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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Invites You To Our

Gospel Meeting

Speaker:

Tom Kinzel of Kansas City, MO.

Dates:

October 17th - 22nd

Sunday AM Class:	<i>Serving Our Generation</i>
Sunday AM:	<i>Becoming a True Worshipper of God</i>
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Thursday:	<i>How Jesus Speaks to Us Today</i>
Friday:	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>

(7:30PM each week night. Sunday Times on listed on back page)

Satan's Bait

1 John 2:15, *“Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*

I read an interesting story a while back about a method used by some hunters to catch monkeys in places like Africa or Asia. The hunter hollows out a gourd and makes a hole in its side just big enough for a monkey to put in his hand. The gourd is then filled with nuts or fruit and securely fastened to a tree.

The curious monkey is attracted to the smell of the fruit or nuts in the gourd and reaches inside to grasp them. The hole in the gourd is too small for the monkey to withdraw his hand as long as it is closed around the fruit or nuts. Since the monkey refuses to release the food, he is easy prey for the hunter. Being unwilling to let go of his prize, he actually traps himself!

Is this not a similar method that Satan uses to entrap us? He

tempts us to take hold of more and more possessions. We think these things will make us better or more secure. Yet, as long as we stubbornly hold on to them, we are enslaved. How do we expect to lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21) if we're using both hands to hold on to the treasures of the earth?

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How relevant is John's warning for us in I John 2:15? *“Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* John goes on to say *“the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever”* (vs. 17).

Doing God's will or Satan's will is a choice we all have to make. The rewards of doing God's will are eternal (Matthew 7:21) but following after the world (Satan's way) is only temporary.

Remember what happened to the monkey. Don't be fooled by Satan's bait

— Shane Williams

Life And Death

Most people have watched nature shows on TV before. You know, the kind that depicts animals in their natural habitat. We are amazed at how violent nature is in many cases. A lion stalks an antelope. A great heron stands at the edge of a pond, motionless, ready to kill its prey. An eagle flies just above the surface of the water with talons tucked in, waiting for the slightest movement so he can strike. Most animals survive at the expense of another.

The principle that nothing lives unless something else dies extends beyond nature to our daily walk with God. Matters of the flesh MUST succumb to the interests of the Spirit or else it will work the other way around. Paul wrote, *“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live”* (Romans 8:13). Something must die so that something else can live. It works this way in nature and it also works this way spiritually!

We CANNOT be committed

to Christ and to the world at the same time. You cannot live by the Spirit and by the flesh simultaneously. Jesus said, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it”* (Luke 9:23-24). Christianity is making “daily” choices. We must choose wisely what will die so that Christ can live in us. Paul said, *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20).

— Shane Williams

Tune in on Sunday
Morning for
‘Bible Talk.’



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