

Scripture Reading:


Luke 8:4-12

II Corinthians 4:3-4

**Satan's Attempt to Protect his Turf
(by Obstructing Faith for Salvation)**

Review

Satan is the “spiritual father” and unnoticed influencer of all unsaved mankind by virtue of causing the collective fall of mankind from innocence and the resulting death. (I Jn 3:10, Jn 8:44)



Since Satan’s fatherhood of fall mankind began, he now attempt to prevent his children from escaping hi ‘family’ by adjusting his methods to match God changing program.

Abraham's object of faith for salvation

- Gen 15:1-4, cf Rom 4:1-3

The object of faith for salvation during the earthly ministry of Christ

- Jn 8:24

The object of faith for salvation since Pentecost

- I Cor 15:1-4

The Changing Objects of Faith for Salvation

The Changing Methods of Deity in Bringing Individuals to Faith for Salvation

During Christ's earthly ministry

- By the Father's "drawing" ministry, which involved the Father's "unveiling" the reality of the Son to certain individuals
 - Jn 6:44
 - Matt 16:15-17

Since Pentecost

- By the convicting work of the Holy Spirit
 - Jn 16:15-17

The Changing Response of Satan in Order to Prevent the Salvation of an Individual

During Christ's earthly ministry

- Taking the Word concerning the deity of Christ from the heart (Lk 8:12)
- By producing objection to Christ's deity
 - His 'illegitimate' birth (Jn 8:44, Isa 7:14)
 - His family background (Matt 13:53-57)
 - His lack of education (Jn 7:14-15, 25-27)
 - His miracle power is from Satan (Matt 12:22-24)

Since Pentecost

- Satan veils the working of the mind to the gospel (II Cor 4:3-4)

Conclusion

- ◇ Despite the powerful attempt of Satan to keep his children from believing God's appointed object for faith unto salvation, he cannot prevent God from His unveiling and convicting ministries unto person salvation!
- ◇ **Romans 8:28-31** ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ²⁹For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**. ³¹What shall we then say to these things?

If God be for us, who can be against us?