

**DENYING EXISTENCE OF EVIL**  
**Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 27 October 2019**

**Attention Step:**

- Sometimes societies and individuals resist recognition of problems in their beliefs, policies, or actions.
  - showed picture of ostrich with head in sand and then one of man with head in sand.
  - Pictures like these evoke thoughts of ineffective ways to hide from danger

**Introduction:**

**Could Halloween become a time at which we dull our senses to the existence of evil???**

- A cute picture of kids in costumes falsely represents Satan's kingdom of darkness.
- Have you ever said, or heard someone say: "I'm too educated to believe in ghosts, goblins, or witches!"?
- Perhaps we're lifted up with pride that we're more intelligent than our "superstitious" ancestors
  - But God says its spiritual wickedness against which we wrestle ([Ephesians 6:12](#))
  - SPIRITUAL EVIL IS REAL! – NOT IMAGINARY !**
- The earliest origins of this celebration that I found seems to be a celebration by the Celts as the concluded harvest time and prepared for winter. (About 1200 BC)
- During this celebration Celtic priests built large bon-fires and offered sacrifices on "sacred altars" to ward off the ghosts of the dead. which they believed returned to earth at that time.
- Later on the Roman Church celebrated it as the Hallowed E'en before All Saints day also called All Hallows Day. Keep in mind that in that Roman theology you couldn't even be a saint till you had died. Thus this was really a celebration of the dead.
- When I was a child, I never knew all that. It was just a time to dress up in costumes and get candy.
- As we consider these things I'd like to suggest that we need to be careful following the world's traditions that we don't fall into a trap of our enemy.
- I fear that, in our society, two dangers exist here
  1. We can become obsessed in thinking about death rather than pursuing life in Christ
  2. We can convince ourselves that evil spirits aren't real they're just fun imaginary things that we joke about.

**Overview**

- 1. The Devil has always been our enemy**
- 2. The Devil consistently tries to present himself as good or non-existent**
- 3. God forbids us to have anything to do with Satan's domain**

**Body of Lesson:**

**1. The Devil has always been our enemy**

- He is subtle. - [Genesis 3:1a](#)
- He questions the reasonableness of God. - [Genesis 3:1b](#)
- He denies the truthfulness of God - [Genesis 3:4](#)
- He misrepresents the motives of God - [Genesis 3:5](#)
  - Basically he's saying, "If you don't try evil & death, how do you know you won't like it?"
- He makes evil appear pleasant
  - He cleverly uses good bait
    - The bait is not necessarily evil but the actions against God to which he tempts us are.
  - Satan used something good created by God as the bait! - [Genesis 3:6](#)
  - Satan still uses good bait to make evil actions appear pleasant

--Interjected Comment:

---The bait is not necessarily evil – It is the actions against God to which he tempts us which are evil

--- Our duty is to follow God. Satan hates this

----[John 10:4](#), [1 Corinthians 6:12](#), [Ecclesiastes 12:13](#)

## **2. The devil consistently tries to present himself as good, and evil as non-existent.**

-He even preaches about one he calls Jesus (but it's another Jesus) - [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)

-He moves his slaves to present themselves as apostles of Christ - [2 Corinthians 11:13](#),

-He presents himself as an angel of light - [2 Corinthians 11:14](#)

## **3. God forbids us to have anything to do with Satan's domain**

-We are to avoid interaction with evil spiritual beings - [Deuteronomy 18:10-12](#)

-King Saul Disobeyed this command and died the next day in battle. - [1 Samuel 28:7](#)

---Through this woman, King Saul learned he would die in battle the next day, and he did!

-Jesus Christ, Himself, cast out devils from those who were demon possessed. - [Matthew 8:16](#)

## **Summary and Conclusion**

-Though his doom is sure, our enemy is a master of deceit. - [Revelation 12:9](#)

-He walks about seeking to devour us and as many unsaved as possible. - [1 Peter 5:8](#)

-Our Savior is greater than our enemy!!! - [1 John 4:3-4](#)

## **ENDING STATEMENT**

**IT IS ONLY CHRIST'S HOLY SPIRIT, WHO INDWELLS THE BELIEVER, WHO PREVENTS A PERSON FROM BEING DECEIVED ALL THE WAY TO THE LAKE OF FIRE!**