

## UNEXPECTED COMPANY

### Matthew 16:23

**Matthew 10:1** Have you ever wondered what Peter must have thought when Jesus said that to him? Peter was saved, called to be an Apostle, a preacher, a Christian leader, and a man that had been used of God to do miracles, yet right in the presence of Peter talking to Jesus Satan shows up and takes over.

### SATAN'S WORK WITH UNBELIEVERS

**Luke 8:12; II Corinthians 4:3-4** The Devil cannot stop people from hearing the bible or even hearing a clear presentation of the gospel. He is however, the god of this world and can quickly use his many subtle strategies to confuse people and steal the word of God from a blind and unbelieving heart.

**James 2:19** Satan will not try to make every person refuse to recognize and believe in God. The bible is clear that even nature and the heavens declare His glory. People can believe in God and stay lost.

**Genesis 3:5; Matthew 4:8-9; Romans 1:21-23** Satan has the power to show mankind that we can rule the world and have power and wisdom without giving God Almighty credit for anything.

**Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 5:1-5** Satan will use human nature against the will of God in order to keep people from being saved. He will also use his demons to influence people to do evil and resist God.

**Revelation 12:9** As we survey world history up to the present day, we can see that Satan and his demons have influenced history in a dramatic way. He has tried for centuries to destroy Israel and any and all people and countries that stand for God, Jesus and righteousness.

### SATAN'S WORK WITH BELIEVERS

**II Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11** Christians today are so ignorant of the subtle wiles and tricks of the Devil. He has so many ways of attacking our spirit, our peace, our testimony, our very faith.

**Job 1:6-11; Revelation 12:10** Every time we sin or bring reproach unto the Lord in any way Satan not only reminds us of our hypocrisy he also is bringing our name and sin before God and Christ.

**Ephesians 4:14; Hebrews 5:11-14** The Devil has many ways of keeping believers from reading and studying God's word. This work keeps believers from growing and helping others to grow as well.

**I Thessalonians 2:18; Galatians 5:7, I Timothy 4:1** Satan works to frustrate believers from knowing and following God's will for our lives. He gets in our way to know and accomplish God's will.

**Luke 12:16-20; I Corinthians 1:10-11** The Devil puts things in the way of believers that help him take the focus off Christ and our testimony. He laughs at us when we fuss and complain at each other.

**Matthew 6:24-25; I Peter 5:8** The Devil takes pleasure in getting believers to worry about things rather than trusting God as our Father. He gets us to worry over health, family, money, death, etc.

### SATAN'S WORK IN THE CHURCH

**Acts 20:28-30; I Timothy 4:1** Satan has a counterfeit doctrine for every believer. The reason there are so many denominations of believers today is because Satan has done such a good job of deception.

**John 10:12; II Corinthians 11:13-15** The Devil brings in counterfeit bible teachers and preachers in order to confuse, destroy, and split churches through false bible teaching and misleading the flock.

**II Corinthians 11:3-4; Galatians 1:6-7** There are probably as many different "gospels" as to how to get to heaven as there are different versions of the bible. That is how Satan works, with counterfeits.

**Galatians 3:2-3** The Devil often gets Christian workers, teachers, and preachers to be so busy doing things in the church house that we neglect personal worship and fellowship with God to our own loss.