

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 6

The Unbeliever is Totally Cosmic
And
Arrogance is the Ticket to the Cosmic System



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson

You know, kids, we've been studying a lot about the Angelic Conflict and the Cosmic System of Satan and you all are pretty much experts at this point in our study. However, we have been concentrating mostly on the effect it has on us (believers) but today in our last lesson on this in depth study, we'll focus a little on the unbeliever. We'll compare a bit.



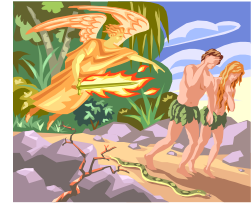
We're also going to look a little bit at arrogance, Satan's tool to use on the unbeliever and believer alike! So get ready to take a look at the influence of the cosmic system on the unbeliever and the arrogance that tripped up Satan and everyone else in the world.

Now remember in the beginning of our lesson we'll discuss the UNBELIEVER...NOT YOU...the believer, okay? So NO WORRIES HERE!

There are two ways in which the cosmic system can influence the unbeliever:

1. Demon possession is the first and it can only happen to unbelievers. Demon possession is when one or more demons invade the body of an unbeliever. BELIEVERS CANNOT BE DEMON POSSESSED because the Trinity lives inside the believer so NO demon can indwell the body of a believer. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit absolutely will not allow demons into the body of the believer. Here's an example in the New Testament of how Jesus cast demons out of a man. **Mat 8:28-32** "And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs. And he said to them, 'Go.' So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters."
2. Secondly, there is demon influence of unbelievers. Demon influence is when a demon invades or tries to influence the soul through your thinking with doctrine of demons...cosmic thinking...Satan's thinking...evil! The demons constantly try to get the unbelievers' eyes off God and onto self, people or things of the world. Satan is very successful at blinding the unbeliever especially when the unbeliever is not interested in knowing God or about God. **2 Cor 4:3-4** "And even if our gospel is veiled (hidden), it is veiled (hidden) only to those who are perishing. In

their case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God



All unbelievers are spiritually dead and are influenced, to some degree, by the cosmic system. Remember we are all born spiritually dead because of Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden. We were in Adam at that time and therefore, inherited his sin physically at birth. Our sins were put aside for Jesus to pay the penalty for them on the Cross. So all mankind with the exception of Jesus was born spiritually dead.

The unbelievers' involvement in the cosmic system varies a lot. In other words some unbelievers are more into the cosmic system than others. They have a tremendous protection against Satan's system if they are authority oriented and living within God's Law. This protection starts with the unbeliever's volition, and how he uses it in relation to the only system of God's Truth that an unbeliever can understand...the Laws of Divine Establishment. This involves AUTHORITY...God's authority and the authority HE gives to mankind. However, one of the easiest ways for the unbeliever to live in Satan's cosmic system is to REJECT legitimate authority from God in life found in these Laws of Divine Establishment. And GUESS WHAT? Arrogance is the result of rejection of authority. The cosmic system of Satan is totally made up of arrogance and it's the ticket to get into it.



Now, Satan's goal is to first of all blind the unbeliever from the Gospel of grace. We see this again in 2 Cor 4:3-4. "And even if our gospel is veiled (hidden), it is veiled (hidden) to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." This is so sad. But it only happens to unbelievers who are negative to the saving work of Jesus the Messiah. They don't want to know Him so they become blind to Him. As long as they are alive though, God can reach them as soon as they have a change of mind about Jesus.



God is perfect. His plan is perfect. His essence and nature being perfect cannot be unfair to mankind. So in His perfect nature God calls all unbelievers to Himself so they can hear the Gospel of Jesus. God loves all unbelievers with impersonal love. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved (impersonal love) the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall never perish but have eternal life." He calls everyone who is normal!!! He calls everyone that understand and that can make a rational decision to believe in Jesus or not believe.



He gave every man a conscience and a desire for eternity in his heart. Simply put, we have a hole in our hearts for eternity and the only thing that can fill up that hole to satisfaction is first, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and then after they believe, the Word of God, which will continue to fill it with Bible doctrine. Those are the only two things that will satisfy us and therefore make us happy...truly happy. Nothing else will do!

Oh, man constantly tries to fill it up himself with things of the world (Satan makes it look good) but if man rejects the Gospel he will try to fill it up with the cosmic things of the world and find out later

if not sooner that it does not fill up the hole in his heart!!! It only makes him feel emptier!!! They have an empty feeling about them that only God can satisfy. Unfortunately, many unbelievers reject it and NEVER find that satisfaction which turns into pure happiness once the person believes in Jesus and grows up spiritually in God's plan for his or her life.

Arrogance is the sin that keeps the unbeliever from entering the plan of God. Many feel they are "good" and don't need a Savior but we all know better, don't we. The Bible says in **Rom 3:23**. "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."



God also tells us that man is without an excuse who reject the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ in **Rom 1:20**. "For His invisible attributes (God's perfect character), namely, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly understood, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made (nature). So they (unbelievers) are without excuse."



Now, let's take a quick review of the influence of Satan's cosmic system on the believer in Jesus Christ. Remember because of the indwelling of all three members of the Godhead, the believer cannot be demon possessed...NEVER!!! All three live inside you. The Holy Spirit is there actively to guide you and help you think like Jesus. Jesus is there to motivate you and keep you inside His plan for your life. God the Father is always there to hear your prayers and loves when you trust Him to answer your prayers.



You must do your best to stay in the plan of God daily. Confess your sins constantly and use the power of the Holy Spirit to apply the Word in every situation of your life, okay? The reason for this is so you will not be vulnerable to false doctrines and lies from Satan and his cosmic system. Paul warns us about this in **Tim 4:1-2**. "But the (Holy) Spirit explicitly says that in later times (end of the Church Age) some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons..."

You DO NOT want to be the Christian that lives their life without having a relationship with God and without being in His plan. **ROM 8:5-8** "For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is (spiritual) death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God." So please choose to set your wonderful minds on the Spirit and have the peace and happiness that comes from this. Only believers have this chance of having a relationship with God and being in the plan of God. Whether you take advantage of this possibility depends upon your free will.

Here are some more verses in our wonderful Bible that warns us against the demon influence of your soul. **1 John 2:15-16** says, "Stop loving the cosmos (cosmic system...the world) or anything related to it. If anyone keeps loving the cosmos (cosmic system...the world), the love of the Father (personal love for God, spiritual confidence) is not in Him. Because all that is in the cosmos (cosmic system...the world), the lust of the flesh (old sin nature controlling soul), and the lust of the eyes (arrogant desires), and the arrogant pattern of life (arrogance in action) is not from the Father but

from the cosmos (Satan)." So in closing our lesson today let's listen to what Paul said in Eph 4:27 when he commands believers to stay out of the cosmic system. "Do not give the devil an opportunity."

Close in prayer

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