

Great Controversy Series
I Will Put Enmity
Chapter 30 - Enmity Between Man and Satan
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Satan had caused angels to rebel against God. He had tempted man to sin. If God did not interpose humans would have joined Satan and his angels in a united effort against God. There was no dissension between Satan and the fallen angels as regards their hatred of Christ; while on all other points there is discord

“The apostate is never at rest, except as he obtains sympathy and support by inducing others to follow his example. For this reason fallen angels and wicked men unite in desperate companionship.” {GC 505.2}

But what did God do that messed up Satan’s plans?

let’s go to Genesis 3:14-15 14 **“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 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.”**

The divine sentence pronounced against Satan after the fall of man was also a prophecy, embracing all the ages to the close of time and foreshadowing the great conflict to engage all the races of men who should live upon the earth. {GC 505.1}

What is enmity?

Enmity is hatred

What naturally is at enmity against God?

Romans 8:7 “Because the carnal (sinful) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

James 4:4 “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

The sinful flesh is naturally at enmity against God, so if we are a friend of the world there is enmity and a enemy of God. After Adam and Eve sinned they were at enmity and became an enemy of God and they had to except God’s gift of enmity against sin and Satan.

Who will put the enmity in us?

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman.”

That “I” is Jesus. So Jesus will put the enmity in us if we except the gift of salvation.

Enmity is apart of the gift of salvation.

Remember what that gift box of grace?

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Inside the gift box is the robe of righteousness. The gift of enmity goes with the gift because enmity gives us the hatred for sin and Satan.

What is this enmity that God offers to put in us as a gift?

Satan tempted man to sin then man nature became evil, and was in harmony with Satan. But the new principle created conflict when before there was peace and harmony with Satan. But this enmity that God put in us enabled man to resist Satan and sin and gave a hatred for sin and Satan. Genesis 3:15 15 “And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman (God’s people), and between thy seed and her seed;”

This enmity that God put in us is hatred against sin and Satan.

Amos 5:15 says “Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.”

Psalms 101:3 says “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.”

Psalms 119:104 “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”

What creates enmity in us?

It is the grace that Christ implants in the soul which creates in man enmity against Satan. {GC 506.2}

Romans 5:21 says “That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Sin had caused death but the grace of God, eternal life. God’s grace also enabled man to resist Satan. This new principle creates the enmity between “thy seed” and “her seed” .

What does God’s grace teach us?

Titus 2:11,12 says 11 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

This gift of grace has been offered to everyone. Denying means, *reject, deny, refuse*. So God’s grace shows us that we need to reject and have enmity against worldliness, pride, covetousness, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes. Which is not of God, but of the world. And to have enmity against Satan.

Whoever is seen to abhor sin instead of loving it, whoever resists and conquers those passions that have held sway within, displays the operation of a principle wholly from above. {GC 506.2}

When Adam and Eve sinned whose servants were they?

John 8:34 “Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**”

1 John 3:8 first part says “He that committeth sin **is of the devil**; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.”

They were servants of sin and Satan. Romans 6:20 says “For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.” **They were captives of Satan.**

Without the “converting grace and renewing power, man would continue the captive of Satan, a servant ever ready to do his bidding.” {GC 506.2}

But the enmity that God paced by God’s grace enable man to resist the tyrant and usurper.

Why did Jesus come?

1 John 3:8 whole verse “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.**”

1 John 3:5 “And ye know that **he was manifested to take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.”

Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and to take away our sins. **In other words he came to destroy or brake the chains that were binding us.**

Romans 6:22 says “But now being made free (liberated) **from sin**, and become **servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”

Romans 6:17 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”

Why does God have to put enmity in the faithful?

Romans 6:16 says Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

If God did not give the faithful the gift of enmity we would remain servants of Satan and sin. But to those that make a total surrender and allow Jesus to come into their hearts and break the chains of sin they will become servants of God again.

Who is “thy seed” (the seed of the serpent) in Genesis 3:15?

Matthew 13:38 last part “**the tares (bad seed) are the children of the wicked one;**” **so in Genesis 3:15 “thy seed” is Satan and his followers.** They do the things that Satan tells them to do. For example when Satan goes to watch Netflix the NFL, NBA, PGA, etc Satan’s followers go and watch it too. when he goes to the amusement park Satan’s followers go too. When he goes to the car shows Satan’s followers go too. When Satan regards lightly the Sabbath they regard lightly the Sabbath too.

John 8:44 says “**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**”

All who are not decided followers of Christ are servants of Satan. In the unregenerate (not renewed) heart there is love of sin and a disposition to cherish and excuse it. {GC 508.2}

what does the bad seed of Satan oppose?

Acts 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou **child of the devil**, thou **enemy of all righteousness**, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

The seed of Satan opposes the truth and they do not want to do truth and keep God's ten commandments. **Now let's look at God good seed "her seed".**

Who is "her seed"?

Matthew 13:38 first part "The field is the world; the **good seed** are the **children of the kingdom**,"

John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

So "her seed" is the children of God.

What does God's seed do?

John 10:27-28 says "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand."

Hear means understand. "Her seed" understand the words of Jesus they follow him wherever He goes. For example when Jesus goes to the city's and give the everlasting gospel His followers go too. Whatever command he gives they do it.

What else dose God's seed do?

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus."

1 John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts.

Those that are of Christ keep the commandments of God shun the things of the world they have crucified the flesh

Unlike Satan and his followers that oppose truth and they do not want to do truth and keep God's ten commandments. They go and teach all nations telling them to fear God and give glory to Him. They teach them to observe all that God commands us in the bible. They follow the command given in **Matthew 28:19-20 saying** "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen."

So now why does Satan and his followers have enmity?

They hate truth. Purity and holiness A life of self-denial calls the hatred of the ungodly. It is a perpetual reproof to a proud, sensual people.

"The antagonism that exists between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Satan was most strikingly displayed in the world's reception of Jesus. It was not so much because He appeared without worldly wealth, pomp, or grandeur that the Jews were led to reject Him. They saw that He possessed power which would more than compensate for the lack of these outward advantages. But the purity and holiness of Christ called forth against Him the hatred of the ungodly. His life of self-denial and sinless devotion was a perpetual reproof to a proud, sensual people. It was this that evoked enmity against the Son of God" {GC 506.3}

This same enmity that was manifested toward Christ is manifested to His followers.

John 15:20 "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."

Whoever sees the repulsive character of sin, and in strength from above resists temptation, will assuredly arouse the wrath of Satan and his subjects {GC 507.1}

Can I be a friend of the world and love God?

The answer is no! Remember James 4:4 says "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world** is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the **enemy** of God."

Can Gods people be in the society of the seed of Satan? And can the seed of Satan be in the society of the godly?

"The followers of Christ and the servants of Satan cannot harmonize" {GC 507.1}

"Satan is continually seeking to overcome the people of God by breaking down the barriers which separate them from the world. Ancient Israel were enticed into sin when they ventured into forbidden association with the heathen. In a similar manner are modern Israel led astray. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4. All who are not decided followers of Christ are servants of Satan. When Christians choose the society of the ungodly and unbelieving, they expose themselves to temptation. Satan conceals himself from view and stealthily draws his deceptive covering over their eyes. They cannot see that such company is calculated to do them harm; and while all the time assimilating to the world in character, words, and actions, they are becoming more and more blinded." {GC 508.2} **until it is totally black. Matthew 6:23 says** "But if thine eye be evil,

thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, **how great is that darkness!**"

"Satan's agents are constantly working under his direction to establish his authority and build up his kingdom in opposition to the government of God. To this end they seek to deceive Christ's followers and allure them from their allegiance." {GC 507.3}.

The bible warns us to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Ephesians 5:11 we can have no fellowship with the ungodly but we need to tell them to repent and turn to God.

There are some who believe that they can win the world to Christ by doing and participating in the things of the world. For example they have a block party or a basketball ministry Fish fry etc... But this does not convert the world to the Christ.

Conformity to worldly customs converts the church to the world; it never converts the world to Christ. Familiarity with sin will inevitably cause it to appear less repulsive. He who chooses to associate with the servants of Satan will soon cease to fear their master. {GC 509.1}

What are some examples of enmity?

All through the ages this enmity has been express Cain and Able Cain killed Able. Because of what? [1 John 3:12](#) "Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."

And then the opposition to the prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and many others.

In the time of Jesus the Jews rejected him and crucified Him.

And in the NT church time they persecuted his Christ followers.

And in Papal Rome's time this enmity was express they persecuted the ones that wanted to stay true to God.

This enmity is not only against God but also the people of God.

The same spirit that caused the Jews to crucify Jesus Christ is the same spirit that causes persecution against His followers.

How long will this enmity remain?

Hatred of the pure principles of truth, and reproach and persecution of its advocates, will exist as long as sin and sinners remain. {GC 507.1}

Appeal.

Satan summons all his forces and throws his whole power into the combat. Why is it that he meets with no greater resistance? Why are the soldiers of Christ so sleepy and indifferent? Because they have so little real

connection with Christ; because they are so destitute of His Spirit. Sin is not to them repulsive and abhorrent, as it was to their Master. They do not meet it, as did Christ, with decisive and determined resistance. They do not realize the exceeding evil and malignity of sin, and they are blinded both to the character and the power of the prince of darkness. There is little enmity against Satan and his works, because there is so great ignorance concerning his power and malice, and the vast extent of his warfare against Christ and His church. Multitudes are deluded here. They do not know that their enemy is a mighty general who controls the minds of evil angels, and that with well-matured plans and skillful movements he is warring against Christ to prevent the salvation of souls. {GC 507.3}

“From the days of Adam to our own time, our great enemy has been exercising his power to oppress and destroy. He is now preparing for his last campaign against the church. All who seek to follow Jesus will be brought into conflict with this relentless foe. The more nearly the Christian imitates the divine Pattern, the more surely will he make himself a mark for the attacks of Satan. All who are actively engaged in the cause of God, seeking to unveil the deceptions of the evil one and to present Christ before the people, will be able to join in the testimony of Paul, in which he speaks of serving the Lord with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations.” {GC 510.2}

Revelation 12:17 says “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” **so satan is wroth with those that keep all of God’s ten commandments and have the testimony of JESUS.**

Satan assailed Christ with his fiercest and most subtle temptations, but he was repulsed in every conflict. But Those battles were fought in our behalf; Jesus Christ will give strength to all who seek it. No man will be overcome by satan’s temptations without his own consent. Satan can not control or force anyone to sin.

“He may distress, but he cannot contaminate. He can cause agony, but not defilement. The fact that Christ has conquered should inspire His followers with courage to fight manfully the battle against sin and Satan.” {GC 510.3}