

# “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? - “Taketh 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 than 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 looking 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.