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Thoughts from our Pastor:

The god of this world.

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4

In this world there are two gods of power, God or Jehovah the Creator of the world and the Creator of all things, and a god named Satan that controls the world system and the lost souls in the world. Listen to Albert Barnes, *"The name "god" is here given to him, not because he has any divine attributes, but because he actually has the homage of the people of this world as their god, as the being who is really worshipped, or who has the affections of their hearts in the same way as it is given to idols."* Satan has a great irresistible power over people, because of his power over the world system. *"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out."* John 12:31 This means that Satan sits on the throne of the world controlling the minds of people, to a point saved people and all lost people. God said *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not..."* People are not morally good as so many claims, *"...There is none righteous, no, not one:"* Romans 3:10 Just as Adam and Eve both displeased God after the fall, every single soul ever born (except Jesus) was born blinded to the righteousness of God and under the evil and sinful powers of Satan. Satan is so powerful people cannot resist him, they must and will obey his every command that God allows. People think they can just resist him, but they cannot, they do not have the will or the power within them to resist him. God called him the prince of the power of the air. *"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"* Ephesians 2:2 This is strictly speaking about all the lost people, when God said *"Wherein in time past ye walked..."* these are the saved, who are no longer under the irresistible powers of Satan, but under the powers of God the Holy Spirit. However, even Christians must beware that we do not fall into the powers of Satan, because he is our adversary seeking to devour us. There are lots of Christians who ignorantly walk after Satan's power and fall into his will, and there are Christians who walk in some of Satan's will unknowingly. Only Jesus Christ had the power to overcome the temptations of Satan. Christians can overcome his temptations only thru Jesus Christ, it must be in His given power. Listen to God describe Satan in Ephesians 6:12 *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against*

principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” We are “*wrestling*” or fighting against powers we cannot see or feel, we must recognize this is not another man but a power causing people to disobey God. Satan is not “*flesh and blood*” but rather a power that is inviolable “a power of the air”. The lost world, the people, the king’s, the powers that be, even most of “Christendom” are under his power and authority. “*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*” John 8:44. Satan is called the god of this world because of his control of it, whether governments, people, or even most of what is called Christendom he controls it. He will control it as long as God allows him too. Satan is only defeated by the power of God. “*...now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*” John 12:31 This world is going to get worse and worse until Jesus returns. Some true churches and Pastors will ignore and avoid biblical truth more and more in this time called the days of apostasy. Satan will use demonization thru this world system, Christendom, and news organizations to demonize the truth and shame real Christians and churches into submission. It is up to the Pastors and the churches to fight for the truth and to keep the truth alive for the next generation. Christians and churches of old surrendered their lives to keep the churches and truth alive. They refused to surrender unlike some today in the time of apostasy. What is your fight, are you fighting for biblical truth or are you surrendering to Satan and his world system? “As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. “*For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*” Galatians 1:9 - 12

A base heathenish invention!

By Charles Spurgeon

The word "chance" should be forever banished from the Christian's conversation.

Luck or chance is a base heathenish invention!

God rules and overrules all things, and He does nothing without a motive.

The falling of a sparrow to the earth is in the divine purpose, and answers an end.

Every grain of dust that is whirled from the threshing-floor, is steered by God with as unerring a wisdom as the stars in their courses!

There is not a leaf that trembles in the autumn from the tree, but is piloted by the plan and purpose of the Lord.

The insatiable archer of death is not permitted to shoot his bolts at random.

Every arrow that flies bears this inscription, "I have a message from God for you!"

A purpose, consistent with the love and justice of God, lies hidden in the harvest of death.

"In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will!" Ephesians 1:11

A Thought From J.C. Ryle

Our Lord has . . .

many *weak children* in His family,

many *dull pupils* in His school,

many *raw soldiers* in His army,

many *lame sheep* in His flock.

Yet He bears with them all, and casts none away.

Happy is that Christian who has learned to do likewise with his brethren.