

## Satan's Soldiers

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

**John 16:1-2.** "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

Those that Jesus speaks of being killed are Christians. They follow Jesus and walk according to the commands of God. As it was in the days that Jesus walked the earth, those who profess religion, but don't follow God, will persecute the ones who obey the Lord. One of the charges that the unbelievers make against the people of God is that so many conflicts are done in the name of some religion. Those who murdered Christians in the time of Jesus, and those who do so today, say that they serve God.

The truth is, that God doesn't tell us to kill our enemies, but to pray for them. That is what a true servant of God does. The gospel is not to be spread with gun, or sword, but by the preaching of God's Word. Only

the will of Satan is done by hate and killing. Even some who profess to be Christians serve the evil cause by hating others; those who don't follow their man-made doctrines. They sometimes fight other believers more than they try to fight the devil. **James 3:13-18.** "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." To the person involved in a conflict, especially in church, I would ask, "Why? Are you seeking to do God's Will, or your own?"

Don't be like the Pharisees who masked their hate and evil, under the guise of defending the Law of God. Jesus told them in **Matthew 23:27-28.** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within

full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." Hate has no place in the hearts of those who want to serve the Lord. Sin is the only thing that we are to hate, not the sinner. Those who hate, and avoid, those who are undesirable to them are no better than the Pharisee that Jesus spoke of in **Luke 18.** So those who do damage to others in word, or deed, are not much different to those of heathen religions who willingly kill people. Neither serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own fleshly desires. **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.** "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." The evil spirits are glad when people are deceived into thinking that they are serving, and doing God's Will, when they act out of hate. The Christian does the will of God, serving in faith and love. The ones who do evil serve Satan, no matter what they claim to be doing. Who do you serve?

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LABAN, HAVING CAUGHT UP WITH JACOB, HAS NOW ACCUSED HIM OF STEALING HIS LITTLE GODS OF SILVER AND GOLD...

WHEREFORE HAST THOU STOLEN MY GODS?

AND JACOB DOES NOT KNOW THAT RACHEL HAS TAKEN THE GODS OF HER FATHER AS A PART OF HER INHERITANCE...

SEARCH THOU MY TENTS! WITH WHOMSOEVER THOU FINDEST THY GODS - LET HIM NOT LIVE!

WOULD I STEAL THY GODS?!

WHILE THEY YET SEARCH THE OTHER TENTS, I WILL HIDE THE GODS IN THE SADDLE OF MY CAMEL!

IN A SHORT WHILE...

THOU HAST SEARCHED MY TENT, AND LEAH'S TENT, AND THE TENTS OF THE SERVANTS AND FOUND NOT THY GODS!

THERE IS YET RACHEL'S TENT TO SEARCH!

THINKEST THOU TO FIND THY STOLEN GODS IN THE TENT OF THY DAUGHTER RACHEL?!

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