

Sunday, January 21, 2018—Grace Life School of Theology—*Ambassadorship 101*—Lesson 3 The Adversary's Three-Fold Battle Strategy

Introduction to Satan's Three-Fold Battle Strategy

- There are three major lines of attack that he takes against us today.
- These three major tactics constitute Satan's entire battle plan against the Body of Christ, and for the most part Satan executes his battle plan by implement each of the three phases in order.
- The three major ploys of Satan's battleplan are as follows:
 - Phase One (first line of attack): Attack the Message
 - Phase Two (second line of attack): Attack the Messenger
 - Phase Three (third line of attack): Discredit or Discourage the Messenger
- Success in any of these three phases give Satan the opportunity to carry out the slander and reproach in the heavenly places that he longs to produce. This is because success through any one of these lines of attack directly affects the impact that God has designed us to make in the heavenly places.

Phase One—Attack The Message

- Seeing that the war Satan has waged in this mystery dispensation is founded upon his hatred for the revelation of the mystery of Christ, it is only natural that his first line of attack would be directed against the message itself.
- By attacking the message of the mystery of Christ and obscuring it, hiding it, or even denying it, Satan is able to keep Christians ignorant or mistaken about the very thing that they need to know.
- Through his clever production of various contrary doctrines, he buffets the minds of Christians with teachings from the Bible that oppose the truth about God's present dispensation of grace, and his program and dealings with us in it.
- They are beguiled into believing something else form the Bible to what God's program today involves. Though it is not what God is doing today they follow it nevertheless.
- Colossians 2:1-8, 18-19—Contain the primary four methods that Satan uses to attack the message of grace.
 - Philosophy and vain deceit
 - Tradition of men
 - The rudiments of the world
 - Extra-Biblical revelation.

- These devices work to make it so that Christians end up living not according to God's mystery program for the today, but especially according to God's time past or yet ages to come program with Israel.
- *Philosophy and Vain Deceit*—Philosophy, first of all, exalts human opinion and judgments above the word of God, and makes the meaning of God's word, and the determination of what He is doing subject to what seems to make sense to one's own way of thinking, or the way of thinking of others.
- With philosophy the word of God is not the final absolute authority.
- Please notice that vain deceit is combined with philosophy is the verse. In addition, to the final authority of the word being questioned by philosophy, vain seeks to handle the word of God deceitfully.
- This includes but is not limited to the following:
 - False Bibles that obscure mystery truth
 - Genesis 3:1-4
 - Isaiah 14:12—Revelation 22:16
 - Galatians 2:7
 - Ephesians 3:6
 - God's word is to be read literally and handled in accordance with the laws of language and written communication.
 - Strict adherence to the context of verse is to be employed for the determination of the meaning of any verse or passage.
 - Rightly dividing the word of truth must be employed so that instructions, doctrines, promises and the like are not misapplied to other programs.
- *Tradition of Men*—Satan desires to have Christians saddled with things that are not after Christ, such as man-made ordinances, customs, and regulations. Practices, rituals, rites, and ceremonies of long-standing traditional or custom, also fall into this category.
- *The Rudiments of the World*—refer to the physical and fleshly ordinances of the Law that God employed in His program and dealings with Israel. Physical circumcision and water baptism along with dietary commands, and a calendar of holy and Sabbaths are included in this category.
- Colossians 2:9-17, 20-23
- *Extra—Biblical Revelation*—When a Christian can be convinced through the personal experience of some phenomenon that god is communicating to him or her, then that personal experience will become for the Christian the criterion for judging what is truth.

- As such the written word of God will no longer be the final absolute authority in the Christina's life. Instead, what the Bible says from now on will be evaluated on the basis of personal experience.
- This maybe Satan's most effective wile.
- Attacking the message of God for today with such devices is Phase One of the policy of evil today. By persuading Christians to follow God' program with Israel, (or at least confusing and mixing the programs) Satan achieves the objective he is after.
- Other passage dealing with Phase One:
 - Romans 16:17-20
 - Galatians 1:6-9, 3:1, 5:7-10
 - I Thessalonians 3:5-8
 - I Timothy 1:3-11
 - I Timothy 4:1-3
 - I Timothy 6:20-21
 - II Timothy 2:15-18
 - Titus 1:9-14
- Always remember that Satan hates the wisdom of God in a mystery and will stop at nothing to obscure its knowledge as well as stop its propagation.