



Lesson 32 – Satan’s Enmity Against the Law

1) Where does our lesson begin today?

Revelation 12:7-8 And there was _____ in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their _____ found any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The very first effort of Satan to overthrow God’s law, undertaken among the sinless inhabitants of heaven, seemed for a time to be crowned with success. A vast number of the angels were seduced; but Satan’s apparent triumph resulted in defeat and loss, separation from God, and banishment from heaven.

2) Where did he take the fight?

Genesis 3:1 Now the _____ was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

When the conflict was renewed upon the earth, Satan again won a seeming advantage. By transgression, man became his captive, and man’s kingdom also was betrayed into the hands of the arch-rebel. Now the way seemed open for Satan to establish an independent kingdom, and to defy the authority of God and His Son.

3) Did God have other plans?

Genesis 3:16 And I will put _____ between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

the plan of salvation made it possible for man again to be brought into harmony with God, and to render obedience to His law, and for both man and the earth to be finally redeemed from the power of the wicked one.

Again, Satan was defeated, and again he resorted to deception, in the hope of converting his defeat into a victory. To stir up rebellion in the fallen race, he now represented God as unjust in having permitted man to transgress His law. “Why,” said the artful tempter, “when God knew what would be the result, did He permit man to be placed on trial, to sin, and bring in misery and death?” And the children of Adam, forgetful of the long-suffering mercy that had granted man another trial, regardless of the amazing, the awful sacrifice which his rebellion had cost the King of heaven, gave ear to the tempter, and murmured against the only Being who could save them from the destructive power of Satan.

4) How hard are wicked hearts?

Isaiah 26:9-10 ...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will _____ righteousness. Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not _____ the majesty of the LORD.

Thus, it was after the Flood. Released from His judgments, the inhabitants of the earth again rebelled against the Lord. Twice God’s covenant and His statutes had been rejected by the world. Both the people before the Flood and the descendants of Noah cast off the divine authority.

5) How was this manifest for the world to see?

Exodus 5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should _____ his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.



Though the Egyptians had so long rejected the knowledge of God, the Lord still gave them opportunity for repentance. In the days of Joseph, Egypt had been an asylum for Israel; God had been honored in the kindness shown His people; and now the long-suffering One, slow to anger, and full of compassion, gave each judgment time to do its work; the Egyptians, cursed through the very objects they had worshiped, had evidence of the power of Jehovah, and all who would, might submit to God and escape His judgments. The bigotry and stubbornness of the king resulted in spreading the knowledge of God and bringing many of the Egyptians to give themselves to His service.

6) What did God do for His people?

Psalms 105:43-45 And he brought forth his people with _____, and his chosen with gladness: And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; That they might _____ his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

He rescued them from their servile state, that He might bring them to a good land—a land which in His providence had been prepared for them as a refuge from their enemies, where they might dwell under the shadow of His wings. He would bring them to Himself and encircle them in His everlasting arms; and in return for all His goodness and mercy to them they were required to have no other gods before Him, the living God, and to exalt His name and make it glorious in the earth.

7) How did God reintroduce Himself to the people

Exodus 20:1-2 And God spake all these words, saying, I am the _____ thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

God brought them to Sinai, and there with His own voice declared His law.

8) What happened while Moses went up onto the Mountain?

Exodus 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten _____, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

At the very foot of Sinai, Satan began to execute his plans for overthrowing the law of God, thus carrying forward the same work he had begun in heaven. During the forty days while Moses was in the mount with God, Satan was busy exciting doubt, apostasy, and rebellion. While God was writing down His law, to be committed to His covenant people, the Israelites, denying their loyalty to Jehovah, were demanding gods of gold!

The whole universe had been witness to the scenes at Sinai. In the working out of the two administrations was seen the contrast between the government of God and that of Satan. Again, the sinless inhabitants of other worlds beheld the results of Satan's apostasy, and the kind of government he would have established in heaven had he been permitted to bear sway.

9) Who is the True God?

Jeremiah 10:10 But the LORD is the _____ God, he is the _____ God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

By causing men to violate the second commandment, Satan aimed to degrade their conceptions of the Divine Being. By setting aside the fourth, he would cause them to forget God altogether. God's claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is based upon the fact that He is the Creator, and that to Him all other beings owe their existence.

10) What did Jeremiah say about idols?

Jeremiah 10:16 The portion of Jacob is _____ them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.



God is the Creator of all things, not a created thing. The Sabbath, as a memorial of God's creative power, points to Him as the maker of the heavens and the earth. Hence it is a constant witness to His existence and a reminder of His greatness, His wisdom, and His love. Had the Sabbath always been sacredly observed, there could never have been an atheist or an idolater.

11) What did God ask us to remember?

Exodus 20:8 Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy.

In order to obliterate God from the minds of men, Satan aimed to tear down this great memorial. If men could be led to forget their Creator, they would make no effort to resist the power of evil, and Satan would be sure of his prey.

12) What is the fifth commandment?

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy _____ may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Satan's enmity against God's law had impelled him to war against every precept of the Decalogue. To the great principle of love and loyalty to God, the Father of all, the principle of filial love and obedience is closely related. Contempt for parental authority will soon lead to contempt for the authority of God. Hence Satan's efforts to lessen the obligation of the fifth commandment.

13) What was Satan from the beginning?

John 8:44 ... He was a _____ from the beginning...

By perverted conceptions of divine attributes, heathen nations were led to believe human sacrifices necessary to secure the favor of their deities; and the most horrible cruelties have been perpetrated under the various forms of idolatry. Among these was the practice of causing their children to pass through the fire before their idols.

14) What is the seventh commandment?

Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt not commit _____.

The violation of the seventh commandment also was early practiced in the name of religion. The most licentious and abominable rites were made a part of the heathen worship. The gods themselves were represented as impure, and their worshipers gave the rein to the baser passions. Unnatural vices prevailed and the religious festivals were characterized by universal and open impurity.

Polygamy was practiced at an early date. It was one of the sins that brought the wrath of God upon the antediluvian world. Yet after the Flood it again became widespread. It was Satan's studied effort to pervert the marriage institution, to weaken its obligations and lessen its sacredness; for in no surer way could he deface the image of God in man and open the door to misery and vice.

God's dealings with rebellion will result in fully unmasking the work that has so long been carried on under cover. The results of Satan's rule, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, will be laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The law of God will stand fully vindicated.

15) What is coming?

Isaiah 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her _____, and shall no more cover her slain.

Malachi 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall _____ when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:



The people of Israel, because of their sinfulness, were forbidden to approach the mount when God was about to descend upon it to proclaim His law, lest they should be consumed by the burning glory of His presence. If such manifestations of His power marked the place chosen for the proclamation of God's law, how terrible must be His tribunal when He comes for the execution of these sacred statutes. How will those who have trampled upon His authority endure His glory in the great day of final retribution?

16) What is coming?

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall _____ every man according to his works.

He shall then sit upon the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered all nations.

17) What is coming?

Psalms 50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep _____: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great _____, and the elements shall _____ with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled _____ with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ:

18) What was it like when God revealed Himself at Sinai?

Psalms 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the _____ of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Amid the most terrific convulsions of nature the voice of God, like a trumpet, was heard from the cloud. The mountain was shaken from base to summit, and the hosts of Israel, pale and trembling with terror, lay upon their faces upon the earth.

19) What is coming?

Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then _____ the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Jeremiah 25:30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall _____ from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

Joel 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall _____: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were _____ out of their places.

Isaiah 24:20 The earth shall _____ to and _____ like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

Isaiah 13:7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's _____ shall melt:

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to _____, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

When Moses came from the divine Presence in the mount, where he had received the tables of the testimony, guilty Israel could not endure the light that glorified his countenance. How much less can transgressors look upon the Son of God when He shall appear in the glory of His Father, surrounded by all the heavenly host, to execute judgment upon the transgressors of His law and the rejecters of His atonement.



20) What will the wicked do in that day?

Revelation 6:15-17 And the kings of the earth, and the _____ men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, _____ themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his _____ is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Isaiah 2:20-21 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the _____ and to the _____; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to _____ terribly the earth.

Then it will be seen that Satan's rebellion against God has resulted in ruin to himself and to all that chose to become his subjects.

21) What are the wages of sin?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is _____; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

22) What is the end of Satan and his followers?

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an _____; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Satan, the root of every sin, and all evil workers, who are his branches, shall be utterly cut off. An end will be made of sin, with all the woe and ruin that have resulted from it.

23) How did the Psalmist describe it?

Psalms 9:5-6 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the _____, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a _____ end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

24) What hope do we have?

Joel 3:16 ... but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the _____ of the children of Israel.

Psalms 50:5-6 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a _____ with me by _____. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

Malachi 3:18 Then shall ye _____, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my _____ shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my _____ be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

The sacred statutes which Satan has hated and sought to destroy, will be honored throughout a sinless universe.

Isaiah 61:11 *For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.*

Can you see that Satan is waging a war against God's Law?

Would you like to live forever in God's Kingdom?

When is it time to repent?