**Dealing With The Devil**

**Reading - Hebrews 11:24-26**

FIRST OFFER... Accept $100,000 for your car right now!

SECOND OFFER... Accept $1,000,000 for your car, but...

a. You must give back the $100,000

b. You must wait six weeks and attend every bible Class and Evening Services

c. You must leave your car where it is parked right now

d. You must be back here the next six two Sundays to receive the money

**MAKing deals all the time**

Satan offers you a deal. ***[1 John 2:15-17] Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.***

Our Lord offers you a deal as well. ***[John 14:1-3] “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.***

***[Romans 12:1-2] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God***.

***[Matthew 16:24-27] Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.***

Imagine how you would pay someone for working for you based on the same way you work for the Lord. ***[Galatians 6:7-8] Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life***.

***[1 Corinthians 10:13] No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.***

You will be rewarded for your efforts in enduring persecution. ***[Matthew 5:10-12] Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.***

***[Romans 6:23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

The promises of God last forever. ***[1 Timothy 4:8] For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come***… ***[Mark 10:28-30] Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.***

Don’t place a higher value on money than on the gift of eternal life. ***[Ephesians 5:3-5] But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.***

**unfair exchanges**

We exchange our soul for the evil associates we hang with. ***(1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”***

***(1 Corinthians 5:6) Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?***

Regarding Feel-good false doctrines Jesus said (***Matthew 15:9) And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”***

Others sell their soul for a wanton life of sin. ***(John 3:19-20) "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. {20} "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.***

Others sell out for the life of ease. ***(Matthew 16:24) Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.***

Together we can help each other keep our priorities straight, and receive the best "deal" that we can make! ***[Hebrews 10:22-31] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

***To accept Satan’s deal all you have to do is NOTHING!***