

Christ Came To Destroy The Work Of Satan

Intro: John records that the purpose of Jesus' coming was to destroy Satan's work; 1 John 3:8 ⁴⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Let us consider this study from 2 aspects: the need of it, and Jesus' purpose in coming.

I. THE NEED.

A. Creation.

1. God creates man in His image; Gen. 1:27 ²⁷ So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."
2. There is sweet fellowship between God and man; Gen. 3:8a ⁴⁸ And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:"

B. Sin Enters The World.

1. The command.
 - a. Gen. 2:16-17 ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
 - b. Adam and Eve understood that command; Gen. 3:3 ⁴³ 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."
2. The temptation.
 - a. Gen. 3:4-5 ⁴⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ 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."
 - b. Satan used every method to tempt Eve.
 - (1) 1 John 2:16 ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."
 - (a) Lust of the flesh.
 - (b) Lust of the eyes.
 - (c) Pride or vainglory of life.
 - (2) Gen. 3:6 ⁴⁶ And 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."
 - (a) Lust of the flesh—tree was good for food
 - (b) Lust of the eyes—pleasant to the eyes
 - (c) pride of life—a tree desired to make one wise.
 - c. They succumb to the temptation; Gen. 3:6 ⁴⁶ And 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."
3. The Result.
 - a. Gen. 2:17 ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
 - b. They were cast out of the presence of God.
 - (1) Gen. 3:23-24 ²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

- (2) Death is separation; Adam and Eve died spiritually.
- c. Sin came into the world, now all men sin.
 - (1) Rom. 3:23 ^{“23} For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
 - (2) Gal. 3:22 ^{“22} But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”

II. GOD’S PROMISE

A. The Promise.

1. Gen. 3:15 ^{“15} And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”
 - a. Stated to Satan.
 - b. Heb. 2:14-15 ^{“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.”
 - c. As Jesus died, Satan bruised his heel (won a temporary victory); but Jesus destroyed his power.
2. Gen. 12:1-3 ^{“1} Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

B. Old Testament prophets prophesied of His coming to die on the cross for sinful man.

1. Some of the prophecies of His coming.
 - a. Psa. 40:6-8 ^{“6} Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. ⁷ Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, ⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.”
 - b. Psa. 68:18 ^{“18} Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.”
 - c. Isa. 53:4-12 ^{“4} Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”
2. Gal. 4:4-5 ^{“4} But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”
3. God was working everything together for the sending of His Son to destroy the work of Satan.

III. JESUS INTENTION IN COMING.

A. His Intention was to die for the sins of the world.

1. Mat. 1:21 ^{“21} And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”
2. John 1:29 ^{“29} The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
3. 1 Tim. 1:15 ^{“15} This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”
4. 1 John 3:5 ^{“5} And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

B. He knew His purpose.

1. Mat. 16:21 ^{“21} From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”
2. Luke 9:51 ^{“51} And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,”
3. John 10:15 ^{“15} As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”
4. Luke 12:50 ^{“50} But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!”
5. Mat. 20:17-19 ^{“17} And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, ¹⁸ Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, ¹⁹ And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.”
6. Mat. 20:28 ^{“28} Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
7. John 12:27 ^{“27} Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.”
8. John 18:11 ^{“11} Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?”

Conclusion: Man needed to have the work of Satan destroyed. Man sins, thus in need of a savior. That savior is our Lord Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him, we can be saved from sin and saved eternally in heaven.