**"SATAN - CAUGHT IN THE ACT!"**

**TEXT:** ***II Cor.2:17 “For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we if Christ.”***

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**THESIS:** To reveal the evidence of Satanic tampering w/God's Word.

**INTRO.:** A. Someone has been messing with our Bible! With the Scripture closing with a warning against adding to or subtracting from God's Word & words, you would think that any real Bible-believer would be very careful about that, wouldn't you? But the Bible also warns against the Bible "corrupters" in our text.

**NOTE:** The Greek word for "corrupt" here means literally to "huckster" or peddle God's Word or to water it down or soften its impact. (Keep this in mind for future reference.)

 B. Apparently there were some "hucksters" around even in Paul's day. They were peddling the Word of God & watering it down even that far back. Today Bible huckstering is big bu$ine$$! Every time a new version hits the shelves, millions of dollars of slick advertising precedes & accompanies it.

**TRANS.:** Where do all these ideas for new "Bibles" come from, since God only wrote One Book? Let's see if we can catch Satan in the act...

**I. THE HISS OF THE SERPENT:** A. Satanic Voiceprint: ***"Yea, hath God said...?"***

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 1. Among the devil's first recorded words in Script. were these that questioned what God had said.

 2. Today, we have such a multiplicity of versions that you soon find that it is almost impossible to discover what God said & what

 man has added (or deleted).

**ILLUS.:** In **Mt.4:4** when Jesus confronted Satan, He declared: ***"Man shall not live by bread alone, but BY EVERY WORD proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (KJV)***

If Jesus meant what He said, then we had better be able to locate an ***"every word"*** Bible!

 ***"Yea, hath God said..."*** Did He say: Acts 8:37; I Jn.5:7; Col.1:14; Lk.24:12; Mk.6:11...etc.?! Not according to the new versions!

 3. One of the biggest deceptions of the devil is the *"only the originals are inspired"* twist.

 a. The argument goes: God only breathed the original MSS.

**NOTE:** How odd of God to breathe a Book (& then quit breathing)! Did God die?! Is the Bible we have inspired, partially inspired, not inspired, all of

 the above, none of the above?! God breathed His life into this Book, that is why Heb.4:12 says that ***"The Word of God is quick..."***  **KJB** for ALIVE!

 b. But Timothy had the Living Bible ***("the Holy Scriptures")*** as a child, but he did not possess the "originals"...he had a copy

 or a translation.

 c. Immed. after God spoke of Timothy's ***"Holy Scriptures"*** in v.15 He gave us v.16 which says that ***"all Scripture" is inspired”!***

 *(Are there two different "Scriptures" - one inspired & one not?!)*

 d. There are over 40 other references to **"Scripture"** in the Bible none of which refer to some mysterious "originals" but are

 the same word as in v.16 *("graphe").*

**II. THE SIGNATURE OF SATAN:**

“Your friend, Satan…”

 A. Denying Christ's Deity: ***"If thou be the Son of God..."***

 1. Any Bible that diminishes, questions or denies the Deity of Christ is a Satanic corruption.

**ILLUS.:** The New World Translation of the J/W's makes Jesus "a god" in Jn.1:1; the ASV makes God & Jesus separate gods in Jn.1:14. The NIV (Non Inspired Book) removes His Deity in Jn.3:16! ***("begotten"*** is removed - Jesus becomesa mere son of God, like all believers, angels & Adam!) The NIV also drops Jesus out of the fiery furnace w/the 3 Hebrews in Dan.3:25.

***Dan.3:25 He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like A SON OF THE GODS." (NIV)***

***Dan.3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. (KJV)***

 The New King Jimmy Version drops the whole Trinity out of I Jn.5 as does the ASV (ATHEISTS NUTTY VERSION) & THE NIV.

***I Jn.5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (KJV)***

***I Jn.5:7 And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. (ASV)***

***I Jn.5:7 For there are three that testify: (NIV)***

 ***(The Virgin Birth & thus the Deity of Christ is taken away in Lk.2:33 in the NIV & THE ASV, making Joesph Jesus' father!)***

***Lk.2:33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. (KJV)***

***Lk.2:33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. (NIV)***

***Lk.2:33 And his father and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him; (ASV)***

**III. THE HOOFPRINTS OF THE DEVIL:**

 

 A. Counterfeiting the Canon: ***"corrupt the Word of God"***

**ILLUS.:** The way bank tellers & others who handle money are taught to detect counterfeits is to handle the real thing. The best way to catch Satan

 in the act of corrupting God's Word is to know your Bible so well that you recognize a fake when you see one.

 1. In Acts 3:13,26: 4:27,30 in the NKJV, NIV & NASV Jesus is called a "servant" of God instead of the Son of God!

 2. The doctrine of hell is watered down in the NKJV & NASV where they transliterate "hades" instead of translating it "Hell"!

 3. To really catch Satan in the act of counterfeiting the canon of Script. we need only check the source of the new versions.

**ILLUS.:** If you had 5000 witnesses to a crime who agreed & gave testimony to their agreement & years later 2 older witnesses came forth & gave conflicting testimony, & whose testimonies even differed from one another in many

 details, who would YOU believe?!

 There are over 5000 MSS supporting the KJB, & years after 1611, in 1881, the two R/C MSS were advanced & said to be older & more accurate,

 even though they disagreed in over 3000 places in the Gospels alone, with each other. When Sinaiticus is compared to the Traditional Text, you see

 that over 2600 words have been deleted from the Gospels. In Vaticanus the number is higher: 3400+!

 Multiple choice question: Whom do you think would delete words phrases & whole passages from God's Word: God the Father, the Son, the

 Holy Spirit, Satan? *Don't get run over by the hoofprints!!!*

**IV. THE FINGERPRINTS OF DEMONS:**



 A. The Imps of Hell at Play: ***"seducing spirits & doctrines of devils..."***

***I Tim.4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (KJV)***

***II Tim.4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (KJV)***

 1. The Imps of Hell had a heyday mutilating the Scripture in the new versions.

***Mk.1:2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (KJV)***

***Mk.1:2 It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"-- (NIV)***

**QUES.:** Which is it? ***"the Prophets" (KJB)*** or "Isaiah the prophet" (NIV)? The quote in v.2 is from Malachi & the quote in v.3 is from Isaiah

 (Is.40:3). Malachi plus Isaiah does not equal "Isaiah the prophet" - it equals "the prophets"!

 2. Check out this pitiful mistake in the NIV that any 4 yr. old in a Bible-believing S.S. would be able to catch.

***II Sam.21:19 In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod. (NIV)***

***II Sam.21:19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Ja'are-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was***

 ***like a weaver's beam. (KJV)***

**CONCL.:** We could go on & on like this for hours! But why bother? We have caught Satan red-handed!!! We have heard the hiss of the serpent, read

the signature of Satan, have tracked down the hoofprints of the Devil & have examined the fingerprints of demons. It is "Elementary, my dear Watson!" Case closed! **Satan is "CAUGHT IN THE ACT!"** of messing with our Bible!



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