

STAY ON GOD'S SIDE

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INTRODUCTION:

God is GOOD and the devil is BAD--Decide to believe this in your heart.

I. God is a GOOD God.

A. **Psalm 145:9**--The Lord is GOOD to all and His mercies are over all His works.

B. **Psalm 34:8**--Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD, Oh, the happiness of the man who trusteth in Him.

C. **Nahum 1:7**--The Lord is GOOD, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trusts in Him.

D. **James 1:17**--Every GOOD thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, of Whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

II. The devil is a BAD devil.

A. **2 Corinthians 4:4**--...in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God.

B. **Ephesians 2:1-2**--And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

C. **John 10:10**--The thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy; I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

* We must realize that the devil has authority and power here in this world.

* He has no authority and power over the people who belong to Jesus.

III. How can we tell the difference?

A. There is rain from God--refreshing and cleansing.

1. God's rain -- waters, cleanses, refreshes and revives life.

B. Storms come from the god of this world; the prince of the power of the air.

1. The devil's storm destroys.

C. These storms are not an act of the God of the Universe; they are an act of the god of this world.

- * When we come to the realization of this, our faith will be stronger.
- * When we believe that God is GOOD, we can recognize the storms and be able to stand against them.
- * Who would want to trust a God that you don't know whether He is going to do good or bad?
- * Be firmly set in your mind that God is GOOD and the devil is BAD.
- * Check their fruit: a good tree bears good fruit and a bad tree bears bad fruit.

IV. What about Job's sickness and destruction?

A. **Job 1:6-7**-- Now there was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. And the Lord said to Satan, 'From where do you come?' Then Satan answered the Lord and said, 'From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.'

1. What was Satan doing?

- * Roaming about the earth.

- ** **1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.

B. **Job 1:8-12**--And the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But put forth Thy hand now and touch all that he has; he will

surely curse Thee to Thy face.’ Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.’ So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.

Let’s look at the literal translation.

1. Notice that it wasn’t God that put forth His hand to hurt Job. It was Satan.

* God had a hedge of protection around Job.

* Satan couldn’t touch Job with that hedge up around him.

C. Why did God allow the hedge to be broken?

1. Sin. That’s what will break the hedge.

D. What was Job’s sin? Fear. Worry. He was always worrying about his kids.

V. Sin in your life gives the devil the legal right into your life.

A. Let’s look at the children of Israel.

1. God said to put the blood of the lamb over the doorposts and He told them to stay inside.

2. If they stepped outside the house, out from under the blood, the Destroyer could have destroyed them.

3. You can’t get out in Satan’s territory or he will put his hands on you.

4. Stay in the house. Stay under the blood.

5. Repentance keeps you under the blood--1 John 1:9

CONCLUSION:

Let’s check our location:

* Have you gotten outside the house?

* Are you outside the protection of the blood because of sin?

* Does the devil have a legal right to put his hands on you?

* Realize that if you see destruction, break downs, strife, division, any sickness or lack, etc--it is the fruit of the devil.

* Satan comes into your life to steal, kill and destroy.

* He either has a legal right or he is testing you.

* Stand fast in your beliefs about God and Satan will not be able to plunder your life.

REMEMBER THAT GOD IS A GOOD GOD AND THE DEVIL IS A BAD
DEVIL!