"Satan-Enemy of God and Man" Matt. 13:36-43

Introduction

- I. The reality of the devil is rejected and scoffed at by so many.
- II. During His life, Jesus encountered Satan (Matt. 4:1-11).
- III. Jesus even explained that hell was prepared for Satan and his messengers (Matt. 25:41).
- IV. Let us study some things that will help us to better understand the enemy of God and man.

Discussion

- I. Satan is evil.
 - A. He is known as the "wicked one" (Matt. 13:19; 1 John 2:13-14; 3:12).
 - B. The Lord aptly described Satan (John 8:44).
 - C. All sin has it's root in the devil (1 John 3:18).
 - D. No person, living or dead, can exceed the evil of the devil.
- II. Satan is busy.
 - A. He wants to influence and destroy as many souls as possible (Job 1:7; Matt. 13:19).
 - B. The brethren in the first century understood the militancy of the devil (2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 5:8; cf. Eph. 6:11).
- III. Satan is defeated.
 - A. He has no hope of victory (Rev. 20:7-10; Heb. 2:14; Rom. 16:20).
 - B. We have the ability and command to "resist" Satan (James 4:7; Eph. 4:27; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
 - C. When Jesus rose from the dead, He "crushed" the head of the serpent/Satan (Gen. 3:15).

Conclusion

- I. The enemy is known, and we must decide if we are of him, or against him (Matt. 12:30).
- II. None of us should want to be an enemy of God (James 4:4).