

“A POWERFUL INFLUENCE”

JOHN 8:37-47

(Part 2)

Satan doesn't wait on the sidelines. Do not underestimate the influence of this diabolical persuader of evil. Though a defeated foe, he seeks to wreak havoc and invite dissention and encourage conflict. He is no friend to Christianity as walks about as a roaring lion, seeking who he may devour.

THE SWAY OF SATAN

① D _____ (8:41a)

② D _____ (8:41b)

③ D _____ (8:42)

④ D _____ (8:43)

⑤ D _____ (8:44a)

Misrepresenting the Lord continues to be one of his more dedicated assaults. He clearly does that in misrepresenting the Scriptures, yet also:

1. In misrepresenting God's _____.
2. In misrepresenting God's _____.

⑥ D _____ (8:44b)

This murderer “from the beginning” entered the garden with intentions including the destruction of:

1. perfect fellowship – with what God _____.
2. untested innocence – with what God _____.
3. Godward image – with what God _____.
4. biblical authority – with what God _____.
5. godly contentment – with what God _____.

⑦ D _____ (8:44c-45)

He _____ with fibs, myths and tales, a ploy that itching ears yearn to hear.

Proverbs reverberates with concerns about falsehood (6:16-19; 12:19,22; 19:5; 21:6; 26:28).

⑧ D _____ (8:46)

Incredibly, like the clay correcting the potter (Isaiah 29:16), sinful men were correcting the sinless One.

CONCLUSION

This upside-down-world evidences the sway of Satan. He is a major obstacle as we seek to infuse the gospel into the lost and dying world around us. Indeed, he is the enemy who sows wicked seed among the good seed (Mt. 13:39).

But when Jesus stepped out of that tomb on the third day, everything changed. Satan was defeated. So into this world we have been sent – to shine light into darkness.