, we cannot be overtaken. For, according to the Book of Ephesians which we will come to in a moment, we have an entire economy described variously as the armor of God available to us with which to engage the enemy. But I will come to that.

Jesus, in the last of the three temptations, when He is taken to the high mountain and so on, and the devil shows Him the structure of the *kosmos* (the systems and all of that), and in a bare-knuckled way, so to speak, the gloves are off, the devil says, “Fall down and worship me. I have shown you my hand. I have shown you exactly how I control mankind—the systems I have put in place that entrap mankind. And the more they think of escaping the trap, the more thoroughly the systems entrap them.” Because Satan is saying, “I give them the illusion of being in control. When they think they are in control, that is when I have them most in my grasp; that is when they are most entrapped.” Jesus again responded by saying, “You shall worship the Lord your God.”⁷ In short, He is saying, “I am the Lord your God.” Which is to say what? That Jesus is clothed with the authority of who He is. His mind is not that of the Son of Mary; His mind is that of the Son of God. His ability to resist the devil, and to do so firmly, thoroughly, and unequivocally in the

⁵ See John 1:14: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

⁶ See James 4:7: “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

⁷ See Matthew 4:10: “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.” ’ ”

language—“You shall worship the Lord your God. You are the created being. I am the One who created you to serve Me. So you must worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve,”—indicates without controversy that Jesus fully responds from His position as the Son of God.

The temptation always is, even to the church in the last days, the temptation is and will be whether or not, even if we have the knowledge that we are the sons of God, whether we are still trapped in the culture of the orphan. Because there are many who now mouth the theology of sonship, “We are sons of God,” but for them, the extent of their sonship relates to using that to ask God to enable their status as the son of man. In other words, they will say, “God, help me. Oh, my Father, help me with this thing: help me to get a better job, help me to get over sickness, help me in my relationships,” and so on and so forth.

Unfortunately, the purveyors of the doctrine called the doctrine of faith, which is by no means the biblical view of faith, offer only those things. And here we are at the end of the age, quickly, rapidly approaching the end of the age, and one of the things that we are seeing coming unstuck is this doctrine. The purveyors of this doctrine look like idiots, fools. They are being mocked and disregarded from the highest offices in the land here in the United States, from the presidency on down, where they are being used as cheap harlots because, indeed, there was no authenticity, no biblical soundness to their doctrine. It will continue to unfold in this way because it was never foundationed on the truth. The doctrine of faith is not about how you get things from God, even necessary things.

He tells us He knows what we have need of,⁸ but our mandate is to seek first the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God.⁹ Because the Kingdom’s authority, the Kingdom’s power, the Kingdom’s economy exists to support the son who is pursuing the righteousness of God. And as

⁸ See Matthew 6:8: “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

⁹ See Matthew 6:33: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

he pursues the righteousness of God, part and parcel of that endeavor is that God reveals to him how the Kingdom's existence supports the son in time and space.

All of these false and foolish doctrines that have appealed to man's basic desire to survive, and the promise of being in control of your life, albeit aided by God in doing so, that whole thing is unravelling as we speak. It has no future. And concerning the leaders who have now been debunked, this thing shall not rise again.

We are in that serious time where the sons of God are being required to focus on their sonship, not as a means of getting things from God, not as a means of supporting their son of man concerns, but rather from the viewpoint of learning how to rule. They first begin with ruling their own souls, bringing everything under the rulership and lordship of the Spirit of God, so that when they confront the enemy in these times—and confront the enemy they will, confront the enemy they must—they will do so from their position as sons of God who understand that the enemy is but a created being. And all of his systems that he has created, the ones he showed Jesus (when Jesus was in the wilderness in the temptations recorded in Matthew 4), all of those systems are a sham and a fake, a fraud. They depend solely upon people believing these systems; they depend entirely on perceptions. Whoever has the perspective of God, whoever has a heavenly perspective as a mature son of God, will know better than to rely on the sham of these systems.

Here, let me say without equivocation, and this is a prophetic declaration: All of these schemes that men have used to entrap, to entice, to subjugate other human beings are now being disclosed fully and thoroughly. Political systems are being revealed for what they are: ways of manipulating and controlling public opinion through a variety of things, including promises and threats, and appeals to the human nature and the desire for sameness and the preservation of things as they have been, because that is what humans understand as their basis of security and reliance. These are examples of how the *kosmos* has thoroughly entrapped mankind.

Because of the times in which we are living, and by the way, we will never go back to anything that we used to think of as normal, because God is moving things forward now, in a time and in a manner that He has long prepared. They cannot go back; they will not go back. With that, God is

pulling the mask off the faces of all the deceptions and revealing all the deceptions of these systems. Now individuals will be associated with these systems, but individuals are not the systems. The systems are corrupt precisely because their originator is the *kosmokratór*.¹⁰ It is the mind behind it. Now you can change rulers, you can change figureheads, you can change officials, you can change the people in position, but the new ones who arise will, without doubt and without failure, adopt exactly the same characteristics as the ones they are replacing. Why? Because it is the nature of the systems. When a person puts his or her trust in these systems, this is the inevitable result: it distorts and corrupts the human being.

Whenever people think that they are actually in control of these systems, to the extent that they bought into and lend themselves to the propagation of these systems, to that extent the systems entrap them. To remind you, I am speaking of the systems of the *kosmos*—the *basileia* of the *kosmos*, the kingdoms of this world—which are depicted in the aggregate, that is they are depicted together, as a great beast that arises at the end of the age. This is the sophistication with which they have progressed and with which they have been refined so as to entrap the sonship of the son of God. And now the reach is not to just directly threaten the young believer; it is meant to trap those who are on a journey to maturity by having them accept the doctrine that they are sons of God, but use the understanding that they are sons of God to try to live as sons of men, hoping to plunder the economy of the heavens for no greater purpose than survival.

I am saying that those who have taught that, have taught it under the rubric of the doctrine of faith. It is a grotesque misrepresentation of the biblical doctrine of faith, which by contrast, is to lie down—the *tithémi*¹¹—in absolute reliance upon God, unlike the Hebrews in the Old Testament, who saw the goodness of God for forty years and would not consent to the obvious and glaring truth that God is actually reliable, and you do not have a better idea for life than He does. But the purveyors of this false doctrine of faith would have sons believe that, yes, you are a son, and because you are a son, God is obligated to provide you with health, finances, good relationships,

¹⁰ See *kosmokratór*, Strong's Greek 2888 – <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/2888.htm>

¹¹ See *tithémi*, Strong's Greek 5087 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5087.htm>

and the like; and that is the focus of who you are, that is the focus of your faith. That will entrap you as firmly in the systems of the *kosmos* as if you are an unbeliever.

So there is a renewing of the mind, and with it, God is bringing forth the leadership that models this renewed mind. Because it is in this renewed mind, you see, that we are able to overcome the schemes of the enemy perfectly brought together in a compendium that is referred to in Scripture as the *kosmos*, and in prophetic Scripture, at the end of the age is referred to as this great beast with seven heads and ten horns¹² who makes war against the saints.¹³

One of the examples of this making war against the saints is found in the Book of Revelation, the 12th chapter, and it focuses precisely on the fact that this is an ongoing war. The thing that began in the Garden of Eden, as it has moved through history, we observed its full-on address of Jesus, the mature Son, the One that the Father in heaven says, “This is My beloved *Huios*¹⁴ (the Greek term *huios*, which is a reference to the mature son). This is My beloved Son—My beloved *Huios*. Listen to Him!” (cf. Matthew 17:5). Because the mature son is the representational son. When you are the representational son, inevitably you are in conflict with the enemy because that is the son that the enemy fears. He will try to kill that son while it is still a child. Here is an example, the third of many examples in the Scriptures, of how he tries to kill the child who will become the One to destroy the works of the devil, as John says in 1 John, chapter 3.¹⁵

In Revelation 12—I am using this passage purely to show you that the end of the age is like all the other ages in that the theme of the attack upon the son is what is characteristic of the end of the age, and I am simply wanting to show you also, that the organized pattern of this attack is the subject of much of the prophetic references in Scripture, and in particular the Book of Revelation. But our understanding is that our pattern for behavior as the mature son is not Adam, whose

¹² See Revelation 13:1b: “And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

¹³ See Revelation 13:7: “It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”

¹⁴ See *huios*, Strong’s Greek 5207 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/5207.htm>

¹⁵ See 1 John 3:8b: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

sonship was compromised by his love for a position, independent of God; whereas, Christ responds by perfect harmony, perfect union with the Father. And the church at the end of the age, the sons at the end of the age, are defined by the righteousness of Christ because they have been baptized into Him and they have been disciplined and trained by Him through the circumstances of their lives, so that their choreography of life exactly matches the standard that is already in Him. Listen, when you are baptized into Christ, the purpose, as much as being assembled to Christ, is to have you be conformed to the preexisting standard of Christ the mature Son, Christ the Firstborn, Christ the pattern Son.

Now I want to go to Revelation 12 just to show you the fact that the plan of the enemy is to destroy this son as quickly as he can. The plan involves the use of this kingdom, defined as the great beast, defined as that to which the devil gives his power, his throne, and his authority,¹⁶ and this great beast of seven heads and ten horns. Here is the reading, beginning in Revelation 12:1,

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars (Revelation 12:1 NKJV).

This matches the actual sign that appeared when Jesus was born. For a star called “The Desire of the Ages” appeared in the constellation Virgo, to indicate what? That the Desire of the ages was being born on the earth through a virgin. This is the symbolic model that is being followed: how the church, in all of everything that the church has been, is about to give birth to the son, this pattern son, this mature son who is conformed to the pattern of Christ. And like Satan came in the form of rulers in the days of Jesus, principally Herod, to try to kill the Son while He was yet a Son, so the rulers of the earth, together under this system, will attempt to destroy that which emerges as the fully mature son, who now is equipped to destroy the works of the devil.

- “Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman”- We talked about that.
- I will not go into “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,” but you note the number twelve there, indicating a kingdom and a rule of a kingdom.

¹⁶ See Revelation 13:2: “The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.”

Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth (Revelation 12:2).

So this is at the time of the birth pangs which Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24, which I have talked about. It is in the time of the birth pangs, and birth pangs mean something is about to be born. For our purposes, what is being born is the mature son, born in the travail of the times and circumstances.

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon [\[here it is\]](#) having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems [\[crowns\]](#) on his heads (Revelation 12:3).

This is exactly the description we will read in other portions of Revelation, like the 13th chapter; we read it again in Daniel, and so on, describing this beast.

His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child [\[or a man Child\]](#) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Revelation 12:4-5a).

It did not say the Child was ruling; it said His destiny was to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, clearly a representation of the company surrounding Christ, namely the mature sons of God, whose destiny in the millennium is to rule with a rod of iron.

And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (Revelation 12:5b-6).

I have to wrap this portion up, and I want to do so by saying, you clearly see that the end of the age is one in which the dragon, who is Satan—we will read about that just a little bit further on actually, in verse 9: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world”—he is oppressing the saints through this representation of

seven heads and ten horns, which we have spoken of before, this earthly hegemonic kingdom that is designed to suppress the saints. So, he will do what he has always done: he will attempt to distract and to subject and even to destroy the saints. This is his method of proceeding. We can expect him to do that. We will not get out of here until such time as we overthrow the evil one.

I want to talk next about the doctrine of the rapture that presumes we need to get out of here because we cannot stand up to the devil.

I am Sam Soleyn. I will see you next time. Bye-bye.