

# **SATAN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In these last days as it has always been from the beginning but in a greater measure now, ignorance is one of the greatest tool of deception at play, whether it be willingly or unwillingly, in the world today more so amongst believers. A cloud of strong delusion is covering all those that receive not the love of the truth but rather have pleasure in unrighteousness for they shall continue in the belief of a lie – **2 Thess 2:9-12**. This literature is for those that seek the truth and the understanding thereof. The good Lord shall open your understanding of his word in Jesus name. Amen.

Unfortunately, for many Believers today, majority of the things that we know of the word of God is premised on what our religious leaders of the Churches as organizations (CAOs) preach and teach from their pulpits and not what we have diligently studied on our own from the Holy Bible, a slothful man's way, but this ought not to be so – **1 Cor. 2:4-5; Acts 17:10-12**. This has ended up causing what we believe to be based on the wisdom of men rather than on the wisdom of God. One of those areas that we shall examine through this literature, which has been misrepresented to many, is the connection and relationship between Satan and Sin. Presently the distinction between the two is not made clear in many teachings which interchange them as if they are the same thing or synonyms as it were. So the CAO ends up trumpeting Satan and his works more than any other whether it is sin or even Christ, knowingly or unknowingly.

Until a man is able to understand the relationship and difference between Sin and Satan such may not be able to overcome the enemy as we ought to due to this ignorance. May that not be your portion in Jesus name. Amen.

## **THE DEVIL IS NOT SIN**

Unfortunately, many have been made to subtly believe that Satan is Sin and Sin is Satan without distinction, but this is not true. Satan can be said to be an epitome of an assiduous servant of Sin but not Sin itself. Sin is a transgression of the law, while Satan is a transgressor of the law. Sin is an evil work cum error, while Satan is a doer of evil works. Those that commit sin are called transgressors or sinners. Satan is the chief of transgressors or sinners amongst all the disobedient creatures of God; Satan is the ringleader of them all.

**I Jn 3:4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. **Vr.8** He that committeth sin is of the devil (Why?); for the devil sinneth from the beginning (being the chief/primary/first sinner).

Many have viewed Sin only from the perspective of an action or deed but Sin can also be viewed as a personality or spirit being, a master and a lord, having servants, dwelling and reigning over them even as the Bible identified him thus. **Sin is both an action and a Being.**

**Gen 4:1-8 (Vr.7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

**Jn 8:34** Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin (the action) is the servant of sin (the being).

Satan is a servant of Sin, even its chief servant. So Sin is the master of Satan. So where you have a master and a servant as your enemies who should be the main cum primary focus or target of your attack? the master of course. Why?

**Jn 13:16** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord;

**Mk 14:27** And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

Satan is the chief (principal) sinner of all times. He dwelleth in offence and sin dwelleth in him even as a cursed being of God (**Gen 3:14**). The works of the Devil is meant to cause men to commit iniquity in their hearts and produce the works of the flesh that is sinful in their members as it were, for the Devil is a worker of iniquity. The Devil, himself, is not Sin rather his works is geared towards manifesting sin, even as the fallen Man, as a sinner, is not sin rather the works that he does tendeth to sin (**Rom 7:14-25**).

Satan cannot do without sinning, for he cannot do righteousness but ungodliness; he is a slave to Sin, meaning that Satan himself is held bound by Sin as it were. Even as sinners are not free, so also Satan though the CAO paints a contrary picture ascribing unto him powers that he does not possess erroneously, powers that belong to God only. Unfortunately, the CAO mystifies Satan subtly out of ignorance (**2 Pet 2:10-22; Jude 1:8-13**) but the truth demystifies him. Sin can do without Satan since it has other servants such as unclean spirits, fallen men/flesh, etc (**Rev 20:1-7; I Kings 22:19-23**), the only thing is that Satan is its chief servant, cursed above all, who is diligent and delivers majority of the time. Satan is not a free agent that roams at will, he has limits and boundaries that he cannot cross. Satan is subject to Sin and God, God being above all and not to be compared with any other. **Job 1:6-12; Job 2:6; Num 23:7-12,19-26; Lk 12:4-7; Jn 19:10-11; Mtt 12:25-30,43-45; Jn 1:5**

Sin is found at work in the flesh of man and that is why the redeemed man has to mortify the flesh and its lusts by the Spirit of God that dwelleth in him. It is through carnality of mind and cravings for fleshly lust that Satan gets men to commit sin, that is his work (**Rom 8:5-8; Gal 5:16-17,19-21,24**). The serpent when being cursed by God was given dust to eat as food from whence the flesh of man was taken (**Gen 3:14,19**). So where Sin is found Satan is irresistible drawn there in order to find food, just as metal is drawn to magnet, ants to sugar or mosquitoes to human flesh. **Jn 12:26; Mtt 24:28; Mtt 13:31-32**

Lucifer was created and anointed as a cherub by God, as His obedient and faithful servant, but Satan was cursed as a disobedient, rebellious servant of God. And by the curse of God upon him he was bound to Sin as its slave (**Ezek 28:13-19; Gen 3:14**). So Satan is both a fallen, disgraced, condemned and judged servant of God and also a slave to Sin as it were. But for the purpose of this literature our focus is on the aspect of Satan and Sin relationship.

For the true disciple of Christ, we know that Satan is a cursed sinner and a servant of sin, who cannot but do the bidding of his master, Sin always. So Sin is the main issue where disobedience is concerned and not Satan. Using the analogy of a tree, Sin is as the root, while Satan is as the vine/stem, and fallen men are as the branches thereof, the opposite or counterfeit of **Jn 15:1-5**. Deal with the root and the tree shall wither away. **Deu 32:32-33; Mtt 13:5-6; Mk 11:12-14,19-21**

#### **WHY GO AFTER SIN AND NOT THE DEVIL?**

Sin is the #1 enemy of Man and not Satan, for Satan is but a servant of sin as it were.

**Qn:** Why is it so important to focus on dealing with the master, Sin, more than the servant, Satan? Because if you are delivered from the works of Satan (of which many run to and fro today for) and yet you are bound by the works of the flesh, which is the works of Sin (of which many ignore/overlook), ye shall not enter into the kingdom of God but not vice versa. How? If you are delivered from the works of Sin and not from the works of the Devil you can still make heaven. How? **I Cor. 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21**

Even though you are deformed or physically handicapped, but your soul is righteous before God you shall make it into the kingdom of God.

**Mk 9:43-48 (Vr.43** And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: **Vr. 44** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **Vr.45** And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into

the fire that never shall be quenched: **Vr.46** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **Vr.47** And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: **Vr.48** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Even though you are healed from bodily sickness and afflictions, without forgiveness of sins and justification from God you shall end up in hell. **Jn 5:10-14; Jn 8:3-11**

**Lk 5:18-26 (Vr.20** And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. **Vr.21** And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? **Vr.22** But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? **Vr.23** Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? **Vr.24** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins," (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) "I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. **Vr.25** And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

Even though you are delivered from poverty, and become rich, you shall still end up in hell without being reconciled to the Father through Jesus Christ. **Mtt 19:16-26; Lk 16:19-31**

**Lk 12:13-32 (Vr.15** And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. **Vr.16** And he spake a parable unto them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **Vr.17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **Vr.18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **Vr.19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **Vr.20** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **Vr.21** So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**Mtt 19:16-26 (Vr.21** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **Vr.22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **Vr.23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

It is not the works of Satan done externally in the life of a man that defiles a man, rather it is the works of iniquity at play in the heart of a man that defiles the man and is made manifest in

the flesh or his members as sin (**Mtt 15:1-20**). Many have been made to focus more on the former rather than on the latter by the CAO teachings and practices of today. By such erroneous teachings the clear distinctions between the works of sin and that of the Devil have been eroded in order that the lusts of Satan might be fulfilled in men's lives unfortunately. It is not the works of Satan that sends a man to hell or eternal damnation rather it is the works of the flesh manifesting sin that does ultimately. But men are made to be seeking deliverance from the works of Satan while being oblivious of the ravaging of the works of the flesh in their lives and the pertinent need to be delivered from these primarily. A case of chasing rats while your house is on fire burning, misplaced priorities. **I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21**

**Mtt 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Ezek 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; (not the wages of Satan)

Sin is the master and lord of Satan, but unfortunately we have been made to believe it the other way round by the CAO, that Sin is under Satan or at best that he is Sin, but this is far from the truth. By reason of this error in doctrine, men have been made to focus so much on the Devil, the servant, while allowing his master, Sin, to operate unhindered in their flesh as it were. This is a wile of the enemy that many have been caught in the web of till date. Sin is the primary issue, while Satan is the secondary thing, but the CAO have deceived men to make Satan primary, while Sin becomes secondary, this is an error. And that is why we have today "ministers of God"- pastors, choristers, etc of the CAO who are prayer warriors, tongue-speaking, demon chasing, but steeped in fornication, malice, strife, hatred, nepotism and the likes, mounting pulpits and still conducting church services as it were, what an error of our times.

The CAO gets men to focus so much on Satan, human enemies and their evil works, while playing down on Sin at work in their flesh producing the works of the flesh in their members and defilement in their hearts. Men are made to be seeking for deliverance from the works of the Devil against their flesh, while the works of iniquity thrives in their hearts as it were and are made manifest in their flesh. This is the satanic game plan that the CAO helps to execute even till today.

## WHO DO SINNERS TRULY SERVE? SATAN OR SIN

Sinners are servants of Sin and not servants of Satan, instead Satan is the chief servant of Sin, the servant over Sin's household as it were. Sin is the Paymaster, Satan is his Taskmaster, while sinners are the slaves/subjects being held in captivity as it were. Satan is a slave driver for Sin.

**Jn 8:34** Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

**I Jn 3:8** For the devil sinneth (or committeth sin) from the beginning (being the first to sin thereby becoming the chief sinner)

**Rom 5:21** That as sin hath reigned unto death (in our physical body), even so might grace reign through righteousness (over our soul) unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Men are serving sin whether through Satan or not, that also is how sin reigneth having Satan as its diligent servant to execute its desires and lusts. It is sin that reigneth over the mortal body and not Satan.

**Rom 6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Vr.12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **Vr.13** Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. **Vr.14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. **Vr.16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **Vr.17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Vr.19** I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; **Vr.20** For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **Vr.21** What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. **Vr.22** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. **Vr.23** For the wages of sin is death;

To commit sin is an evil work and the Devil sinneth or committeth sin from the beginning, making him the chief sinner or the chief amongst sinners, whether amongst angels or men as it were. Therefore every man that committeth sin is said to be of the Devil, being the chief of

sinner. So in the school of sin, Devil is the Principal, while the fallen angels are the school prefects cum monitors over men that are sinners as students of the school, while Sin is the Proprietor of the School.

We have the wages of sin and not the wages of Satan, because it is Sin that is the master of Satan and all sinners are its servants. At the end, Sin shall pay his servants wages, including its chief servant Satan. Why? For every labourer is worthy of his wages which is death, the second death, eternal damnation in the lake of fire. **Mtt 25:41; I Cor 3:17; Rev 20:10-15; Lk 10:7**

Sin shall pay Satan his wages also which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> death at the end. It was Sin that lieth at the door of the heart of Cain not Satan and unto Cain was its desire accomplished which was death by murder committed against his brother Abel. **Gen 4:6-8**

Satan does not pay wages at the end but rather he offers incentives to sinners on earth in order to get them to work for his master unto receiving wages at the very end with himself. **Lk 4:5-6; Jam 1:13-15; Mtt 13:19-22; Jn 6:27**

Satan is but a taskmaster, a slave driver, while Sin is his Paymaster and lord. Satan serves Sin for the wage of eternal death even as human sinners do also and all of them shall end up in the same place.

## **CHRIST DID NOT COME TO TAKE AWAY SATAN BUT SIN**

Sin is the master of Satan and Satan is the servant of Sin. For whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin and the devil committeth sin from the beginning. Christ was not sent by God into the world to put away Satan nor to destroy him, but rather to put away Satan's master, Sin, the root matter. Satan is a non-issue without Sin in place. At the appointed time God shall send a single angel down from heaven to chain him and put him away after the expiration of the short time that God has given him to operate for now upon the earth. **Rev 20:1-3; Rev 12:12-13; Mtt 8:28-29**

The main thing that Christ came to confront and deal with in order to set men free from the captivity thereof is Sin. It is Sin that can cause man to perish by the second death at the judgment of God and not Satan. The sentence of God upon all mankind was

**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Ezek 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin is death;

But God sent His only begotten Son to deal with Sin so that all that believe in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. **Jn 3:14-16; Jn 5:24**

**Mtt 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Jn 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Hebr 2:17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

**Hebr 9:22-23,24-28 (Vr.26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Vr.28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**2 Cor 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**I Jn 3:5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

**Rom 3:24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **Vr.25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Christ came to wash us from our sins by his own blood, which was shed for the remission of our sins and thereby empower us with his testimony and power of righteousness to overcome the wiles of Satan. **Rev 1:5-6; Hebr 9:22-23; Lk 22:20; Rev 12:11; I Jn 2:1-2; I Jn 4:9-10; Hebr 10:10-12,14,17-18; Isa 1:18; I Cor 6:11**

When you deal with Sin you have put Satan out of work, but if you deal with Satan, Sin continues to work in the flesh though without his chief servant, for Sin has other servants apart from Satan. How? For when Satan shall be put away for a thousand years yet unrighteousness shall still be in the hearts of the disobedient men found on the earth during the millennial reign of righteousness of Christ. **Rev 20:1-8; Rev 16:1-21; Ps 110:1-2**

Christ did not come for Satan; Satan was just an offence, a hindrance, a stumbling block in the way (**Mtt 16:23**) and a means by which the finished work on the cross was to be actualized (**Jn 13:26-27**), rather he came to deal primarily with Sin. Sin was Christ's primary target for



destruction and not its servant Satan, but the Devil's works was in the way, so he destroyed them whenever he encountered them in the lives of men (**Acts 10:38**). At the appointed time God shall send a single angel to put away Satan (**Rev 20:1-3**) that is not Christ's work; for Christ finished his own work of condemning sin in the flesh on the cross as it were and thereby causing the fall of Satan from heaven. **Jn 17:4; Jn 19:30; I Jn 3:8; Rom 8:3-4; Jn 13:26-32; Jn 5:10-15; Mk 9:31; Mk 14:41-42**

**Lk 10:17-20 (Vr.18)** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Christ did not send us his true disciples to be preaching about Satan and his works nor fighting or binding, or seeking to destroy Satan as the CAO does today but rather he sent us to preach repentance and baptism for the remission of sins so that ye can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and power and to cast out devils that stand in our way of accomplishing this, destroying their works which we encounter in the lives of men as he showed us example. It is the CAO that focuses men on Satan and human enemies by the another gospel always. The true gospel focuses men on being made free from Sin and to be empowered to live righteously on the earth overcoming the wiles of the Devil by faith till the end. Holiness is a defense for the righteous and the Just shall live by faith. **Acts 2:37-41; Lk 24:46-49; Mtt 3:11; Rom 1:17; Mk 16:15-20; Jam 4:7-10; Lk 9:51-56; Mtt 5:38-48; Mtt 6:9-13; 2 Pet 2:9**

**Jn 16:7-15 (Vr.7)** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **Vr.8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **Vr.9** Of sin, because they believe not on me; **Vr.11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Many strive against Satan today but not against Sin rather they allow Sin to hold sway in their lives instead. Many are made to be afraid or fearful of Satan and his human agents and their works, but not of Sin or of God, this is an error perpetuated by the CAO, who make the primary issue secondary and the secondary issue primary always. Christ told us who to fear which is God, who is the Judge of the whole world, and not Satan.

**Mtt 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (because of sin found in you).

Whosoever claims that he is resisting Satan's works in his life's progress, wealth, prosperity without resisting Sin's works in his flesh is deceiving himself and is yet in bondage to sin as a sinner and shall end up in hell with Satan. **Mtt 25:41**

**Hebr 12:4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. (but many have been resisting unto blood striving against Satan instead erroneously)

Sin is the main issue and not Satan, for Satan as a servant of Sin is only geared at causing you to sin by his works. If Satan carries out all his works as he did in the case of Job and Christ and yet you do not commit sin he has failed as it were. **Jam 5:10-11**

### **GOD NEVER INTRODUCED SATAN TO ADAM NOR ANY MAN**

God never taught or told Adam about Satan, rather what He taught Adam before placing him in the Garden of Eden was about Sin, the transgression of His commandment, and Death that would result and the need for him to avoid it as it were. With that God did not tell Adam about the serpent, Satan. Why? Because Satan is not the main focus rather it is Sin that is and the consequence thereof which is death, Satan is but a servant of both.

**Gen 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God's focus for Adam was obeying Him and never on Satan and that is still God's modus operandum till today, but not that of the CAO which rather focuses men on Satan always instead.

God never introduced Satan to Adam, but Satan introduced himself to the Woman instead and was able to enter thereafter and beguile her (**Gen 3:13; 2 Cor 11:3**). Satan toasted the Woman for the very first time in the garden and till today his human agents are Razzlers, Casanovas and great toasters of women unto their fall in the world today. Even after Adam had fallen due to disobedience/sin and not due to Satan directly (**Gen 3:17; I Tim 2:14**), God still did not warn Adam's son Cain about the Devil but about Sin instead. God deals with Satan, His fallen, stiff-necked servant, by Himself and not by man for vengeance belongs to God alone. But through Christ He empowers us to overcome all the wiles and arrows of the Devil, resisting him through our faith in Christ Jesus. So God introduced Christ Jesus to mankind through John the Baptist and the apostles of Christ, but never Satan. **Gen 3:14-15; Rev 12:7-13; Jn 16:32-33; Rom 14:4; Rev 3:21-22; Jn 1:29-34; Mtt 17:1-6; Jn 20:30-31**

**Gen 4:6-8 (Vr.7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Throughout the Old Testament, God did not make an open introduction of Satan to mankind. The knowledge of Satan and his workings in the background was hid from men that were affected by his operations because God focused men on Himself always. How? for example,

**Deu 32:1-43 (Vr.37** And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, **Vr.38** Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. **Vr.39** See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. **Vr.40** For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

**Isa 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: **Vr.6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. **Vr.7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things .

It was with the manifestation of Christ on the earth that the offence of Satan against the work the Father sent him to do made him to give us understanding of Satan, unclean spirits and his human cohorts of which he overcame them all in order to show us the way to overcome also; and not be ignorant of the wiles of the enemy (**Eph 6:11**). It was then that we heard Christ dealing with the unseen Satan at work in created beings especially man. Yet God the Father never told us about Satan directly even in Job's case He did not refer Job to Satan as per the afflictions he suffered rather Job held unto God throughout his trial unto victory without having recourse to tangling with Satan though he knew about Satan. **Jn 8:34-35,41,44; Jn 13:26-28; Mtt 12:24-30; Job 1:6-22; Job 2:1-13; Isa 7:14-16**

**Jn 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:

**Mtt 16:23** 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.

Satan likes attention and turning/stirring focus unto himself and that is what he has gotten the CAO ministers to be doing for him all the time in all their gatherings. For without calling the name of Satan on their pulpits cum altars during their preaching, testimonies or prayers then such services would seem not to be complete. The name of the Devil and enemies are more on the lips of Believers of today than the name of Jesus Christ. No service in the CAO setup can be vibrant or seemingly "hot" without their adherents being made to fight Satan rather than worship Christ and the Father wholly. Satan loves to have the preeminence in all things and unfortunately the CAO accomplishes this for him in their churches.

God gave men knowledge of Sin by the Law and not of Satan- **Rom 3:20**. Christ and his apostles made us to be aware of Satan and his wiles so that we might not be deceived. So that we can be able to discern between Christ's works and that of Satan, truth and lies/errors, the Church and the gates of hell, the righteous ones and the wicked ones, etc... It was not so that we can destroy Satan or be Devil minded and Satan cum enemy self-conscious and fearful, but that we might be mindful of Christ to love and to do good always, giving thanks to God and rejoicing in

Him in everything that we must go through whether it be good or evil. Why? That we should know that it is the LORD that doeth all things as it were. **Mtt 13:24-30, 36-43; Mtt 24:4-5; 2 Cor 11:13-15; Phil 4:4; I Thess 5:14-22**

The primary thing that separated man from God was iniquity/Sin not Satan and God sent His Son to take it out of the way as it were and which the Son did on the cross. **Isa 59:1-2; Isa 64:6**

### **THE LAW, SIN, DEATH AND THE DEVIL, THE LINK**

God never at anytime focused nor taught Man that the Devil is His rival or alternative force or power on earth or in heaven rather God warned man against falling for the master of Satan, that is Sin. That if Adam commits sin by disobeying His voice that he shall die. Unfortunately Adam failed to heed that warning and was condemned in sin and through sin death entered into the world. Satan is working for sin against man in order to bring men to death and for this reason God sent Christ to deliver us from sin and death in order to cloth us with righteousness and eternal life instead.

The first enemy is Sin and the last enemy is Death, Satan is in between them as an operator, messenger cum servant as it were. The CAO have made many to be so focused on Satan and human enemies, while Sin and Death are work unperturbed and stealthily in men's lives.

**I Cor 15:24-26 (Vr.25** For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **Vr.26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

**Lk 1:74** That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, **Vr.75** In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

**Hebr 2:15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**Rom 8: 15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption,

Satan is but a taskmaster or servant of sin who is also to face the penalty of sin at the end of his work, even the second death as it were. So we have

Sin → Satan → Death

When you are struggling to overcome sin, Satan would threaten you with the fear of death so that you can lose focus and succumb to his temptation to sin unto death. **Hebr 12:1-4; Hebr 2:14-15; Rom 8:15**

**Rom 3:20** by the Law is the knowledge of sin.

**Rom 7:5** For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. **Vr.7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. **Vr.8** But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. **Vr.9** For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. **Vr.10** And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. **Vr.11** For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

(GNT) **I Cor 15:55** Where, Death is your victory? Where, Death, is your power to hurt? **Vr.56** Death gets its power to hurt from sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.

**Rom 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.13** (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **Vr.20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. **Vr.21** That as sin hath reigned unto death,

**Gal 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. **Vr.11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. **Vr.12** And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. **Vr.13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: **Vr.19** Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;

**Rom 8:1-4** (**Vr.2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Vr.3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

**Rom 4:15** Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

**Jam 2:8-11** (**Vr.10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Law → Sin → Satan → Death

Sin worketh death in man by the Law. It is called the Law of Sin and death, because if you sin you die, that is the law and Satan works in order to make sure that you commit sin thereby

becoming a transgressor of the Law and subject to the ultimate penalty of the Law which is death to face eternal damnation as it were. As long as a man is under the Law of sin and death his works of righteousness thereby shall always end up being as a filthy rag before God. All those yet under the Law are under the dominion of sin and it reigneth still over their lives. It is those under grace strictly that have escaped this captivity as it were. **Rom 6:14,22; Isa 64:6; Rom 3:9-20**

The Law was made for the lawless and Satan is the chief of the lawless. Therefore everyone under the Law shall be held captivity by the taskmaster thereof, Satan, unfailingly and without escape. Satan can only operate the power of death over man by reason of the law of sin and death. Why? Because death gets its power from sin, while sin gets its power from the Law. Christ came to deal with this law in order to set us free from its bondage in order to serve God in holiness by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which is the law of liberty. **Jam 1:25; 2 Thess 2:3-4,7-10; Rom 7:4,6; Rom 8:1-4**

**I Tim 1:7-11 (Vr.9** Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, Vr.10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

From the foregoing it means that the law was made for the children of the wicked one, it was added because of the transgressions for a season. **Mtt 13:25-26,38-39; Rom 4:15; Gal 3:19**

The Devil is a man of sin, perdition, a man of lawlessness and all those that are lawless amongst men are called the children of the Devil and he is called their father, but Satan worketh for Sin. That is what it means that whosoever committeth sin is of the devil. **I Jn 3:8; Jn 8:41,44; 2 Thess 2:3**

## **THE CONTENTION OVER MAN IN THE WORLD**

The contention over man in the world is not between God and Satan as the CAO continually preaches but rather between Sin/iniquity and Righteousness; carnality and spirituality; error and truth; light and darkness, Satan is but a servant, a created being on the side of Sin (**Isa 45:9**). Sin is epitomized by darkness, while Righteousness is epitomized by the light; carnality by the flesh and spirituality by the Spirit. The chief agent/servant of sin in the world is Satan and his fallen angels/unclean spirits unseen and sinful men as flesh seen, while the agent of righteousness is the Sun of righteousness, Christ and Christ is represented in the world today by the Spirit of truth unseen and his disciples seen (**Mal 4:1-2**). It is God that put the enmity

between Satan and Man and it is God that shall end it to the advantage of the Son of man who was victorious over Satan, Sin and Death through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead as it were- one offering for sin once and for all. **Gen 3:14-15; Phil 2:7-11; Eph 2:14-16; Hebr 9:26,28; I Cor 15:23-28**

**Hebr 1:9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

**Ecc1 3:16** And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

**Rom 7:14-25 (Vr.14** For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. **Vr.15** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **Vr.17** Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **Vr.18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **Vr.19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **Vr.20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **Vr.21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **Vr.22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man (the spirit): **Vr.23** But I see another law in my members (the flesh), warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

**Gal 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **Vr.17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**I Pet 2:11** abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

**Ezek 18:4** the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

From the beginning disobedience called Sin has been the main issue and not its servant Satan.

**Gen 2:15-17 (Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Gen 3:17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

## CONCLUSION

From the very beginning of the Holy Bible in the book of Genesis till the very end the book of Revelation, iniquity, Sin, disobedience has been the bone of contention that alienated Man from God and not primarily Satan, but it is the Church as an organization (CAO) that have elevated Satan and made him the main issue, this is an error. Men have been made by the CAO to be chasing rats while their house is burning; “chasing the boyboy while the oga is at work”. Satan is but a servant of sin, a fallen servant of God, while Christ is the Son of God. And the servant abideth not in the house forever, but the Son abideth ever. And whosoever the Son of man setteth free from the power of sin and death he is free from the captivity that Satan’s work intends (**Rev 12:11**). Let no man deceive you otherwise. Satan’s work is impotent when it does not produce sin and death as a desired result in a man as it were. **Jn 8:34-35,36; Rom 8:31-39; 2 Cor 5:21; I Jn 3:5**

**Jn 14:30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. (**I Pet 2:22; I Jn 3:5**)

Christ by his victory on the cross was elevated to the right hand of God the Father in heaven and given all power in heaven and on earth, power over all flesh. So stop giving undue attention to the Devil, put on Christ, walk in the light and in righteousness, have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness and the power of darkness shall have no hold over you. Do not be afraid to die in the flesh that is physically, for as long as you are in Christ that is the pathway to the glory that has been reserved for you in heaven as it were. **Rom 14:7-9; Jn 12:25,35-36; Hebr 12:1-3**

**I Jn 5:18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**Jn 8:12** Then 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.

**Jn 12:26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be:

**Jn 14:30** for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.



As a Christian, focus more on mortifying the flesh by the Spirit of Christ that dwelleth in you which ye received through baptism, crucifying the lusts of the flesh in order that you might walk in the Spirit, setting your affections on things that are above and not on things that are beneath, being spiritually minded always and not carnally minded, having the words of Christ richly dwelling in you and being led by the Spirit being not under the Law; seeking, knowing and understanding the Truth so that you can be made free from the errors in which we have been steeped in and held bound from birth and living righteous in Christ. **Gal 5:18,24-26; Colo 3:1-2**

Do not allow the works of Satan to separate you from the love of God in Christ rather fight the good fight of faith by putting on the armour of God and holding your ground in righteousness always unto victory at the end. He that endureth to the end shall be saved. **Mtt 24:13; I Tim 6:10-12; 2 Cor 6:3-10; Eph 6:10-18**

**Rom 8:18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **Vr.35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **Vr.36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **Vr.37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **Vr.38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **Vr.39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**I Pet 2:19-25 (Vr.21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Vr.22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

May the good LORD keep you till the end in Jesus name.

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