

Satan – The Uninvited Guest

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Uninvited Guest: Is someone who goes or does something without being asked, or who is not invited. Someone who intrudes on the privacy or property of another without permission. A person that is presumed to have permission to do or say something as if they have the authority or freedom to do so.

In many of our life settings when we get together there is often a guest that is present who was never invited. This person is known as the uninvited guest, one who attends the affair or gathering with a specific agenda or motive. In many cases this uninvited guest is none other than Satan or one of his loyal representatives sent to cause havoc and turmoil. When the influence of darkness and hatred enters a place, it is because the uninvited guest has made his presence known through the manifestation of his character.

Satan often times shows up when he is not invited, and when he shows up it is to hinder or destroy the work of God. As Christians we need to be able to recognize when this uninvited guest comes into our mist, and once he is identified we need to take all appropriate action to do our best to neutralize and remove this uninvited guest from our presence. As humans, we do not possess the power to remove this uninvited guest, only the power of God can remove and neutralize this uninvited guest.

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-6** (3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (6) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

If a person is living a life of habitual sin, which mean their way of life is in opposition to God's word, then their walk or life is under the influence of Satan. As such, when they come into our presence they reflect and manifest the characteristic and behavior of the prince of darkness. The influence that is controlling and directing this person turns them into the uninvited guest in the room. The manifested behavior of this uninvited guest is therefore sinful and in direct opposition to the work of God and His kingdom.

- **1 John 3:8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

When the uninvited guest comes into our mist or gathering, we submit our ways to God, rather than man. In other words we must seek the power of God to suppress or eliminate the presence of this uninvited guest. If we humble ourselves, call on the name of Jesus and submit ourselves to the ways of the Lord, then the uninvited guest will flee from among us.

- **James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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In the book of Matthew in the 16-chapter, Jesus began to tell the disciples that he must go into Jerusalem and suffer many things, and eventually be killed, and that he would rise again on the third day. However, at the same time the uninvited guest, Satan came upon Peter, and Peter began to rebuke Jesus for what he was saying. Jesus recognize that the words of Peter were of the devil, and were intended to keep him from going to the cross, so Jesus ordered Satan to get behind him. Which means Satan was rebuked and overtaken by the power of God. Then Jesus withstood Peter through the power of God and told Peter he was an offense to him because he was caring more about things of the world rather than things of God.

- **Matthew 16:21-24** (21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (22) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (23) But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

When we as believers come together to do the work of God, and to expand His kingdom here on earth, we first invoke the presence and power of the Holy Spirit into our mist or gathering. We then cast out any spirit that is not of God in the Name of Jesus, and through the power of God almighty. We must always remember that Satan is always trying to get an advantage over us so he can hinder the work of God. Satan not only wants to stop our Kingdom building, but if he cannot control us, he then wants to destroy us and our testimony. We must remember that God is not the God of disorder and chaos, if our coming together include this type of behavior then it is not of God but rather of Satan. Jesus stated that those that seek and followed Him would like a life without worldly chaos and confusion that is known as worldly darkness, but shall live in the light and the things of darkness will be exposed and overcome by the light.

- **1 Peter 5:8-9** (8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
- **1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints
- **John 8:12** The spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.