

THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL

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PURPOSE OF THE HEBREW LETTER

This letter is about two covenants, the old covenant that God made with his people before Christ and the new covenant God made with his people through Christ. The old covenant was made up of types and shadows of things to come. The new covenant was to fulfill the old covenant. The writer of the Hebrew letter proved the **SUPERIORITY** of the new covenant over the old covenant.

Hebrews 2:9-15.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 ¶ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

14 ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through **death** he might **destroy** him that had the **power of death, that is, the devil**;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Satan has the power of death but does NOT have power OVER DEATH

JOB 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but **save his life**.

SETTING EXAMPLES WITH OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES

Every church member is responsible for his or her actions. We, as ministers, are not immune to lusts of the flesh. Our lives are the only **BIBLE** some people read. God's ministers many times preach, live for Christ and do his will. We fail to point out the dangers the devil might throw in their way. The scripture I want to bring to your attention applies to all God's children. Let us warn these children to flee from

such non-believer action and set true examples. We can not live above sin but we can live above the reproach of sin.

I want to use the following scripture to explain those warnings we should watch for. These passages apply to all God's children whether church members or non members.

II Timothy 3:1-12.

- 1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.
- 10 ¶ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
- 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12: 1 & 2.