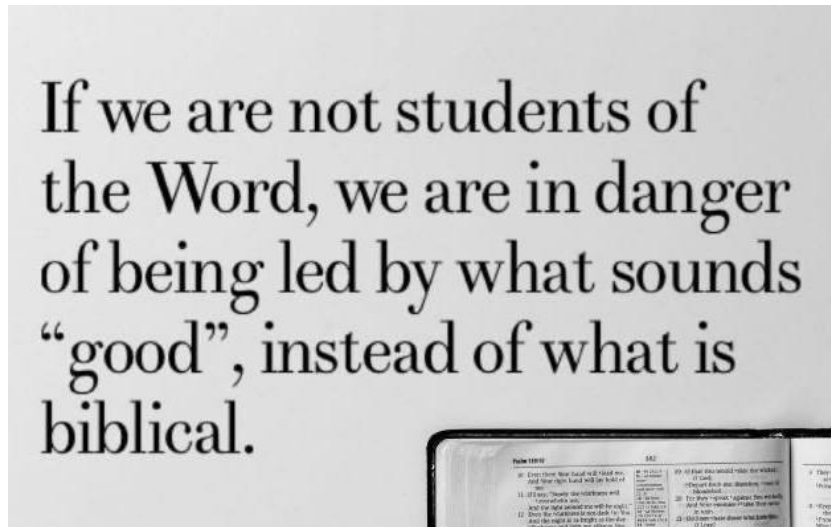


11.11.19 - Satan - The Great Counterfeiter



We all know that God and Satan are the big players in the supernatural world. Most of the decisions we face are God vs Satan kind of decisions. The challenge is that Satan is the great counterfeiter and can duplicate God's way only opposite and make it seem right. We find that is exactly what he did with the naked body. God wanted His image displayed...Satan wanted it hid, but now Christians are the one's promoting hiding and covering God's image in shame. How did Satan accomplish such an enormous feat? We believe he did so with his tremendous counterfeiting ability. Imagine this discussion being represented by a single coin. On one side of the coin we have wholesome God honoring nakedness and on the other side of the coin we have the sexual, perverted pornographic view of the naked body. It's the same coin, but whether it's good or bad depends on which side of the coin you're viewing. Here's the key...just because Satan has made a counterfeit does not mean that the real thing is evil...quite the opposite in fact, there wouldn't be an evil, without the good. We believe his reason for creating the evil counterfeit is to try to destroy the good original. This is a point that we will come back to later in the article.

[Genesis 1:31](#)

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

[Genesis 2:25](#)

And they were both **naked**, the man **and** his wife, **and** were **not ashamed**.

We are faced almost daily with the question, "Is this what God wants or what I want or what Satan wants." Sometimes Satan goes about in sheep's clothing pretending to be one of the good guys. We need spiritual discernment and knowledge of the Scriptures in order to tell when Satan is presenting a counterfeit or when God is presenting a truth.

Some of the areas that we will point out today that Satan has done such a good job of counterfeiting are nakedness, sex, music, church, righteousness and who knows, maybe a few others along the way. When we say that Satan has created a counterfeit of each of these things, what exactly do we mean? We mean that Satan has created his own version of these things...versions that he perverted into something evil rather than something good and then fooled Christians into either standing against the good or promoting the bad.

Please remember that the Bible identifies Satan as an angel of light...meaning that he would be beautiful to look upon, he's not the guy in the red suit with horns. He'd look good if we saw him today on the street...he'd look like one of the good guys. The Bible also identifies Satan as having the ability to fool "the very elect", meaning Christians! I believe that we can make the case that he has done that very thing today and we will present a few areas where he has done so...let's see if you don't agree.

1. Nakedness

This is an easy one for use as we have covered the Scriptures in depth and at length. When it comes to nakedness and the Bible, we know what God's original intent was because He told us. He said that He made them in His image. He said that He made them naked, presumably to display His image. He said He made them to not be ashamed of their nakedness. The Bible has also given us countless examples of nakedness in the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) after the fall where nakedness was an everyday commonplace occurrence with no condemnation from Jesus and at times at His very command (Isaiah). Since we know that God will not command us to go into sin, we know that nakedness is not sin. So, if Satan is going to get Christians to go against God's plan he needs to come up with a really good "reason". Satan then creates a plan for people to be naked in a nasty, perverted, sinful lifestyle thereby making it easy for Christians to get behind his plan instead of God's plan. He created the counterfeit (that had nothing to do with the original plan) and then convinced Christians that they should back his plan based on his counterfeit and with absolutely no Scripture at all to back it up.

2. Sex

Also, a fairly easy one, with the exact same method. What does the Bible say about sex? Hebrews tells us that the marriage bed is undefiled and the Greek word for "marriage bed" is coitus meaning sex. So, the New Testament says sex within the confines of marriage is undefiled or in other words a good thing. We obviously have a lot in the Old Testament about the wholesomeness of the intimate relationship between a husband and wife in the book of Song of Solomon. We even have the Apostle Paul telling Christians to not spend too much time apart sexually as it will create temptation and/or bitterness...that the only reason for time apart sexually is prayer and fasting. So, what does Satan do? He creates a counterfeit. He creates the porn industry, he promotes sex outside of marriage, he tries to normalize homosexual sex,

etc. He then convinces the Christian community to start calling sex dirty and perverted. He uses his counterfeit to have Christians telling their kids that sex is bad. He convinces parents to start telling their children that boys and girls have bad parts of their body that should not be seen by anyone because they're dirty parts. Completely against Scripture where God teaches that there are no less comely (beautiful) parts. God says every part of the body is beautiful and good and Satan says the opposite and today Satan has Christians promoting the opposite, based solely on his counterfeit and with absolutely no Scripture at all to back it up.

3. Music

Music has been a controversial subject amongst Christians over the last four decades, but I'd like to point out that there is not a single verse in the entire Bible that declares a specific musical instrument as evil. Yet, over and over again you will find Christians proclaiming that a certain sound is satanic and evil based solely on the counterfeit that Satan made. It has been said that music is the language of the soul. There is no denying the effect that music can have on us. It can motivate us, encourage and uplift us, make us sad or melancholy, it can bring us to tears of joy and tears of sadness. It is a powerful tool. It's amazing to me that a segment of the Christian society has decided to not use a segment of this amazingly powerful tool based on Satan's counterfeit. Music is of God. Read the Psalms and you will find over and over repeatedly the teaching to praise the Lord with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Praise the Lord with singing, praise the Lord with music, etc. So, what does Satan do? He makes a counterfeit...his own version of music and then convinces Christians to take a stand against any music that may happen to have the same instruments or a similar sound, rhythm or beat. Today Satan has Christians standing against an entire segment of music based solely on his counterfeit and with absolutely no Scripture at all to back it up.

4. Church

This is one that may take a little bit of thought, but I think you'll see what I mean when we get there. Obviously, the church is ordained of God, Jesus Himself started the first New Testament church when He "called out" His disciples. The Bible is full of instructions on church government and church duties as well as instructions and qualifications of pastors, deacons and members. The Bible even guarantees that the gates of Hell will not prevail against His church. So, what does Satan do, he perverts the church by creating a counterfeit to it. He has buildings across the globe that look like a church, that have an auditorium like a church, that have a person with the title of pastor like a church, that have members like a church, but the doctrine of such fellowships has nothing to do with the teachings of the Word of God. His counterfeits have spread the world over and come in all shapes, sizes and denominations. Some are easily in direct conflict with the Word of God such as the Muslim mosques, but some are more subtle in their opposition to Scripture, even using the Bible as their lawbook, but not observing the teaching held therein. Because of Satan's counterfeits and the conflicts between the so called "churches" of the world today Satan has convinced some to not attend anywhere because "who's to say who's right" and he has convinced others to attend these places of worship where no Bible is taught at all or a false doctrine is taught. The effects of Satan's counterfeiting ability is varied, but effective none the less. He gets people pointed away from God and His Word through the use of his counterfeit.

5. Righteousness

This counterfeit is one that Jesus stood strongly against during His earthly ministry. He said in [2 Timothy 3:5](#) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. Jesus Himself taught against the counterfeit of righteousness repeatedly as the group of people that He took a stand against the most were the Pharisees. They were the religious of the day, but they were lost as dogs. They had a list

of dos and don'ts, but they lacked a relationship with Jesus. Please understand this, the people that Jesus was the hardest on while here on earth was the religious. The Bible tells us that He came to seek and to save that which was lost. The book of Romans teaches that our righteousness is as filthy rags. That there is none righteous, no not one. But, what do we see in today's church? We see Christians acting as if their poop doesn't stink. We see Christians judging one another and pretending that their sin is not as bad as another member of the churches. We see them seek to punish those who fall into temptation rather than seeking to restore such a one. We see churches today where much as the Pharisees of the New Testament they have a list of rules, but no heart for the lost or in sin. Jesus Himself said that He'd leave the ninety and nine of these to go rescue the one who was lost and in sin. We see Satan create a counterfeit of righteousness (Pharisees) and in so doing has convinced the Christians to promote a list of rules rather than a relationship with Christ and a heart for restoration.

In conclusion, there are probably a lot more areas that we could have written about such as how Satan created the counterfeit of clothing as a substitutionary method of pleasing God instead of naked and not ashamed as He intended. Like how the Pharisees of the modern Christian church treat members of the Christian naturist community if they find out you're a naturist. Like how most churches cannot keep a Reformers Unanimous program for long because most of their members don't want "those people" in their church. We hope that the counterfeits we did include in this article will serve as example enough that one of Satan's most successful methods is counterfeiting. As in every rule, there are probably exceptions that could be mentioned to each and every one of Satan's counterfeits, but the key is that in every case his counterfeit will look and feel like the original or it wouldn't be a good fake. It'll look and feel right at first glance. It is not until you dig deep into the Scriptures do you find that it is a counterfeit. Doing good rather than doing right. He makes these fakes in order to fool people into doing his will rather than the will of God. Satan has been good at taking

what is good, perverting it and then selling Christians on the idea of promoting the bad or standing against the good.

I believe he's done it with nakedness, I believe he's done it with sex, I believe he's done it with all of the areas mentioned and many more that we did not mention. Don't let him fool you, study the Scriptures and stand with what is right, not with what just looks and sounds good.