

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Cole Meador

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Rodney Ellis, Mark Davis,
Randy Ellis

Prayers

Bill Rinehart, Willie Standokes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Jack Calvert

Song Leader

Clay Morris

Prayers

Mark Davis, Rodney Ellis

Invitation

Jon Barry

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto
death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Teach Your Child to Love Worship

Forrest D. Moyer

A very serious problem exists among religious families: sometimes their children who have been brought up "in the church" are anxious to "get out of the house" so they won't "have to go to church" anymore. This is a perplexing problem fraught with serious consequences. Why does a child want to "get away from" the church? What kind of children from what kind of families does so? I don't know all the answers to questions like this, but let me suggest a few thoughts.

I believe that one real source of this attitude is that children are not taught to love the worship of the Lord. From the time they are infants the parents are yelling at them on Sundays to "hurry up and get up 'cause we have to go to church" with the emphasis on "have." Nothing is said about the joy of worship. Nothing is said about the wonderful privilege that is ours. Children are taught that "going to church" is a drudge. No wonder they want to get away from it.

When children are in the assembly, often they are allowed to play with all sorts of toys and games. This causes them to think that the assembly is some place to play games; and then when they are older and too big to play games, they are bored with what is going on. Many children are not taught to sing. They are allowed to play when worship to God in song is being rendered. If they are not taught to sing as tiny tots, then as they grow older they will not sing. Parents, do you teach your children the words to songs at home so they will know them and be able to join in the singing? It is a sad sight to see teenagers just sitting and looking around instead of singing. No wonder they have no interest. They are not taught reverence during prayer. They keep on playing instead of being taught to always bow their heads in reverence. If you took your child to the funeral of a loved one, would you give him games to play? Would you allow him to "do his own thing" or would you teach him reverence and respect for the dead? No, our worship is not

“Oh give thanks to the
LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever!”

(Ps 118.1)

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

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a funeral, but it is holy and children need to be taught that it is.

They must be taught to study the Word. Are you studying the class lessons with your children every day? Are you teaching them to enjoy that part of the day and really look forward to it? If this is the environment of a child, you will seldom see him wander away from the Lord. Those who are taught to study the Bible are the ones who listen to sermons and lessons. They are the ones who will understand much more of the lessons that are being presented. (And, by the way, what happened to the teenagers all sitting at the front? What an inspiration that is to the whole congregation!) These are the ones who grow up to love the Lord and stay with Him.

Friend, what are you teaching your children? To love God and His worship, His word, and His people? What you teach your child, who is a tiny tot now, will determine where he will be when he is old. Seems like Solomon said something like that somewhere.

Was Satan Created?

Doy Moyer

Years ago I was asked to teach a class on 1 Timothy 6 for a congregation that I was visiting. We read of Jesus Christ, "the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see" (vv. 15-16). Seemingly out of the blue, I was asked, "Does this mean that Satan is not eternal or immortal?" My answer was a simple, "Of course." Little did I know I was talking to some who believed that Satan was not created, that he, like God, always existed.

Occasionally the question arises, and there are yet those who believe that Satan could not have been created by God, for that would mean that God created evil. While much can be said about this, let's see if we can boil down these issues.

First things first. Satan is created. The alternative is that Satan is eternal and immortal, just like God, which places him on the same eternal level. One may not think this is a big deal, but we need to understand that what we think about other beings will say something about our views of God. There are no beings or creatures who are on par with God's eternal nature. He alone is the "I AM."

Considering whether or not Satan is created is not a matter of speculation. Colossians 1:15-17 says about Jesus, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

This passage is not ambiguous. All things, including all visible and invisible rulers and powers, were created by Him and for Him. Now if Satan is such an invisible ruler and power, then Scripture teaches he was created. Follow the evidence.

Jesus refers to Satan as "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). The apostle Paul refers to him as the "god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4) and "the prince (ruler) of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). Christians are to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Eph 6:11-12).

Back in 1 Timothy 6:16, God "alone has immortality." If one is not God, he does not inherently possess immortality. God promises immortality to His people (Rom 2:7; 1 Cor 15:53-54; 2 Tim 1:10), but intrinsic immortality is tied to His nature and His alone. God has no beginning and no end. This differs from created beings being granted immortality by the One from whom immortality flows. Only God has this. Satan does not and, therefore, had to be created.

Does this, then, mean that God created evil? Not at all. God is not the author of evil.

Satan (adversary) is the description and name given to this one whom we also call the devil or slanderer (Rev. 12:9). There is no indication that he was created for the purpose of being Satan in order to be evil. Like all else God

makes, the assumption should be that he was created to serve and glorify God.

The implication would be that this creature, who was indeed powerful, was given the freedom to make choices. As human beings were given freedom to decide whether or not they would serve God, we also find that angels had the ability to rebel and sin (cf. Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4). Whether or not Satan was an angel, an archangel or another type of creature, we do not know. However, he still falls under the umbrella of the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this present darkness. All rulers and authorities were created by the Lord.

Evil is not a material thing that was created. It is defined, not by its own self, but rather in connection to a standard that is good. That Standard is God, so anything that deviates from Him will result in what we call evil. As darkness is not a thing in itself, but rather is the absence of light, so evil is the absence and even the perversion of the good. When we choose to rebel against God, we have chosen the darkness and evil. God did not create the evil, but He allows creatures of choice to walk in the dark. Of course, consequences for that follow.

Satan, then, was a created being who chose to rebel against God, thus resulting in evil. The importance of this is not only how we think of God, but also how we consider the fight we are in. The bottom line is that God always wins. While Satan is powerful (1 Peter 5:8), he is not God, and he cannot defeat those who put their faith in God. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).