

# Proverbs 26:13

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If you have your Bible this morning, I want you to turn, yes, you guessed it, back to Proverbs chapter 26. Last week we looked at two verses: Proverbs 26:11-12. It was one of probably the most graphic verses in the Bible, but yet at the same time, it is a great example of why men and women keep returning to their sin. Of course, the verse was based on the fact that a dog returns to his vomit. We laid it all out and talked about it. We saw the two examples that he uses for unsaved men and unsaved women.

In Proverbs 26, he talks about the dog being an unsaved man. In Proverbs 11:22, he talks about the unsaved woman being likened to a sow. Then in 2 Peter 2:22, you find both of them, the dog and the sow, in the same verse. I told you last week as we kind of laid it out that these are without a doubt two of the most filthy animals on the planet with some terrible habits.

*But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee.*

He tells us in the book of Job that the animals in the Bible will teach us something. We can learn something from them, and without a doubt, that verse is one of the great keys that leads to so many different other things in the Bible when you see all the animals that are found in the Word of God and the fact that there is something that we can learn from them. Animals in the Bible—the ass, the donkey, the dog, the pig, the bulls, eagles, owls, the cormorant, the dove, and the raven—all in the Bible will have a study connected to them, and many more that will open up and show you some great things about the Bible. God uses that in the form of association to kind of teach us and lay out for us. We learn from them, and then we apply what we learn and what they give us, first to ourselves and then, of course, to life in general.

We saw in Proverbs 26:12, I talked about a man wise in his own conceit. It says that he is worse than a fool. You are going to find in the Bible there are six areas where the Bible talks about that a man will be conceited in his own wisdom. It is a great study in itself.

1. Proverbs 26:5 talks about a fool in his folly.
2. Proverbs 26:12, we saw this last week, how an unsaved man will keep coming back to his sin.
3. In Proverbs 26:16, he talks about the sluggard.
4. In Proverbs 28:11, he talks about a rich man being wise in their own conceits.
5. Proverbs 11:25 talks about a modern-day man or woman, but mostly men, who will actually take a stand today in the church age against the nation of Israel, and how they are wise in their own conceits, not knowing that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and then all Israel shall be saved. They are oblivious to that.
6. The sixth one is found in Romans 12:1-11, and that is a man who rejects or does not want or will not put the gifts of God in his life that God wants to give him after he gets saved.

That is a great study in itself that you can look at and put in your Bible if you so desire. I told you last week that the overall context of that verse last week was dealing with false religious

leaders, false prophets. When you get into 2 Peter 2:22, it tells you very clearly about the false prophets and the false teachers, and it likens them. So in the context, as we find it in Proverbs and then we find it in 2 Peter, it is talking about religious leaders, false teachers, or really anybody who teaches against the clear established truth of the Word of God. There again is the key. We have been talking about this a lot the last couple of weeks. It comes down to the established truth of the Word of God.

Thursday night was a great Bible study in many aspects, but one of the things that I enjoyed was 1 Samuel 3, where we got to look at how God brings a young man or a young lady and develops them to be everything that God wants them to be. We saw the three areas, and in Bible Institute the next morning, we just happened to be going through the seven stages of spiritual growth, and I tied it all in in a way that we probably have never looked at the seven stages of spiritual growth before and put it all together for you. We talked about how Samuel grew and how the Word of the Lord, none of the words fall to the ground, and then how God established him, and through that, then God revealed Himself to him of what He wanted him to do. Just an incredible, incredible thing to go through and to look at.

## I. The Sluggard and the Lion in the Way

Today we are going to look at one more verse. We are going to move on through Proverbs 26:13. You will remember that so far we have seen eleven direct references to a fool. Now we are going to switch gears a little bit and we are going to talk about a man whom the Bible calls a sluggard or a slothful. We will find now in this little section, we will not get through it all today, we will find four direct references to that. All this is broken down for you by God so you can see and understand it. We will go through it over the next couple of weeks.

I told you Thursday night, I told you yesterday at the Institute, and I am telling you again right now, this is going to be a little different than normally your Sunday morning service that you go to. We take the Bible real serious around here, and when there is an opportunity that presents itself like it does today, I would do a great injustice if we did not just clear off a spot and look at what God has for us. I told the people Thursday night that we have many people that are on higher levels of really getting into the Bible. I told you Thursday night that this would be a key study for you to be able to really add some things to what you are already working through the Bible. I also told them in Bible Institute yesterday, look at this as a Bible Institute extension. I will just carry it over. There is going to be so much here today out of this one little verse that when you read it, you would not even be able to think that it would go anywhere. But we will see as we come on through it.

Our verse today is a simple one, but it carries with it a megaton of truth that lies just underneath the surface. So let us look at Proverbs 26:13. Let us get into it here and we will talk about it. It says:

*The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.*

Now, when you look at this verse by itself, it really would be hard to get any depth out of it. I teach you all the time that the first thing you want to do about any verse, anywhere you find in

the Bible or anything you are looking at, you want to establish the context. The context will take that verse, as this one here, and put it in the whole theater of operations of the chapter that we are looking at, especially what we have looked at so far. This verse will begin to be understood and it will come to light when we actually put it into the context of false teachers and false prophets. Here is our first reference to a slothful man. Up to this point, we have seen the men that are wise in their own conceit. We have seen the fools in their folly. We have seen all of these things. We all know now that it is dealing with people who wrongly teach the Bible, get an attitude in their heart of conceit that nobody is going to teach them anything, and then go from there. That is where the problem comes in.

## II. The Devil's Main Sphere: Religion and Corrupted Bibles

We know now from the Bible, and there are a lot of things here that we can begin to show you how you build this. We know from the Bible who this lion is. There are two lions in the Bible. One of them is Jesus Christ. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Revelation 5:5. The other one is the devil. The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:8:

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

Now this is a great truth about false teachers, the sluggard and the slothful when it comes to the Bible. You will find that all of the false teachers out there—and please, you have got to know that the devil did not miss the trick to have a false church, false teachings, or false religions. None of us in our right minds would go out to the airport wearing a skimpy little robe with Tinkerbells on our fingers and tambourines and stand out there. You know that is not for you. We need to narrow it down a little bit more now. There are a lot of people out there that teach the Bible wrong. The devil did not miss a trick when it came to false religion. In fact, you will see here before we are done today that that is his main sphere.

Most people think that the devil was out late last night, Saturday night, with the drunk crowd and the booze crowd and the drug crowd and the carousing crowd and the crowd that is out there doing all kinds of things on Saturday night that people out on Saturday night do. That is where they think he is at. I have news for you. He was not anywhere around there last night. No, no, the devil got home early last night and got to bed because he did not want to miss church this morning. Where you are so stupid, not you, but you are so stupid that you stayed out half the night last night and then could drag yourself to church, he is smarter than that. He wants to be in church today. He is all across this city, all across this country, all across the world. He would not miss it.

The Bible says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but we wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places. The scribes and the Pharisees, whom we will talk about here in a little bit, they were religious phonies, and they loved, they were not down in the darker, seedier parts of Jerusalem. No, no, the Bible says they loved the high seats in the synagogue. The devil's main sphere is going to be religion. It is just the way it is going to be. People just get blinded to that aspect. The idea is, "Well, we are all trying to get to the same place." No, we are not. "We are all

trying to get to heaven. There is just a lot of different roads." No, there is not. Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life." He says, "Narrow is the way into eternal life, but broad is the way to destruction." The Bible says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto men, but the end thereof is the ways of death." What do you not get about that? But that is where we are at today. The devil has done a great job. I have got to hand it to him.

The great truth about false teachers is the fact that they will admit there is a devil, but they will never talk about him. You will never, the Jehovah's Witnesses, they are not going to say a thing about him. The Mormons, they are not going to talk about him. They all understand in a general sense that there is a force out there which people call the devil. People believe that it is just a spirit. They do not believe it is a real person. Other people believe that the Bible says that it is a real person. But you find that these false teachers, they do not ever really talk about it much. Kinfolk, they are all together in this thing. He is saying here that there is a lion, which we now know is the devil, that is in the way and he is in the street. They will say, "Well, yeah, there is a, in a general sense still."

I want to tell you something. Back in Proverbs 7:8-9, the Bible talks about the strange woman. We know that that strange woman from Proverbs 7 and also Proverbs 5 is false religion. It is typified in the Bible by Jezebel. It is a false religious woman, Jezebel, who is a picture of false religion. In Proverbs 7, there is a great little story there of how that she is dressed in the attire of a harlot because she wants the world to commit spiritual fornication against God with a false religion. That is what Israel did. The Bible says in Proverbs 7:8-9, as it lays out this woman, she paints her face, she gets all prettied up, and she goes out in the twilight and the evening and the dark night. If you know anything about the Bible, and we are going to put this into some kind of practical application, we know that that is a picture of the church age. We are in a nighttime, and when Jesus comes back, it is like unto the sun coming up in the morning. Yet the Bible says in Proverbs 7 that this woman, this harlot who wants to seduce this young guy with her false religious ways, she is on a street, on a corner of a street.

There is more information on the devil in the Bible than any other man outside the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The false teachers will talk about him in a general sense, but will never lay him out as to what street he is on and the way that he operates. I could walk, drive down any street in town with you, you name it, and I could show you where he is at on the street. I certainly could open up the Bible, which I am going to do, and show you his way. I could go through Kansas City, I could go through Raytown, Washington, D.C., it would be easy there, Minneapolis, Lincoln, Nebraska, Wichita, any city, and point out to you where he is at on the street and show you his way. He does not want us to do that.

We get criticized all the time because we will not accept the new translations of the Bible. Most people that would try to get into that argument really do not understand the issues. The reason why we do not, and you are going to see here in just a moment—and I am not mad at anybody that does, hey, we have had people come into this church that had another Bible other than the King James 1611 Authorized Version. Now there are some Baptist churches around that would ask you to leave, probably after they take the offering, but they would ask you to leave. I would tell you, you stay with what you have got till God shows you what you need to see. I am not

going to tell anybody what to do. I am just not going to do that. I learned a long time ago, if I just preach the truth and you really want the truth, God will take care of the rest with you. You do not need me in there.

All the new Bibles, and you are going to see this in just a moment, all the new Bibles do one thing. They hide the street and the way because all the new Bibles will destroy all the cross-references. I am going to show you in a second. I am not going to ask you to take my word for it, but I want you to leave here today knowing what street he is on, this lion, and the way that he is. All these new Bibles will destroy all the cross-references of the Bible. Maybe you are somebody that you do not really intend to get deep into the Bible. Maybe you just want to, maybe your greatest blessing in life is that little daily bread pamphlet that they pass out. That is where you want to stay. I am okay with that. I really am. I want you to be happy wherever you are at, if that is where you are at. But I found in our church and the people that I draw are usually people who want a deeper understanding of the Word of God than just your daily bread type of mentality.

You are going to find that in all of the new Bibles, it completely destroys all the cross-references of who the devil is and only gives you a general idea about him. I want you to know that this is by design. All of them will do two things: they will mask the street and the way that he operates, and every one of them will deny the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. They will take the honor and glory that your Bible gives to God and try to give it to the devil. Now, I know that sounds really hard. Most people would say, "Oh, I just, where is he?" Just bear with me. Just chill out. Take a chill pill. Hang on. Here we go. I am not going to spend all morning. I am going to give you two examples. Obviously, if this too is enough, you are brain dead.

Let me start by saying this. In Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, you have the two great chapters concerning the devil and his fall. We know that one time he was the anointed cherub that covered God's throne way back in the day. He had a rebellious heart. He wanted to overthrow God because he wanted to become God. We know that that is how this whole thing got into the mess that we are in today.

In your King James Bible, in Isaiah 14:12, it talks about the devil. Now he is called Lucifer. He is not called the devil yet. But you know that he is one and the same. He is called Lucifer before the fall. Then he is called the devil. We will look at some other names after the fall. But here is what it says in Isaiah 14:12 in your King James Bible:

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

He is called there the son of the morning, which is his rightful title if you understand how he plays into God's plan. Now, in your NIV, verse 12 reads like this: "How have you fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn." They take out "son of the morning" and put in calling him the "morning star." You do not have to be a Bible theologian to realize that the morning star in 2 Peter 1:19, Revelation 2:28, and Revelation 22:16 is a reference to Christ. Christ is the morning star. Here is a place in the new Bible where they take the title given to Christ as the morning star and give it to the devil. People are okay with that. It is just that simple. You have got pastors and Sunday school teachers and Bible college professors, and they will tell you the

NIV is the best. They would be right. It is the best the devil has. Not only is that bad enough, but in your NIV, in the footnote down at the bottom for you serious Bible students, the footnote says that this guy is not the devil and it is Christ. The greatest two chapters in the Old Testament of where Satan fell and where he came from.

If that was not enough, I am only going to give you two. If that was not enough, turn over to Luke chapter 11. In Luke chapter 11, you have one of the accounts in the Gospels of what we commonly know as the Lord's Prayer. I am not ever sure why it has been called that forever. I am not sure why it is called the Lord's Prayer. The Lord never prayed it. He gave it to the disciples. If you want to be exact, it should be the disciples' prayer, but that is okay.

In your King James Bible, here is what it says:

*And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*

*And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

*Give us day by day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

That is the standard rendition that you get in your King James Bible that for whatever reason every time somebody is going to die, get shot, go to the electric chair, get killed, they say the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer will not help you at all. The Lord's Prayer is a kingdom prayer, but I am not going to get into that today.

Now let us take that same prayer into NIV. Here it comes: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us, and lead us not into temptation." There are twenty words missing, left out. When you would compare an NIV to a King James Bible, there are over 60,000 different changes that are left out or changed. Here are twenty of them.

I have got to say this too. I will just tell you. This shows up in your NIV Bible. I am just going to tell you right now. There is no—listen to me. There is no Greek manuscript on the face of the planet, planet Earth. There is not on Mars. There is not on Venus. There is not on Jupiter. Well, I am not sure about Jupiter. There is not about Saturn. Anywhere in the known universe there is not one Greek manuscript that has that reading in it. So how did it get in your NIV? Where did it come from? I will tell you. It is found in the book called Dogma and Ritual of High Black Magic. In the book it says that it is a prayer to pray to Lucifer as God. Now how in the world did it get into your NIV? That is a question.

Back in 1875, there was an occultist named Madame Blavatsky. She was the forerunner of the New Age movement way back in the day. This was part of the prayer in her cult practice. This goes back to Marcion the Heretic. This goes back to Constantine allowing it in to appease the pagans when they committed in 325 AD. Here it is in your Bible in churches today that guys are

preaching out of. When it comes to the Lord's Prayer, you do not have the one that God gave them. You have got the one that is in the devil's manuscripts of the book on a high practice of black magic that they pray to the devil to be God. You are okay with that. You say, "How did that happen?" It is easy. Why should not the devil's Bible have a prayer to him? I get it.

Maybe, and I am not talking to any of you, but maybe, just maybe, at this point in time we should just stop and forget this and stop here and look at the depth of your stupidity. How you can see two things like that that you cannot argue with, and yet you have a pastor, you have that Bible in your church, he is standing up this morning at every Bible college in this country and across, there are Bible teachers that are ridiculing you because you have got the book that honors God and holding up the Bible that dethrones Him and puts the devil on the throne. I mean, come on, you have got the mental range of a windshield wiper. I cannot even get to that point where you can even see that.

Listen, the guys who put out that stuff have no idea what street he is on and the way he is. I read Philip Schaff's book. I have got a five-volume, working on a five-volume on church history. We have got tapes on it, we have done all the way back to 1988. I read every book on church history there was. I went through Philip Schaff's book, eight volumes on church history, which is the standard today. Philip Schaff writes eight volumes on church history like he thinks the devil died someplace in the process. I have read Newell's book, two volumes. They do not mention, when is the last time in any Bible college or any book you found a chapter or a class on somebody teaching the devil's work in history to destroy the Bible? I am telling you what, man, it is absolutely unbelievable. The devil's Bible put out by the devil's church, vomited every day by the devil's pastors, or good men who are saved but are just so inept when it comes that they buy into that stuff.

I do not know if you know this or not, in the front of your King James Bible. This is why we only use the Oxfords or the Cambridges. We do not get into the American King James Bible. In the front of your, if somebody, if I did not know the King James Bible was the Word of God any other way, if I did not have one shred of evidence, I know that it was God's established truth because in the front of your Bible you have got what is called a dedicatory. That dedicatory was written by the translators. That dedicatory explains to anybody before you open up a King James Bible and study it what those guys had in mind, what their intent was, and what they wanted to accomplish. In that dedicatory it says they wrote this Bible to take a stand against two body of people. One was the Roman Catholic Church, whom they call Popish persons and link him to the Antichrist, and the other one, you might guess, is conceited brethren. In their day that would be the Calvinists. It is the only Bible in the world that has that. If I did not know it was God's word any other way, I know it was because before you ever crack it, the men that wrote it told you what they were taking a stand against: false teaching and false religion. You cannot find anybody to stand against anything today.

### III. Unmasking the Devil's Way and Street

In your Bible, in the Old Testament, you are going to find two chapters. You want to know his way? You want to know what street he is on? Okay, I will give it to you. Let me just say this.

Sooner or later, at some point in your life, you are going to have to study the devil. Most of you have been studying him very well, but the wrong way. You are going to have to open up your Bible and get it down because there is a lot of bad teaching out there.

The easiest thing, and I have told you before, we talked about it Thursday night, three is the number of completion in your Bible, and everything runs along that line. So when it comes to the Bible, you are going to find that the devil is kicked out of heaven three times. Once you get this little outline down, then everything you are going to study about him is going to go in door number one, door number two, or door number three.

7. The first time he is kicked out will be Genesis 1:1-2. This is where he is kicked out positionally. He loses now his status as the covering cherub.
8. Then he runs the course from Genesis 1:3 all the way up to Revelation 12:13. All up through the Old Testament, all up through the New Testament, and then in Revelation 12:13 the Bible says he is kicked out of heaven bodily. It also tells you that during this time he is called the accuser of the brethren. Now he is kicked out bodily. In Revelation 12 he is kicked out, and in Revelation 13, where he gets kicked out in 12 out of heaven, he comes down in 13. He is now on the earth as the Antichrist, right in the middle of the tribulation period.
9. Then we know that he runs the course of seven years of the tribulation, and then in Revelation 19 you have the second coming of Christ. In Revelation 20, he is kicked out the third time, and now he is kicked out eternally. He is put in the lake of fire.

In your Bible in the Old Testament, you have Job 40 and Job 41. Without a doubt, the two greatest chapters in the Old Testament on the devil. If you want to know his way and you want to know what street he is on, this is where you start.

Now Job 40 talks about a composite beast, which we know as the behemoth. A behemoth means composite. We have now a beast that is made up of multi-beasts, and believe it or not, when you study it all out, and we do not have time to get through it, in Job 40 you will find that it is talking about the Antichrist. Scholarship, God bless them. Scholarship and the great minds that teach you the Bible will read the same chapter that I just gave you, and they will come up with the idea that behemoth in their notes, and what they will teach you, was an elephant. Because they have forsaken the Word of God, the devil has masked his way and masked his street, so they are left looking at this most incredible passage in the Old Testament, and all they can get out of it is an elephant. They missed the reference in Job 40:15 that says he is connected to an ox, which connects him to the fifth cherub. They missed the connection in Job 40:19 that he says that he is the chief of all the ways of God. That is some elephant you have got. Job 40:18 says that his bones are made of brass and iron. Job 40:2 of the greatest keys anywhere in the Bible. And Job 40:23 says that he drinketh up Jordan. That is Revelation 12:13 in the tribulation period where that is exactly what he does. How in the world do you read that chapter and not see the connection to the Antichrist? And come away with, "How many degrees do you got?" You come away thinking that the greatest chapter on the Antichrist in the Old Testament is an elephant.

But then we come into Job 41. In Job 41, now we have another beast, and it is called Leviathan. Where Job 40 is the Antichrist, Job 41 is the devil himself. You will find this in Isaiah 27:1. Here

again, thank God for scholarship. You are studying your Bible and you get into this passage, which would be a confusing passage if you did not have a little bit of Bible knowledge. So what do you do? You run to your educated guys who you trust and you think are going to give you that. You just read Job 40 and now you know that that is an elephant. Then you come down here in Job 41 and now they tell you that this Leviathan scholarship will tell you that it is a whale or a whirlpool. Well, come on, which is it? You know there is a difference between a whale and a whirlpool? I mean, I can draw it for you on the board, doctor, if you need me to. You ought to know what a whirlpool is every time you flush the toilet. See, I do not know what a whale is because I am sure as you grow up your daddy read you Moby Dick. A whale is a big fish. A whirlpool is not a big fish, it is a swirling whirl of water that pulls you down. So it is called a whirlpool, a pool of water that whirling that will pull you down. I never got out of the sixth grade.

They will say it is a whale or a whirlpool. When I come down through here in Job 41:3, it says that this whale or a whirlpool will speak soft words to you. It says he will make supplications to you. I know that whales make noises. You can hear them on sonar and all that stuff out there in the ocean when they are doing their whale deals. But I am telling you right now, I have never had a whale that in my mind ever spoke soft words to me. But I know somebody who does. I know somebody that said one time with the most holiest, most beautiful, most extending, most bravado voice, yet it was so quiet and so serene that you just wanted to listen to every word that said one time in a very soft way, "Yea, hath God said?"

Now Job 41:13 says this: "Who can discover the face of his garment?" We are going to talk about the street and the way here. That will be the street that he is on. Before we are done, we are not only going to have the name of the street and the address, we are going to have his phone number. Job 41:12 says God says: "I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion." That is his way. For us in the Bible, it is not just a general sense, "Oh, there is a lion in the street, oh yeah, there is a lion in the way." No, no, no, no. That lion is somebody specific, that street is a specific street, and that way is some place you better find out. The real question is, what way, what street? Of course, I mean, if it is a whale in a whirlpool, then, you know, I guess you have got to wait till the sewers back up when you get a heavy rain. I guess if it is an elephant, you have got to go to the Kansas City Zoo and figure it out. I want to tell you something, this book, this book lays him out, and he hates it.

Now you want his address and his street? Okay. God says he will give us that. He said in Job 41:12, "I will not conceal his parts." What is that? The parts are the men down through history that he has used to bring about his plan opposite to God's plan. "I will not conceal his power." That is the nations. The nations that he has used. That men run that he has used all down through history. Someone that says "comely proportion," that is his religious, that is his church down through history. That is him running the world through men, dominating the world through nations, and pulling it all together through a false religion. Now how come you did not see that, doctor? I will tell you why, because you are wise in your own conceit, and when it comes to studying the Bible, you are slothful and you are a sluggard.

He says in Job 41:13, "Who can discover the face of his garment?" I always thought that was a strange verse until I got a little farther into church history and my Bible and history itself, because you cannot separate the two. Then I realized one day that down through history, when you look at history, history is basically divided up, and here is all history. Here is all history from a Bible standpoint. Forget what you learned in school. Well, do not forget what you learned in school, but here is real history. Real history is God moving in a direction this way to accomplish His plan, and the devil moving down through history this way to stop it. That is all history is. That is all, and everything that goes on in history will come down to those two things. It is a bigger picture than most people see. I learned it down through history that there are seven places in history where God changed his garments. What do I mean by that? He dressed one way to suggest something, so he changes the dressings that he wears and what he is doing in his way so we cannot track him, but here is the key. The face is always the same. You could put on whatever garment you want, but if I got a good look at your face, I would know who you are. The key is the fact that down through history he will change garments a number of times when it needed to be done. We are going to talk, I am going to give you those, but the face is always the same. That is how you find out who he is, you find out his way, and find out what street he is on. Down through history he has changed garments to disguise his face so somebody just generally looking at it, not paying attention, would never see it. By that way he masked his address, his way, his street.

#### IV. The Devil's Garments: Historical Disguises

These seven garment changes down through history are incredible.

- 1.) The first one would be from Genesis 1:2 to 2 Chronicles 36. That is a big chunk, but the devil operated in that time frame with the garment of all the other nations. We know that from Genesis to 2 Chronicles we find the five stages of God developing the nation of Israel. We find the formation early in Genesis, we find the calling out in Exodus, we find the establishment in 1 Samuel, we find the demise over there after Solomon, and then we find the captivity in 2 Chronicles 36. The devil was wearing the garments at that point of the world powers. We have the Egyptians, we have the Babylonians, we have the Assyrians, we have the Hittites, we have the Philistines, we have the Jebusites. These are all nations by which he controlled, and he wore the garments of those king nations for one purpose: that was to stop God establishing the nation of Israel.
- 2.) The second garment change was when Israel goes into captivity. The Bible clearly tells us that now we enter into the times of the Gentiles. So he changes clothes here, changes garments. Now he is going to run it through the Gentile nations that are listed in Daniel 2 for you, and he is going to bring it up to a modern time. Israel now was out of the picture temporarily, and now the Gentiles are running the world. Where in the Old Testament Israel was running the world and the Gentiles were fighting against it, here Israel is out of the picture temporarily, Romans 9 and Romans 11. Now God is, the devil is running it clearly through the Gentile nations without any interference. Now he is setting up world domination. This garment is working through this nation to get him to the third garment change.

- 3.) That will be the first coming of Christ. He orchestrated through his garment change, the second one, to get the world powers where he wanted them. Now at the first coming of Christ he has got Rome in power, and Rome is going to be the key for him. Now Rome is in power, and he has used the Roman Empire. The nation of Israel is in the captivity. You have a remnant that went back in Ezra and Nehemiah, and that is where Christ finds the Jews when he shows up at the first coming. But now he is wearing the garments of the scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees. He has completely taken over what is left of the nation of Israel and holds them under bondage through Rome. Oh, it is incredible.
- 4.) You know what happens, Christ gets crucified, the whole thing takes place in the book of Acts, and then we find the fourth garment change because once the church age comes into effect, he cannot no more wear the garments of the scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees. Now the church age, he really gets dressed for this occasion. This will bring us up to around 325 AD at the Council of Nicaea, before when Constantine puts an end to the pagan Roman Empire and establishes the Roman Catholic Church. Now we see that his church fully takes a definite form. Back here it has just been loosened, it has been through Baal worship on whatever form the nations in their primitive state wanted it. Now he is ratcheted down to focus. We have a laser-focused point of where this church starts, called Roman Catholicism. During this same time, here comes your new Bibles popping up. Here comes Jerome's Latin Vulgate, here comes the Douay-Rheims, and in time here comes your RSV, ASV, NIV, and the New King James Bible, all right out of that mess right here. So now he changes garments the fourth time, and now he is a church. Now he speaks ex-cathedra. Now he has built a religion that is going to tell the people to join it, "Do not read your Bible. Listen to what I tell you. The man in charge here speaks instead of God." When you do read in the Bible, or you talk to some crazy Baptist and he tells you that this is what the Bible says, and you bring it to us and say, "Hey, you teach this, and the church and the Bible teaches this, which do I follow?" You are going to tell them, "You always follow what the church teaches because the church is superior to God and the Bible because it is Christ's church. God has put the leaders up, and the leaders speak for God. So do not listen to that crazy Baptist preacher. Do not listen to those books you read. Do not listen to that internet." Let me tell you something. You have got a church that will do everything for you and tell you everything you have got to do. All you have got to do is just two things: Never leave it. Raise your kids in it. What a great plan that is.
- 5.) Well, that all kind of went to pieces in 1560 with Martin Luther and the Reformation. So now we find his fifth garment change. You see, in the first one he took on the form of the Egyptians, Pharaoh, all of those men down there that represented. In the second one, when the times of the Gentiles, then he took on the form of the garment of the nations. When the fourth one came in, the church, then he took on the Pope's outfit. When the Reformation takes place, the Roman Catholic Church takes a big hit. She just gets kicked six ways from Sunday. Now Roman Catholic Church lost its power. Now, to make a long story short, God is moving out and going out around the world with the King James Bible and the Bible believers, and Rome, who was suppressing all that, is really in a mess. So now he changes clothes again. This is where we will find in history, if you want to study, what is called the Oxford Movement. The Oxford Movement was Roman Catholic Jesuit priests enrolling in

Protestant seminaries, graduating from those Protestant seminaries, taking a Protestant church, and those Protestant churches or the churches that came out of Rome—Presbyterian, Anglican, Episcopalian, Greek Orthodox, all of those churches, a little bit later on the Methodist—they all come out of Rome and they come out during the Reformation. So he wants them back. So now he takes off his priest garment and he puts on his Protestant clergyman clothes. These guys in the next 200 years infiltrate these Protestant churches, and 150 years after the Reformation, they are dead and they are right back to Rome again.

- 6.) Then the sixth one, the sixth one starts about 1880, 1917, and up to about 1948 and the times that we are living in now. This is called in history the Zionist Movement. Now we find that the great over 300, 400 prophecies in the Old Testament about God restoring the nation of Israel, now we find the prophecies beginning to be fulfilled where God calls them back over hundreds of times in the Old Testament. We find this called in history the Zionist Movement. We find guys like Theodore Herzl and guys like Weizmann who were gaining sympathy around the world, who wrote papers on the fact that Israel has no land, it has no nation, and gained a sympathy and it began the movement of the Zionist Movement. Now, to counter that, he changes clothes the sixth time. You know, I do not know why people cannot see things like this. To me, it is the easiest thing in the world because in number four, church age, he put on the disguise of a Roman Catholic church. In the Reformation he put on the garb and the garment of a Protestant clergyman. Here in the Zionist Movement he puts on the garment of Mohammed. Did you ever ask yourself why? The Muslims have been around since 570, I do not think it got really kicked off till about 600, but they have been around for a while. Did you ever wonder why they maybe became a worldwide threat till about 40 years ago? Did you ever ask yourself that? They have been most of the time up to that point they were just fighting among themselves and killing themselves with all the different factions, and the British were over there for many years and they mandated it and they tried to keep the peace, but they fought back and forth with each other. But they never, they never became a worldwide threat. You did not hear of jihad then. There was no terrorist bombings or uprisings anywhere in the world in Western civilization. Why did it only happen about 40 years ago? Does anybody ever think that through? Why did you have all this time from 570 or 600 where they were just nomads out there doing a little deal, going from oasis to oasis, eating dates and riding camels, and suddenly 40 years ago they suddenly became a world threat of world power? They suddenly talk about jihad and now they want to kill every Westerner in the world. Why is that? Do you not ask yourself those questions? I will tell you why, because in the church age he put on the real garments of a priest, in the Reformation, he put on the garments of a Protestant clergyman, and in the Zionist movement, knowing where it was going to go with Israel getting back in the land—I mean God called him out in 1917. He put him back in the land in 1948, and now we are only a half step away from the rapture of the church and they are getting the land back. You know what he did? You know why he put on a Muslim garb? Because he is going to use the Muslim to stop him.
- 7.) And then the final garment change is yet to come, but that will take place at the rapture when we get into the tribulation period, and this is where he will put on the garment of the man of sin, the Antichrist. He will change clothes now for the final time and become God to a godless world left behind after the rapture of the church. For this you will want to see 2

Thessalonians 2, 1 Thessalonians 5, the book of James, the book of Jude, and all kinds of places in the Old Testament.

Now he changes all these clothes, but if you are paying attention and you have a King James 1611 Authorized Version, it does not matter. You know why? Because he can put on the garment, listen to me, but his face never changes. You have got to know what you are looking for.

In the New Testament, the two greatest chapters on the devil will be Revelation 12 and Revelation 13. You put Job 40 and 41 together with Revelation 12 and 13, and you have got the street address, the phone number, the way, you have got his email address, you have got his footprints, his fingerprints, and his DNA. The Bible will lay out for you exactly his way and where he is at on every street corner in Kansas City or any city in this country. They missed it because of two things: wise in their own conceits, and they vomit, they have been chowing down for 25, 30 years, and the third thing is they are stupid. Again, there is more information in the Bible on the devil than any other person outside the Lord Jesus Christ.

## V. The Devil's Names: A Law of First Mention Study

Let me show you something. I have never given this before, but I guess it is time. In your Bible, you have a rule we follow and a number of rules we follow in Bible study called the Law of First Mention. The Law of First Mention means this: the first time you find something in the Bible, it will always be significant. The first time you find a word, a phrase, a term, it will always be significant, and God will use that to define for you where you are going with it the rest of the time, and it will certainly put it together for you.

I must tell you before I go any farther with this, in the scholarly world what I just told you was a joke. They laughed at the Law of First Mention. In their little groups, their little classes, they will ridicule it. It is about us, hayseed, Bible thumpers, hillbilly preachers that have not been schooled in a higher art of learning and have to rely on stupid little stuff like the Law of First Mention. Amen. That is right. They would talk that way right up until they show up on a Thursday night. I would show you what skinny little legs he really has.

There are seven names in the Bible for the devil. Each time you find it the first time, it will define a different part and a different way that puts the whole concept together for you.

- 1.) The first time you find the wordserpentin the Bible will be Genesis 3. From that point on, when you find the word serpent, the context will be the attack on the New Testament church age, Christianity, or attack on God's people. You will find in 2 Corinthians 11:1-3 he tells you, going back to Adam and Eve:Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. The word serpent is how he attacks in the church age. He camouflages himself. He blends in. Eve is the picture. Adam and Eve were put down in the garden. Eve is the type of the church. Adam is the type of

Christ. When the devil attacked, Adam was not home. Picture the church age. He is back up in heaven. When he came to Eve, he did exactly what they do to you. He said to Eve, "Yea, hath God said?" and then he changed what God said. Yet he looked just like Christ. He blended in. He has got a church. Bible says he has pastors. It is no great thing that his unclean spirits are transformed into ministers of righteousness. He shows up and he says, "Yea, hath God said?" and he imitates. Both the devil and Christ are called God. They are both called light. They are both called Christ. They are both called lions. They both come on white horses. They both are called kings. They are both called princes. They both have a bride, and they both have a church, and they both have a Bible. He just blends in. The first time you find the word serpent, it shows you how he is going to attack. Snakes, to this day, if a woman is a woman—I mean, you find some examples to it, but not many—a woman is scared of nothing but a snake. We get the idea, and you see in all the pictures, in all the pictures of Roman Catholic concoctions, that Eve is standing there with a tree with apples on it and a snake wrapped around the thing. That becomes a standard idea of what really happened in the garden. Let me tell you something. There was no apple tree. I mean, there was, but that was not the one. There was not a snake up in the tree or on the ground. That serpent shows you why he is called a serpent. It shows you, if you study Job 12, the animals, the devil is just going to be like a serpent. You know what a snake does? A snake will stay motionless for ten, twelve hours waiting for something to come through that it can eat. You cannot even see it there. Have you ever noticed how you try to pick a copperhead out in the woods or a rattlesnake? Unless you really have got a trained eye, you will step on it before you ever see it. That is why he used the serpent. It blends in, it camouflages, and before you know it, you have been bit. My old grandmother used to say, not the one who could not cook, old grandmother used to say it was not the apple in the tree that was the problem. It was the pear on the ground.

- 2.) The second thing, the first time you find the word Satan. You know where that is at? It is in 1 Chronicles 21:1. That is the first time it shows up. There it is clearly for every time you are going to find the word Satan, it is going to be linked closely to his attack on the nation of Israel. That is what he does in 1 Chronicles 21. He attacks Israel. Satan means adversary. It means accuser. In Revelation 12:10, he is called the accuser of the brethren. In Job 1 and Job 2, he shows up at the throne of God accusing Job, and Job is a type of the nation of Israel. He is in the land of Uz. That is where the Jews are going to be. There are 42 chapters in the book of Job, 42 months in the Great Tribulation period. Job gets persecuted on the ground seven days, just like the Jew gets persecuted on the ground for seven years. Everything is a perfect picture of that thing. So you see him, the first time he shows up and he is called Satan, it is going to line him up to the adversary, the accuser. Let me just say this to you. Side note. Based on these passages and then you go over to Revelation 9 and Revelation 11. I want to tell you this because you are going to bump into it. It is all over the internet. We even get some of the clowns on our broadcast on Sunday morning. Based on this passage and Romans 9 and 11, any man today, saved or lost, who takes a stand against a Jew and speaks against the nation of Israel and calls them anything other than what the Bible calls them, you mark it down. He will be satanic. It is just that simple. Either directly or indirectly. As I said, the internet is full of them. You find it all the time. The heresies out there are all over the place.

There are guys who actually believe that God is finished with the nation of Israel, and there are just some terrible, they do not have a clue about the Bible. I forget all that. I am telling you right now. That is based on 1 Chronicles 21:1. Revelation 12 tells you that the devil hates the nation of Israel. He elicits idiots like this to put out that vomit and just satanic. Just so you know that.

- 3.) Now the third time he finds up, the first time he finds the word devil. That will be Matthew 4:1. When you find the word devil the first time, it will be an attack on Christ, and the devil comes as the tempter. He tempts Christ in three ways. Of course, we know that. Most people do not put it together and figure it out. But the three things that he tries to get him to do are all connected with the second coming or Christ that Christ will do. It is a great story and a picture for you and for me because it shows you that when the devil wants to tempt us, he will tempt us many times to do the right thing at the wrong time.
- 4.) The fourth one, fourth thing, is you find the word dragon the first time. That is in Nehemiah 2:13. First time you find it. It is connected with a dragon gate. The dragon gate was down by the dung gate down at the south end of Jerusalem, which led to Gehenna, which is a type of hell, the trash dump that was always burning, and it is a picture of the lake of fire. So when you go to Isaiah 27:1, Revelation 12:3, Revelation 13:1, and of course Revelation 20:2, you find the dragon put in the bottomless pit, the lake of fire. These are all composites that put him together to show you his street and his way.
- 5.) Now the word Lucifer, this will be our fifth one. The first time you find the word Lucifer we found in Isaiah 14:12. Lucifer means lux-faro, bright shining. He is called the son of the morning, never the morning star. That is the NIV giving the honor and glory to Christ to the devil. It shows us the position before his fall, called the son of the morning. We know from Ezekiel 1 and Ezekiel 10 that originally there were five cherubs. In Ezekiel 1 and Ezekiel 10, you have a picture of the throne of God that tells you there is a cherub on each round that throne, and it was one at one time that was over the throne, the fifth cherub that covered it, and he fell. Gives you that dimension.
- 6.) The first time you are going to find son of perdition in the Bible, this will be number six by the way, will be in John 17:12. It will be a reference to Judas Iscariot. Three great keys in your Bible on his street of who he is will be John 17:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, and Revelation 17:11. The only three times you find in your Bible "son of perdition," but it starts with John 17:12, and it shows you the connection to Judas and the Antichrist. It gives whole new light on the fact in John 6:70 that says, Jesus himself speaking, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" In your NIV, coming to the rescue on John 6:70 in the footnote, it tells you that he really was not a devil, he was just opposing Christ, calling Jesus a liar. Jesus did not say, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is opposing me, acting like the devil?" He said, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" How do you get anything out of that but what it says? The devil has got to mask those things, and he will use God's men to do it.
- 7.) Now the seventh one, the first time you find the phrase God of this world, it will be 2 Corinthians 4:4. It says: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Here we find that this is where we see that his main job through religion is to

blind the world. I gave you 2 Corinthians 11:12-14 a little while ago. It says again: But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

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. There he is, his street, there he is, his way, laid out through history based on Job 40, 41, just studying elephants and whirlpools. It is an incredible concept.

The slothful man who is a sluggard when it comes to the Bible, saved or lost, he will never get any of this. One, he will not learn from history. Two, he will not learn from his own mistakes because he is unteachable. Most of all, he will not learn because he is wise in his own conceits.

## VI. The King James Bible as Established Truth

Your Bible, now here at our church, somebody said a while back, I heard him talk about us and he said that we are a King James only church. That is only a half truth. I do not accept the term "we are only a King James only church," though I like the term. I would rather say it that we are an established truth church. The truth we had has been established. It has been established through history and the King James Bible, but it is established truth. Your Bible will be your final authority in all things of faith and practice. You can rest assured in this world where there is nothing certain, there is nothing perfect, there is nothing good, there is nothing that is worth anything, you have something that is an absolute standard that is worth everything, and you have, believe it or not, it is a sure thing, but you have bet your soul on it. I am here to tell you that that Bible you have got sitting in your lap is the inspired, complete, preserved, perfect Word of God without any errors in it.

When I talk about being perfect, which is a big debate today, and I love to watch these little guys talk about what is perfect, it is not perfect according to your standards, little man. It is perfect to what God calls perfect. You better figure that one out. God has His own definition of perfect, and it is not yours. I heard guys say, "Well, I believe it is the best." Not only is it the best, but it is the only one. I have heard guys say, "Well, you know what, someday there could be another Bible coming along," and making a statement like that just shows how inept you are when it comes to history in the Bible and why God gave you that one in the first place. Somebody said, "Well, it could be replaced someday." No, you are wrong. You will be replaced, but the book will stand. The book written, established by God, preserved through His New Testament church, then in a final form will be superior to any Greek or Hebrew or any manuscripts or any scholarship. Without a doubt, to anybody who loves God and His Word above himself, it is the established truth of God to His people.

God could never judge you and hold you accountable at the judgment seat of Christ or the great white throne if He ever gave you an imperfect book, because to get out of going to hell or get out of losing your rewards, you just would point out to the imperfections, and that would get you off.

How stupid can you be? This book, as established truth, will lay out where to find Christ and the truth, and it will all show you exactly what street the lion is on and show you clearly his way versus God's way, and the devil hates it. He will do everything in his power to replace it with his Bible, to hide his way and his street, and to mask himself that pastors, churches, and Christianity in these last days with his last garment change are blinded. The most unbelievable thing in a practical, if it is true, and it is true, is the devil's Bible preached in God's churches to God's people by God's pastors. If I am wrong, then 6,000 years of history is wrong. It is unbelievable.

But not so, I guess, because again, going back to the first attack by the serpent to the church, Genesis 3, he simply said, "Yea, hath God said?" and then changed what he said. Eve baby jumped into discussion, and she adds to what God said. I am telling you this, it is a great picture because when satanic influences are in our lives and we are not controlled by God, I am going to tell you something right now. That old nature of yours is going to want to do one thing. It is the same thing that it is the original sin. You see, people think the original sin was Adam and Eve. Oh no. Adam and Eve is just a collateral damage of the original sin. The original sin took place way before that, that it is in the heart of every man if you do not tame it through the Word of God, and it is simply this: "I will be like the Most High God. I will ascend my throne, my car, my house, my boat, my motorcycle, my this, my that, my golf clubs. I will assault all my things above the stars of God." That is the original sin, and we all have that in us. Every one of us in that old sin nature. Every one of us. Every one of us have within us the fact that we want to be something special. There is nothing wrong with being something special as long as you are something special for God because God will take you and make you something special.

Yesterday in an institute I was reading them. We were coming through the seven stages of spiritual growth, and I just happened to read this verse, and I had never seen this before. It was one of Paul's prisoner epistles. It was in Philemon. In fact, turn over to the book of Philemon. I want to show you this. I told him this would be a great devotion. So if somebody used this last night, that is where they got it. Nothing wrong with that. I steal stuff all the time. Somebody says, "Are you really proud of the fact that you steal stuff from other people when it comes to the Bible?" I said, "No, I am just proud of the fact that when I finally get it, I teach it better than they did."

Look at Philemon chapter one. Okay. Good point. It is a test. You all passed. It is a test. Look at Philemon 1:1:

*Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,*

He says, "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ." I told him yesterday. You go back to the Old Testament, it talks about the strongholds in our lives. It talks about how that many of you at some point in your life had a stronghold in your life. Many people that try to come to church here and try to get, they cannot get out of it because of such a stronghold. I told him yesterday, I said, the greatest thing you ever saw in your life is that verse is, and I had never seen it before. It just kind of jumped out at me when I was reading it. He says, "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ." You are either going to be held in a stronghold of the world as a prisoner of the world, or you are going to

be held in the stronghold of Jesus Christ as His prisoner. You get to choose. A prisoner does not get to say where he goes. He does not get to decide when he is going to eat. He does not get to decide when he gets outside. He does not get to decide anything. He is a prisoner. He has no rights. You know what? When you put the stronghold of the world in your life, like Samson last week when we talked about, you do not have any, you do not dictate where you go. Your flesh drives you everywhere you go. At time after yielding to that flesh and putting those things in your life, those things become your stronghold. They will guide and direct your life to destruction.

On the other hand, when you get into the Word of God and you get saved and you make Jesus Christ Lord of your life and you start building those things that He wants you to build, then you become His prisoner. He becomes your stronghold. Where the one will lead you to destruction, the other will lead you to eternal glory. Where the one will wreck and ruin everything in your life, the other will give you the desires of your heart and bless you in every way you can. But you get to decide which stronghold you are going to have, the world's or the Lord Jesus'. Paul said, "For me, I am a prisoner. I am a prisoner. I do not have any say where I go. I do not have any say of what I do. I am a prisoner." He is locked in that stronghold of Christ dictating everything in his life. That is the key. We will hold up there.