

The Gospel of the Devil! Believe It Not

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Ian Paisley's sermon warns against the deceptive nature of the devil's gospel and calls for a return to the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Scripture: Genesis 3:1-9, Isaiah 14:12-17

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the urgency of accepting God's gift of salvation. He warns against the deception of the devil's gospel and urges listeners to turn to the true gospel of Jesus Christ. The preacher emphasizes the power of Christ's blood to cleanse and bring peace, both in this life and in eternity. He concludes with a prayer for the souls of those who are deceived and a plea for them to come to the cross and find redemption in the blood of the Lamb.

Transcript

You'll find authorized versions of the scripture in the English tongue before you in your pew. Pick up your Bible, turn with me to the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis, at the chapter 3. I want to read some verses from that chapter to you. Genesis chapter 3, Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not, surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together, and knitted themselves aprons.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto them, unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? Ending our reading at verse nine, and

God will stamp it with his own divine approval.

I want to speak tonight upon the subject, The Gospel of the Devil. Believe it not. And I want to take for my text the fourth verse of Genesis chapter three.

Ye shall not surely die. The old martyred Bishop Latimer, whom Rome burned for his faith in the Bible and in God's truth, called the devil the most busy bishop the world has ever seen. He said in one of his sermons, and now I must ask a strange question.

Who is the most diligent bishop and prelate in all England, and passeth all the rest in doing his office? I can tell, for I know him who he is. I know him well. Now methinks I see you listening, and heartening that I should name him.

There is one that passeth all other, and is the most diligent prelate and preacher in all England. And will ye know who it is? I tell you, it is the devil himself. He is the most diligent preacher of all others.

He is never outside his diocese. He is never from his church. Ye shall never find him unoccupied.

He is ever in his parish. He keepeth residence at all times. Ye shall never find him out of the way.

Call for him when ye will. He is ever at home. He is the most diligent preacher in the realm.

He is ever at his cloud. No lording or lottering may hinder him. He is ever applying to his business.

Ye shall never find him idle. I warrant you. And his office is to hinder religion.

To maintain superstition. To set up idolatry. And to teach every kind of potpourri.

He is as ready as can be wished for to set forth his cloud. And to devise as many ways as he can to deface and obscure the glory and grace of God. For the devil is resident and hath his cloud going.

Then away with books and up with candles. Away with Bibles and up with beads. Away with the light of the gospel and up with the light of candles.

Yea, even at noonday. For the devil is resident that he may prevail up with all superstition. Up with all idolatry.

Sensing, painting of images, candles, bombs, ashes, holy water. A new service of man's inventing. As though man could invent a better way to honor God than God himself has appointed.

Down with Christ's cross, he cries. Up with purgatory and pickpockets. Up with Pope's purgatory, I mean.

Away with clothing the naked, the poor and the impotent. Up with the decking of images and gay garnishing of stocks and stones. Up with man's tradition and his laws.

Down with God's will and his most holy word. Down with the old honor due unto God and up with the new God's honor. Let all things be done in a strange language so that men will not remember it in their own.

What be the words that the minister speaketh unto the ignorant people when he giveth them ashes upon ash Wednesday? But they must be spoken in Latin and in no wise translated into English. Oh, that our prelates would be as diligent to sow the corn of good doctrine as Satan is to sow cockle and tanel. How

true it is.

The devil is the most untiring of all the bishops. We would do well tonight to remember that the devil has a gospel and he's preaching that gospel with all the skill that he can muster and with all the strength that he has. He goes into all the world preaching his false gospel.

His gospel is the gospel begotten in his own vile heart and comes from the womb of the darkest of hells. It is a lie. It is a diabolical lie.

It is a hellish lie. It is a damnable lie. But my Bible tells me no lie is all the truth.

It presents itself dressed at the dawn in the camouflage of religious finery. But that finery conceals the courses of the devil's black villainy. The gospel of Satan is incarnate of villainy.

Satan's gospel is an ancient gospel. It began in his own heart before man was created. By it he himself was damned and ever since he has been sowing tares to the everlasting destruction of all who embrace that.

Listen to these words from the scriptures of truth. They bring us to the origin of the doctrine of the devil. Isaiah chapter 14 verses 12 to 17.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning? How art thou cut down for the crime which did weaken the nation? For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into the heaven. I will exalt thy throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the door.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the most high. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall therewith look upon thee and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble and to shake the kingdom, that made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof, that opened not the house of the prisoners? Back in the ages of the past, before man was created, Satan, one of the cherubim angels of heaven, one of the custodians of God's everlasting throne, brought forth his devilish in the recesses of his heart. He secretly schemed the act of supreme treachery against the God who created him and endowed him so liberally with indescribable gifts. He brought forth his gospel which cast him from the highest heaven to the deepest hell.

The gospel of his very own manufacturing became the worm which ate up the ambition of his dark scheming. It led to the road to the pit, and the dark path for the devil of eternal perdition. It degraded the sun of the morning into the darkest cloud of unlightenable night.

It made the angel Lucifer a monster of the sink of immeasurable iniquity. The one who in his monstrosity weakened the nation was cut down like a wheat and became the off-scouring of the whole universe. He who boasted of his proud ascent became the everlasting monument of his putrid descent.

He who usurped the place among the most radiant of the stars of glory became a wandering star in the blackness of darkness forever. Jude, verse 13. And his angelical associates, God reserved them an everlasting change unto the judgment day, unto the great day of judgment.

Jude, verse 6. Instead of being like God, he deteriorated into an inmate of hell. He became the butt of the most withering attacks from those whose eternal damnation he had achieved. Ezekiel, chapter 26, verses

20 to 21, we read these words.

But I shall bring thee down with them that descend to the pit with the people of old times, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth in places desolate of old with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited, and I shall set thee in the land of the living. I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more, though thou be sought for, yet thou shalt never be found again, saith the Lord. Thine heart has been lifted up because of thy beauty.

Thou hast corrupted my wisdom by reason of thy brightness. I will cast thee to the ground. I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuary by the multitude of thine iniquity, by the iniquity of thy traffic. Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee. It shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in sight of all that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee. Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the siege.

Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? But thou shalt be a man, and no God in the hand of him who slayeth thee. This devil's gospel is an ancient gospel. It's the ancient gospel that the devil preaches.

There's nothing new about it. It attacks God in his divine sovereignty and truthfulness. Satan challenges and questions the wholesome integrity of God's rule and God's freedom over all mankind.

He injects into man's heart the poison that God is not the friend of man, but rather God seeks man ill. The hiss of his disdain and bitterness rolls off the tongue of the devil as he hissed in the face of the woman. Yea, ha, God said.

Yes, when God says something, it's incredibly true. It cannot be altered. It's unchanging.

It's unerring proof of an eternal God who cannot lie. The devil's gospel is intoxicated with the dark line of jealousy of the God of unearning and unaltering honesty. The devil's gospel is motivated.

It's dedicated to the overthrow of God's unvarnished and untarnishable truth. The word of God standeth forever. It is like the tables of stone of the Ten Commandments.

It cannot be moved. While Satan's attacks lead to the fall of his bulwarks, like the overthrow of Jericho's laws, like Dagon, the god of the Philistines, fell, smashed, and became a scum before the Ark of the Covenant, so shall the devil fall before our God, the triune God of Israel, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In 1 Samuel chapter 5 and verse 4, we read, And when they of Ashdod rose early in the morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the Ark of the Lord.

And they took Dagon and set him up in his place again. But when they arose early the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground. before the Ark of the Lord.

And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold of the temple. Only the stump of Dagon was left to him. The ancient gospel of that old serpent, the devil and Satan, diminishes, declines, decays as the centuries pass and millenniums flee away.

Its age will advance to overcoming weakness, and weakness will advance to crumbling impotence. It is aging, dying, and God is preparing it for everlasting burial. So shall it perish, its ancientness changed into dust and ashes.

Its old victory will sound ringing through the caverns of the dam. How art thou fallen, Lucifer, the sun of the morning? Art thou become like unto the devil? The devil's gospel is a plausible. How plausible Satan was when he tempted Eve.

Satan always becomes a gentle man when he dates his hook to attack and catch the unwary and foolish. He, we are told by Paul, transforms himself as an angel of light. He's a great figure.

He becomes again Lucifer, the sun of the morning. We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices. We must watch and pray lest we enter and fall under his temptations.

He paves the road to his hell with good intentions and is strong in praising the enjoyments of sin. Every apple of the devil given has the worm of delusion in it and the poisoned sip of eternal death. Beware of Satan.

Old Francis Quarles, who was a great poet of the Puritan age, said, Satan is busy in planting snares in thy substance, snares attending thy wants, snares in the discredit, snares in thy disgrace, snares in thy hiesty, snares in thy peace, snares in thy quiet, snares in thy commotion, snares in thy diet, snares in thy devotion, snares above thy head and snares beneath, snares in thy sickness and at last snares in thy death. Beware of the plausible gospel of the devil. But the devil's gospel is not only a plausible gospel and an ancient gospel, it is a lying one.

Satan is a liar and the father of lies. He was from the very beginning, my Bible tells me, a liar and a bold knot in truth. He came from a lying womb.

He grew up in a lying environment. He developed in a lying condition and he is headed for the liar's perdition. All liars headed by this king of liars, that old serpent, the devil, will end their careers in the never-ending fires of hell.

Because God tells me this, the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. The gospel of the devil, believe it not, be not deceived, God is not mine. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

But to the gospel of the devil is a deceiving gospel. Satan is a great deceiver. He plans, he schemes, he tempts, he lies, he misrepresents.

He stoops to the vilest of iniquities in order to deceive those whom he intends to destroy in the cruel wheel of his damnation. There is no action the devil will not take in order to crush the soul that he seizes in his grip. There is no discharge from the war which Satan wields against all mankind unceasingly.

Satan deceives the looted souls by giving them false comforts. Edward Henry Vickers said, the prominent evangelical preacher of the Victorian age, and he said, Satan himself unmask himself as he seeks to destroy others. He speaks thus, Vickers has said, I know God is almighty, but I see another image of omnipotence, the power of self-determined choice.

Suppose I choose to worship at that shrine, what hinders? Will God drag me to his feet? Forced adoration, what were this and where? His own irrevocable free will. Will he destroy me? Nay, himself has said, we are endowed with immortality. That fateful dowry makes destruction null.

What then? He will beseech me to repent, and if I do not repent, will he punish me? But how? He speak of death, but what is death to us? Beasts die and birds, man made of flesh may die, but we are spirits, imperishable spirits. He speaks of hell, but where or what is hell? Gabriel, though I light some wing from star to star, has spanned creation's height and depth and length and breadth. Say, Gabriel, hast thou ever seen this hell? What is it? A place of chains, of punishment, competitors bind, assassins.

Or would God make a creature who should live forever in perpetual torment? Say, Gabriel, is this like God? Is God not one of love? Nay, rather, when mankind is broken loose from his pure pledge, as tempted he will break, we shall be left sole arbiters of earth, and all angelic natures one by one are flocking to our side in multitude. Will you not join us? The devil invites man down a road of absolute delusion. It's a delusion that seeks to undermine the holiness of God.

It's a delusion which would destroy the integrity of God. It is a delusion which undermines God's infallible Word. There is a God who cannot lie, and there is a punishment for every sin we dare commit.

There is no hope for the Christ-rejecter. There is no heaven for the one who refuses to be cleansed in the blood of the Lamb. The God of this world has blinded your eyes.

That is why you believe not. Satan is always working overtime to keep the light of the glory of God from shining into your heart. He has deceived you for years.

Tonight could be for you the ending of that deception forever. And the beginning of everlasting life by receiving God's gift of salvation freely offered without money or without price. Or it could be the last opportunity you'll ever have to repent and believe the gospel.

Remember, in spite of all, the leaning lyre of the pit is at this very moment whispering in your ear and telling you not to take Christ as your Savior. Remember, you can lose your soul by final rejection of God's way of salvation. Face the devil now in the name of Christ, his conqueror.

Cry out for the Savior to come and deliver you from Satan's deception. That you might enter into peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot tell how soon eternity's bell will ring the last ring of the invitation for you.

And the first ring of damnation of your poor, lost, deluded soul, irredeemably lost. Oh, where shall rest be found? Rest for the weary soul, for be in the ocean's depths to shun or pierce to either fold. Beyond this veil of tears there is a life above, unmeasured by the flight of years.

And all that life is lost. There is a death whose time outlasts the fleeting breath. Oh, what eternal horrors hang around the second death.

Lord God of truth and grace, teach us that death to shun, lest we be banished from thy face. And evermore undone. Here would we end our quest.

Alone are found in thee, a life of perfect love, the rest of immortality. I trust tonight that you will escape the temptations and the deceptions of the devil's gospel. And you'll turn for pardon and peace and life

everlasting.

To the only true gospel of a redeemer who died for sinners. Of blood that has power to cleanse you and make you whiter than snow. And of the peace that passeth knowledge and all understanding now.

Which will pass all knowledge and understanding when you come to die. And for all eternity it will pass peace and understanding in the millenniums to come. In the world of the great eternity.

Be in time, sir. Be in time. By the voice of Jesus Christ.

Be in time. If you can send your longer wit, you may find no opening to it. And your cry will be just to me.

Be in time. Let us bow our heads in prayer. Father in heaven, let this warning tonight grip the souls of those that are deceived by the devil.

And are blinded to divine truth. Let thy divine spirit take the holy word and apply it with power to the consciences and hearts of the ungodly. And grant that men and women and boys and girls may hasten to the cross.

And wash their robes. And make them white in the blood of the lamb. Write your eternal truth upon our hearts savingly.

For Jesus' sake. And everybody say, Amen.

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