THE god Of Things Of This World

INTRODUCTION

The god of this world is the god of things of this world too, who is the Devil. Satan is in the business of "things" that are worldly, "things" that are temporal by which he uses to deceive men and hold them captive in the bondage of sin. He keeps his captors blinded in the pursuit of worldly things all their lives on earth, of which they end up stealing, killing and dying for at the end. Jn 12:4-6; Num 22:15-18; Mtt 13:22

Mtt 4: 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **Vr.9** And saith unto him, <u>All these things</u> will I give thee [as the god of seen things], if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Jn 10: 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy [things]:

2 Cor 4: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not,

God the Father created and made "all things" pure and spiritual at the beginning but His creatures in disobedience and iniquity made such things impure by their own vain inventions as fallen humans and angels too.

Gen 1: 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

Eccl 7:29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

Ps 106: 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. **Vr.39** Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

By the introduction of sin into the world, the terrestrial things therein became corruptible and subject to passing away even with the humans that inhabit it therein.

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:

Sin is of corruption and corrupts everything that it encounters and inhabits.

THE god OF SEEN THINGS VS THE GOD OF UNSEEN THINGS

I Tim 1: 17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,

God the Father, the immortal, invisible God, is the Creator and Maker of all things, both invisible in the heavens and visible on the earth, from the very beginning of things before His creations began to make their own physical inventions out from such things. **Colo 1:15-17; Rom 1:20**

God is the Creator of heaven and earth and all that be therein from the beginning in the which all such things were good up on till the time iniquity was found in one of His created and made thing called Lucifer. **Ezek 28:12-15**

From thence some made things began to experience corruption and pollution due to iniquity and sin at work. Therefore, the distinction began to be made of good things and evil things, holy and unholy, clean and unclean, righteous and unrighteous. **Ezek 18:16-19**

Then came the creation and making of a new thing, a new creation called Man in holiness and righteousness as before by God. But not long as before also with the holy angels, the made Man was corrupted and polluted by reason of transgression due to disobedience to the commandment of God, the Holy one, orchestrated by the serpent, the Devil.

Consequently, the fallen man was cast out of the unseen garden into a fallen seen world that was made by God out of the unseen earth in order to temporarily accommodate the fallen man, his nature and things, the natural things. A terrestrial world of temporal physical things became the abode of the terrestrial physical man, who being under the captivity of an unseen god of physical things in this world, the god cum prince of this present wicked world, Satan. He having been condemned to such realms of darkness on earth as punishment by God, for no place was found in heaven any longer for him. **Eph 6:12; I Jn 5:19**

Just as Lucifer lost heaven as his original abode to having the earth as his present abode due to iniquity, similarly Adam lost the Garden of Eden to having the world on earth as his abode due to transgression. So by sin both the unseen earth and the seen world being inhabited by these fallen beings are prone to corruption and defilement as it were.

Jn 8: 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. **Vr.35** And the servant abideth not in the [*my Father's*] house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Rev 12: 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **Vr.8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **Vr.9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and

Satan, which deceiveth the whole world [with things as the god of things, the prince of this world]: he was cast out into the [unseen] earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Lk 10: 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

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 [carnal things beneath].

Satan is the unseen god that is worshipped and served in and by shadowy seen things of this world. All those that only walk after the flesh by sight are his subjects. Such are those that declare that "Seeing is believing". Such live by natural human senses cum sight, and not by faith. **Rom 8:5-6**

Jn 4: 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

Jn 20: 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed:

Acts 17: 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious [being moved by seen things]. Vr.23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Vr.24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Vr.25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands [as the god of things is], as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Mk 14: 58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

The god that is worshipped by men with and by physical things basically is the prince of this world, the Devil and not our heavenly Father truly. The Devil is worshipped by men with the things made by men's hands (the works of their hands) basically in this world due to the ignorance and deception by which they are held bound in darkness.

The worship of Satan does not extend beyond the realms of the earth. Such worship is done by humans and not by angels, whether fallen or holy; for the angels know better who to worship unlike humans that worship whatsoever even the works of their hands. Jam 2:19; Rev 12:9

Lk 4:5-8 (**Vr.8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Jn 4: 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain [with things of sacrifice]; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. **Vr.21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman,

believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **Vr.22** Ye worship [with things] ye know not what: we know what we worship [without things]:

God the Father is the invisible God that is worshipped and served by or through the unseen things, the Spirit of truth and the word of truth that is of Christ Jesus not by seen things. True worship is accomplished by man through the workings of the unseen portions in man, that is, the heart, soul and mind, and not merely the physical seen portions of man, the ear, hand and mouth. It requires a faith walk not a sight walk to serve and worship the unseen God truly.

Mtt 22: 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Jn 4: 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **Vr.24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth [with unseen things that are of the spirit].

Mtt 15: 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Vr.9 But in vain they do worship me,

God is a Spirit and therefore it is with spiritual unseen things that you use to worship Him, not physical fleshly things as if He is a man or the son of man. God rewards those that truly worship Him with spiritual everlasting things at the end. Those that say they worship God but are hell bent on receiving physical temporal things (that shall pass away) as their rewards from Him in this world are actually worshipping and serving the god of this world unknowing to them. Such are held in bondage, walking after the flesh in the pursuit of the things of this world by their service to the elementary things of the world. They have received their recompense already. Lk 14:12-14; Lk 6:22-24; Mtt 19:27-29; Mtt 6:1-2,5; Lk 12:13-23; Mtt 13:19-22; I Pet 1:3-4

Gal 4: 8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods [by worshipping them with seen things]. **Vr.9** But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly [seen] elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? **Vr.10** Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. **Vr.11** I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Mtt 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Vr.32 (For after all these [seen] things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things [and He shall provide them for you without your worshipping Him for them as the god of this world is worshipped for

such things]. **Vr.33** But seek ye first the [unseen] kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these [unseen] things [of the kingdom] shall be added unto you.

Mtt 19: 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all [seen things], and followed thee; what shall we have therefore [seen or unseen things]? Vr.28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Vr.29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold [in the world to come], and shall inherit everlasting life.

I Cor 2: 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the [unseen] things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Vr.10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:

2 Cor 4: 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward [seen] man perish, yet the inward [unseen] man is renewed day by day. **Vr.17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **Vr.18** While we look not at the things which are seen [by sight], but at the things which are not seen [by faith]: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Rom 6: 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **Vr.21** What fruit had ye then in those [seen] 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; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Phil 3: 7 But what [seen] things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **Vr.8** Yea doubtless, and I count all [seen] things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ [and the unseen things of his],

We do not worship the living God primarily because of receiving seen things from Him yet in this world, but because of the unseen things (our eternal inheritance) that He has promised us that are called in Christ Jesus even in the world to come. For God bestows the natural things of this world that He had made to both the evil and the good, the just and the unjust without exception, but the heavenly things He has reserved specially for the just as their rewards at the end and everlasting damnation for the unjust. **Hebr 9:11,15; I Pet 1:3-4; 2 Pet 3:10-14; Mtt 25:34,41**

Mtt 5: 45 that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.

THE TEMPLE SERVICE OF THE GOD OF UNSEEN THINGS

The God of unseen things is the God that made all things seen from those things which are unseen from the beginning. He is the God that buildeth all things, for the earth is His and the fullness thereof. Rom 4:17; Hebr 3:4; Ps 24:1

Hebr 11: 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

For we walk not by sight or by usage of physical things in the true worship of our heavenly Father nor His Christ in heaven. We walk with God by the hearing of faith and not by the seeing of worldly things; by the inaudible voice in our hearts, and not by the audible voices of men and seen things. So the carnally minded cannot please God rather only the spiritually minded can.

2 Cor 5: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

It is by grace through faith that we are saved unto serving the living God through the same here on earth. We are saved not with human hands but without hands by the blood of the Lamb and word of God. And we live thenceforth by the leading of the unseen Spirit of God at work in our unseen parts. **Eph 2:5,8; Jam 1:18**

Acts 2: 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Vr.38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Rom 8: 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

I Sam 15: 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice [of seen things], and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Acts 7: 46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. **Vr.47** But Solomon built him an house. **Vr.48** Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, **Vr.49** Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool:

what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? **Vr.50** Hath not my hand made all these [seen] things?

I Cor 3: 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? Vr.17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Christ left the physical temple on earth, abolishing the worship of God in it when the veil in the temple was torn into two at this crucifixion. He ascended to heaven into the temple made without hands, having received a body made without hands, and thereby establishing the worship of our heavenly Father here on earth by the New Testament saints in temples made without hands even their inner beings.

Mtt 27: 50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. Vr.51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom;

Hebr 9: 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **Vr.12** Neither by [physical] the blood of goats and calves [as the god of things is worshipped with], but by his own blood [spiritually] he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **Vr.24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebr 8: 1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; **Vr.2** A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Jehovah God was worshipped with things made with hands in tabernacles and a temple made also with hands in the Old Testament as of the time of the shadow (under the Law) even as the god of things of this world is still worshipped continually (without the Law). But in these last days, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ into the world to show us how to worship Him in the New Testament (without the Law) as our heavenly Father with spiritual things and in a temple made without hands, by which He made the clear distinction. Any continued worship of God with things made with hands in the New Testament dispensation is rather a worship of the god of this world instead, because we are not under the Law but under grace. **Rom 3:19; Rom 6:14; Hebr 1:1-3; I Cor 10:18-21**

Jn 4: 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship [Jehovah God]. **Vr.21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **Vr.22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the

Jews. **Vr.23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **Vr.25** The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. **Vr.26** Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

I Jn 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Jn 17: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Vr.3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **Vr.4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

God is a Spirit who is to be worshipped with spiritual things and not physical things that money can buy.

THE TEMPLE SERVICE OF THE god OF SEEN THINGS

The god of this world, Satan, is compulsorily worshipped in physical temples and with physically seen things without which service unto him cannot be done. Shrines, groves, covens, under every green tree, event centers, cathedrals, etc are various locations in which altars are set up by his priests to call upon him.

Acts 19: 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Vr.25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Vr.26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: Vr.27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. Vr. 34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. Vr.35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

Acts 14:8-18 (Vr.11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. Vr.12

And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Vr.13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. Vr.14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, Vr.15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein [and is not meant to be worshipped with these things]: Vr.16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Vr.17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. Vr.18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

Deu 12: 2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: **Vr.3** And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

Isa 17:8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

THE GOD OF MAMMON

The god of the seen things of this world is also the god of Mammon. Therefore, he is compulsorily worshipped and serviced through the instrumentality of unrighteous mammon of this world and with things that money can buy. Money is key and central in the worship of the god of this world who is worshipped with the things of this world. It is a money making venture.

Acts 8: 9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: **Vr.10** To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. **Vr.11** And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. **Vr.18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, **Vr.19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. **Vr.20** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money [even as that of the god of things is purchased].

Acts 16: 16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters <u>much gain by soothsaying</u>: **Vr.19** And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

Those that peddle the gospel that cannot be preached without money, or whose gospel wheel or vehicle is oiled or fuelled with money, as they claim, are knowingly or unknowingly ministers of the God of mammon. Such are friends and lovers of unrighteous mammon and are given to preaching its version of the Prosperity gospel, a gospel that focuses men on covetously acquiring the things of this world through the pursuit of worldly riches as it were. They are no different from the children of this world, being wolves in sheep clothing. Such seek the satisfaction of their stomach as they serve the God of the belly. 2 Tim 3:1-8; Lk 9:1-6; Lk 22:35; Lk 12:13-21; Mtt 7:15; Eccl 10:19; Rom 16:17-18

Lk 16: 8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. **Vr.9** And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. **Vr.11** If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? **Vr.13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **Vr.14** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous [servants of mammon], heard all these things: and they derided him. **Vr.15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

2 Cor 11: 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **Vr.14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **Vr.15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Phil 3: 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **Vr.19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

I Tim 6: 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness [having much money is God's blessing]: from such withdraw thyself. Vr.9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. Vr.10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Mk 4: 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, **Vr.19** And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

I Jn 2: 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Vr.16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. Vr.17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:

Those that count or value a man's life according to the abundance of the things that he possesseth are worshippers of mammon. Mammon is the instrument of the god that savourest the things that be of men and not the things that be of God. Money answereth all things that be of man in this world, but nothing of the things that be of God in the kingdom of God as it were.

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.

Eccl 10:19 and money answereth all things.

Mtt 6: 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek [for the in service of mammon]:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.Vr.33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

Mammon, which has to do with money, procures things that are of vanity upon vanity for men; things that shall wax old and perish. Such things that shall pass away are the things that the god of this world offers to all those that shall worship him through the instrumentality of mammon. **Eccl 1:2-3**

Lk 4: 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **Vr.6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **Vr.7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Those that are not mindful of eternal things and so do not seek for such are servants of mammon, the god of this world, knowingly or unknowingly to them. Such seek to gain the whole world at the expense of their soul. **Mk 8:36-37; Colo 3:1-2**

CONCLUSION

The god of things brought about the fall of man from the beginning and so he continues thus till the very end. When Adam left pursuing the Creator and Maker of all things alone unto pursuing the very things that God had made, this brought about his fall. And the god of things now became the god of fallen man in the world from thence.

It is the lust for things that caused the fall of man through the Woman. How? Adam left clinging unto the Creator and Maker of all things unto loving and clinging unto the made thing, the Woman, instead.

Gen 2: 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Vr.9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Vr.11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; Vr.12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. 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. Vr.22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. Vr.23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Vr.24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The Woman was deceived by Satan to leave pursuing the Maker of things unto pursuing the made things itself.

Gen 3: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods [of things], knowing good and evil. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [as a god cum idol], she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife [to serve another god in rebellion], 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;

Rom 1: 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, Vr.25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie [for this is the devil's work], and

worshipped and served the creature [the god of things that passeth away] more than the Creator, who is blessed [and abideth] for ever.

I Jn 2: 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world [in order to make gods out of them- gods of wood, silver, gold, etc]. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him [rather it is the love of the gods of things].

The system of the world is set up to tailor, indoctrinate and guide all born of woman in the ways of the god of this world, and in fulfilling his lusts. So that the god of things can be the god of human beings on earth, the god of flesh and blood.

Every man born of woman into this world of things have the lure or craving of things on the inside of him by which the god of things is able to manipulate, influence and hold him bound to things of the earth and the love thereof.

Jam 4: 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy [after things]?

It was because of "offering things" presented as sacrifice that Cain murdered Abel his brother. Cain was more interested and focused on the things than in the state of his own heart before God. Cain being a child of the god of things was wroth because his offering of things to the God of heaven was rejected unlike how it would have been accepted by the god of things. God was more interested in the state of his heart than in the gift of things he presented as an offering unto Him, but Cain just could not understand that even as majority today cannot. I Jn 3:12; Gen 4:3-8

I Sam 15: 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Acts 8: 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Vr.19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. Vr.20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Vr.21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Vr.22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. Vr.23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Unfortunately, humans, who are yet blinded, continue to have more interested in things that they can see than in the voice of Him that they cannot see. Satan in carrying out his work of

tempting man appeals to the fleshly lust in man for "things" in this world. This is the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. **Mtt 4:1-11**

Mtt 23: 16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Vr.18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Vr.23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith:

Until a man is delivered and saved from the pursuit cum lust of "things" of this world, he cannot escape the snare of the god of the things of this world by which he shall be held in bondage unto destruction at the end. Jesus Christ is that escape to life for all those that truly come unto him and are willing to forsake all "things" in order to follow him till the end. Those that cannot forsake "things" for Christ sake are under Satanic bondage without knowing it. **Mtt 19:21-29**

Lk 14: 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all [things] that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Phil 3: 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **Vr.8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Lk 12: 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 [contrary to the propagation of the god of things in this world].

Jn 14: 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing [of the things of the world] in me.

I Tim 6:3-12 (Vr.7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

May the LORD grant thee by His Spirit the desire for eternal things that the God of all things shall give on that day to all those that seek and love Him to the end.

I Cor 2: 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the [yet unseen] things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

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