

"THEN THE DEVIL COMES..."

Luke 8:11-15

Introduction:

A. "Then the devil comes ..." suggests devil is real. (cf. Matt. 4:1-11)

1. Does not come with horns and red suit.

2. May come as angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14)

3. May come as "roaring lion" - vicious persecution. (1 Pet. 5:8,9).

B. "Then the devil comes ..." raises some important questions:

Discussion:

I. WHAT Does The Devil Do? - "Takes away the word"

A. The word produces faith. (Romans 10:6-8,17).

B. The word guides one right. (Psa. 119:105).

C. The word deters sin. (Psa. 119:11).

II. WHY Does The Devil Do It? - "Lest they should believe and be saved."

A. He knows the word saves. (cf. Jas. 1:21)

B. He knows the word makes real disciples. (cf. John 8:31)

C. He knows the word will judge us. (cf. John 12:48)

III. HOW Does The Devil Do It?

A. By getting us to **misidentify** His teachers. (2 Cor. 11:15).

1. Because they may appear genuine on the surface. (Mt. 7:15-20).

2. Because they may be called brethren. (Gal. 2:5,6)

3. Because they may be working under cover. (Gal. 2:5; 2 Pet. 2:1).

4. Because they may be courting us. (Gal. 4:17; Rom. 16:17).

B. By getting us to **misplace** faith. (cf. 1 Cor. 2:5)

1. Faith tied to messenger more than source of message. (1 Cor. 6:4)

2. Faith tied to anything other than the word of God.

a. Sensationalism

b. Direct operation of Holy Spirit. (cf. Acts 11:14-16)

c. Personality. (cf. 1 Thess. 5:13, Paul)

C. By getting us to **misestimate** ourselves (Rom. 12:3,16)

1. Too conceited to feel need for help or teaching from another.

(cf. 1 Cor. 12:21; Acts 8:30-31; 17:11; John 9:34)

2. Too conceited to properly esteem God's servants. (Phil. 2:3,29;

1 Thess. 5:13).

D. By getting us to **misapply** Scriptures (Gal. 1:7; 2 Pet. 3:16)

1. In an effort to justify ourselves.

2. In an effort to fit circumstances rather change circumstances.

3. In an effort to find easier solution to some problem.

E. By getting us to **misarrange** priorities. (Lk. 8:14; 10:38-42)

1. More important to be in step with society than God.

2. More important to please men than Christ.

3. More important to have peace with family than God.

F. By getting us to **misdirect** affections. (Col. 3:2,5)

G. By getting us to **mishandle** troubles. (cf. John 16:33)

1. By not dealing with those we can help.
2. By not asking the Lord's help.
3. By dwelling too much on those we cannot help. (Phil. 4:8)
4. By listening to doom-gloom peddlers. (Ten Spies)
5. By not look for the positive results. (Phil. 1:12-20; 1

Cor. 11:

19)

6. By accepting deliverance from persecution. (Heb. 10:35;

Mt. 5:

10-12)

Conclusion:

A. "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet 5:7)

B. Hell prepared for devil and his angels - not for you obey Lord.