

OPPOSITES

Pastor Dave Bechtel | Revelation 17:1-6; Proverbs 7:1-27; Luke 15:11-24

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| I. Jesus and <u>the</u> <u>devil</u> | I Sam 24:4-7; Rev 18:20, 24;
Rom 12:2; James 4:4
Gen 3:15; Matt 1:25; Isa 7:14;
Rom 16:19-20; Rev 12:1ff
Isa 9:6; Acts 3:15; 5:31
John 10:10; Heb 2:14
Mal 1:14; Matt 25:44; Eph 6:10ff;
Acts 16:18; James 4:7-8 |
| 1. It's the <u>first</u> one | |
| 2. Opposing <u>princes</u> | |
| 3. A <u>shepherd</u> and a <u>thief</u> | |
| 4. <u>Commanders</u> of enemy <u>armies</u> | |
| 5. Two <u>leaders</u> to <u>follow</u> | I Tim 5:15; Rev 20:7ff; Matt 4:19; 16:24 |
| 6. Two <u>sowers</u> | Matt 13:4, 19, 37-39 |
| 7. Two " <u>attorneys</u> " | Zech 3:1; Rev 12:10; I John 2:1-2;
Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34 |
| II. The Spirit and <u>the</u> <u>flesh</u> | I Cor 15:39; II Cor 7:1; Gal 5:17 |
| 1. One set <u>free</u> , the other <u>enslaves</u> | II Cor 3:17; Rom 7:14, 23-24; 8:2 |
| 2. One brings <u>life</u> , the other <u>death</u> | John 6:63; Rom 8:5-8, 12-13 |
| 3. One makes <u>whole</u> , the other <u>corrupts</u> | I Pet 1:2; Gal 6:7-8 |
| 4. One prepares for <u>glory</u> , the other for <u>shame</u> | II Thess 2:13-14 |
| 5. One bears <u>fruit</u> , the other <u>rotten</u> <u>deeds</u> | Gal 5:16-25 |
| 6. One brings <u>unity</u> , the other <u>division</u> | Eph 5:18ff; Phil 2:1 |
| III. The Father and <u>the</u> <u>world</u> | |
| 1. Two potential <u>friends</u> | James 4:4; 2:23 |
| 2. Two <u>shapers/molders</u> | Rom 12:2; 8:29 |
| 3. Two <u>givers</u> | James 1:17; John 14:27 |
| 4. Two <u>instructors</u> | Col 2:8, 20; Ps 19:7ff |
| <u>They</u> <u>both</u> : | |
| 1. <u>Come</u> to <u>meet</u> us | |
| 2. " <u>Welcome</u> " us | II Cor 5:20; 6:17 |
| 3. Promise to <u>provide</u> | Matt 6:31-33; I Tim 6:17; Ps 37:25 |
| 4. " <u>Honor</u> " us | Rom 8:17; Eph 2:4-7 |
| 5. Promise to take away our <u>fears</u> ,
provide <u>security</u> | Matt 7:13-14; Phil 4:6-7;
Rom 8:31-39 |
| 6. Promise to " <u>love</u> " us | Gen 2:18; I Cor 7:3-5, 7; Rom 8:32; 5:8 |
| 7. <u>Lead</u> us to their <u>houses</u> | John 14:2; Ps 23:6; Prov 14:27; I John 5:3-4 |

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

RELATE

1. What has most surprised you from the Revelation series and why?

REVIEW

1. Share any truth, application or idea from the sermon that challenged or confused you.
2. What is the meaning of "the flesh" in the sermon? In what ways are the Spirit and the flesh opposites? Give at least three examples of how the flesh corrupts a person's life.
3. Identify the soul-messages (the words that resonate deeply in heart of the young man) in Proverbs 7. How does "the world" use these messages to seduce us to unfaithfulness?
4. The Revelation harlot is not selling sex. What is she selling?

DIG

1. We know that God loves us in spite of the fact that we're unworthy. Read the verses below. What words illustrate God's great love for us and/or motivate us to live a life worthy of God's love?

John 3:16-18

Mark 15:34

Romans 5:7-8

Romans 8:32

Romans 8:35-38

APPLICATION

1. This sermon dealt with contrasts. How do you deal with this contrast: being called to live perfectly, as Jesus did, and yet still having sin in your life?
2. Think about question #3 in review. What soul-message is God whispering to you as a believer to move you to faithfulness?