

SATAN

A college professor of theology asked his student body, “How many of you believe in God?” The majority of the student body raised their hand that they did believe in God. He asked a second question, “How many of you believe in the devil?” Only a few in the whole student body raised their hand that they believed in the devil. One student went as far as to speak out and say, “How can any intelligent person believe in the devil in this day and age? The devil belongs to superstition along with ghosts, goblins, and things that go bump in the night.”

It is hard to believe that a student of theology could hold to a position such as this, but this position is not uncommon among religious bodies. The problem is not one’s view on God or the devil, the problem is one’s view on the Bible. When one’s view on the Bible is cloudy, he will pick and chose what he thinks to be relevant.

This is dangerous theology. Issues of theology cannot be picked or chosen to meet our preferences. If the Bible contradicts our belief, then we are wrong and the Bible is correct.

The college student was incorrect concerning his idea of the devil. How do I know this? Because the Bible teaches that, the devil does exist. His proper name is Satan. In Scripture, the term means adversary. But he is generally spoken of as the devil.

Scripture speaks of him as an angel of light. He appears to be good. But in reality, he is evil, clever, beguiling, and crafty. His goal is to destroy and create strife.

Scripture: King James Version: Job 1:6-12; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 22:31; II Thessalonians 2:7-9; I Peter 5:8-9.

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