



THE INFORMER

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Sometimes the Devil Wears A Dress

Tim Dooley

I was talking to a neighbor one day many years ago discussing the problem all folks have with temptation and sin. My friend made reference to the image of Satan coming to visit us with a pointed tail and a pitchfork. I looked at my friend and replied, "Sometimes the devil wears a dress."

The image we have of Satan as a monster, a dark under lord, who casts fear upon all he encounters is not at all realistic. Sure the Bible refers to him as a serpent (*Genesis 3:4, 14; Revelation 20:2*), as a dragon (*Revelation 12:3, 9*) and as a lion (*1 Peter 5:8*). But these are descriptive of who he really is (a liar, murder, and prince of darkness) and not how he manifests himself to us today.

The truth is Satan, temptation and sin are made to appear beautiful to behold and pleasurable in which to engage. Consider what is said in *1 John 2:16*, "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." Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and told them of "false apostles" and "deceitful workers" who were able to transform "themselves into apostles of Christ." Then he said that this should not surprise them, "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness" (*2 Corinthians 11:13-15*).

I remember a preacher once saying the reason people sin is because it feels good. Folks engage in sins of the flesh because it feels good. Many look upon evil things because they are beautiful to behold. People lie, cheat, and steal because they can then get what they want. Alcohol and drug use make us cool and give us a high. If sin felt bad (like walking around hitting yourself in the head with a hammer) no one would do it. *Hebrews 11:25* speaks of Moses and how he chose not to "enjoy the pleasures of sin."

However, it is important for us to remember that this is simply how Satan tempts us into sin. The beauty and good feelings are only temporary and deceiving. In this case beauty really is only skin deep. The Bible is right about who Satan really is and we should not be "ignorant of his devices" (*2 Corinthians 2:11*). In order to do that we have to look below the surface of sin and see it the way God sees it.

Satan and sin may look good at the present...but it only leads to heartache and disappointment. Look around! Where you see sin you will find crime, poverty, broken homes, and shattered dreams. There you might just see Satan then as the evil creature he truly is! Ultimately the unrepentant sinner will find himself with the evil one for eternity in the place God has prepared for him (*Matthew 25:41*). So beware and be faithful.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Afternoon Worship.....1:15
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30

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OUR RECORD

06/19/2022

Sunday School.....99
Sunday A.M.....145
Sunday P.M..... 82
Wednesday 06/22/22 104
Contribution.....\$4,266.00
Budget..... \$4,750.00



Dooley noted...

Summer began this week and the start of it sure has been a hot one. Remember hell is hotter, but so is God's love and forgiveness. As should be the fire within us to love and serve the Lord and others. Keep burning to keep from burning. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Mary Jane Dooley, Tim Dooley's grandmother, was re-admitted to Sebring, FL ICU and placed on hospice. She is declining rapidly.

Joy Rowland, sister of Eleta Grimmitt, has been diagnosed with dementia and admitted to assisted living facility in Greenwood, MS.

Bobbie Sciara, 88 year old grandmother of Shelly Clayton, fell and broke her hip Thursday, she was admitted to St. Francis, Memphis, for surgery.

Continue to Remember:

Melvin Adams, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Wanda Coleman, Prebble Foster, Carol Hood, Martin Hurd, Alfred Jones, Brenda Jones, Betty McNeely, Corey Politte, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Tom Pettey, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell.

Shut-Ins: J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Joe Reed

Nursing Home: Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Sue Stroud, Sue Marques, Bobbi Jean BoBo,

Military List: Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals.

PRAYERS

At the time of this publication, our hearts are heavy with concern and sadness for the families of Andy & Sharon Clemmer. Sharon's father, Wade Davis, 76 years old with dementia, has been missing since Wednesday, June 22nd, while on his daily walk with his beloved dog in the Jacinto community. At this time, there is still a full scale Search & Rescue in progress. Our prayer is that by the time we meet for worship on Sunday, he will have been rescued. Please keep Andy & Sharon and their children, Jessica Garrett & Cody Clemmer, and the Davis family in your thoughts and prayers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 26 ~ Shelby Carpenter

June 27 ~ J. L. Eaton

June 29 ~ Deborah Griffin

June 29 ~ Kaye Parks

July 2 ~ Karen Botts

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 30.....Ricky & Betty Adams

June 30.....Phil & Paige Young

July 1st Steve & Andrea Hill

NOTICE

Due to the fact that the Clothes Closet is full, we are requesting that you do not bring any additional clothing at this time. Thank you for the great response and contributions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Anyone wishing to make a donation for the quarterly delivery to Pine Vale Children's Home on July 1st, please see Kurt Clayton.
- Anyone wishing to donate to "Buckets of Blessings" for Ukraine, please see Joe Owen.

SYMPATHY

Ruston Adams' apartment in Starkville was consumed by a fire this past Wednesday the 22nd. Thankfully, no one was injured and his dog was rescued. Although he was able to salvage a few items, he sustained a substantial loss. Ruston is studying and interning in Starkville.

Today's Happenings

- Youth Devo this afternoon hosted by Amy & Jason Jennings at the fellowship building.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **June 28th** Ladies Bible Study 10:00 –11:00 a.m. in the annex building.
- **June 30th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" Event Zone in Tupelo, van will leave at 3:40 pm
- **July 5th** Ladies Bible Study 10:00—11:00 a.m. in annex building.
- **July 7th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" 9:00 @ fellowship bldg. Making cards for shut-ins
- **July 7th-23rd** Maywood Camp
- **July 9th** Care Group #2 (Shane & Barbara) will host game night @ 6:00 p.m. at the fellowship building. Bring finger foods and your favorite games.
- **July 10th** Area Wide at Church Street Pontotoc @ 5:00, Speaker: David Paden.
- **July 12th** Ladies Bible Study 10:00– 11:00 a.m. in the annex building.
- **July 12th** Ladies sewing/quilting class meet @ Eleta Grimmitt's 10:00-12:00. a.m.
- **July 14th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" 9:00 a.m. Car Wash for our Adults. Plan to get wet.
- **July 16th** Reception for Anderson Parks at the fellowship building @ 2:00 pm.
- **July 21st** Men's Thursday night Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. in the annex building.
- **July 24th** Bridal shower for Victoria Winter, bride elect of Caleb Jennings.
- **July 24th** Youth Devo @ Greg & Kim Clayton
- **July 28th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" Pool Party at Paul & Maria Ormon's @ 6:30 p.m.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Justified by Faith

Ephesians 2:8-10

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- I. What Faith Is _____
- A. Not What I _____ (Acts 22:4; 23:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; Matthew 7:21-23)
- B. Not a _____ Acceptance (John 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- C. Not a _____ (Genesis 37:32-35; 45:25-28)
- II. What Faith _____
- A. Faith is _____ God's Word (Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4:3)
- B. Faith is _____ God's Word (Hebrews 11; James 2:14-26)
- III. What Faith _____ For Us
- A. Provides _____ (Hebrews 11:1; Titus 1:2)
- B. _____ (Romans 5:1; James 2:24)
- C. _____ (Acts 15:9; 1 Peter 1:22)
- D. _____ us (Ephesians 6:16; 2 Timothy 1:12)
- E. _____ us (Romans 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:7)
- IV. How Do We _____ (Romans 10:17; John 20:30-31)?
- V. Why Some Do _____ Faith.
- A. They do not keep _____ in mind (Romans 1:28)
- B. They _____ Christianity and _____ themselves (2 Peter 3:3-5)
- C. Some are just simply _____ minded (2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- D. They are _____ by Satan and lost (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
- VI. Saving Faith Can Be Lost (Luke 8:13-14; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 2 Timothy 2:17-18; 4:3-4; Hebrews 3:12)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Equal in His Eyes

James 2:1-13

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- I. _____ ADVICE (v. 1; Acts 10:34-35; Galatians 3:28; 1 Samuel 16:6-7)
- II. _____ DISPLAY (vs. 2-4)
- A. Contrasting Appearance
- B. Condemning Attitude (vs. 3-4; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 9:58)
- III. _____ OF GOD (v. 5)
- A. Salvation is possible by God's grace (Titus 2:11; Ephesians 2:8)
- B. Two Characteristics of those "poor of this world" but "rich in faith:" (Luke 6:20).
- IV. _____ OF MEN (vs. 6-7)
- A. Unloving (Proverbs 30:14; Isaiah 10:1-2)
- B. Unholy
- V. _____ LAW (8-11; Matthew 22:36-40; Psalm 119:14-16).
- VI. _____ JUDGMENT (vs. 12-13).
- A. There is a day of judgment coming (Romans 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10)
- B. The need for proper speaking and doing in view of the coming judgment (v. 12; Matthew 12:36-37).
- C. Those who do not show mercy toward others can expect no mercy at the judgment (v. 13; Matthew 5:7).

NOTES:

Area Events

- Vacation Bible School at Ripley Church of Christ, June 26th-29th, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- VBS at Gloster Street Church of Christ, Tupelo, June 27th-July 1st, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Richard Jennings
SONG695 **This Is the Day The Lord Hath Made**
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Greg Clayton
SONG359 **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Andy Clemmer/
 Tim Dye, Richard Jennings, Troy Robertson
SONG..... 138 **Father Along**
SONG.....363 **Jesus Rose of Sharon**
SCRIPTURE READING..... Steve Hill
OPENING PRAYER.....Kevin Simmons
SONG 513 **One Step at a Time**
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....382 **Kneel at the Cross**
CLOSING PRAYER.....Hunter Jennings
SONG170 **God Be with You**
USHER..... Brian Carpenter/Kurt Clayton
LOCK.....Kurt Clayton
SECURITY.....Matt Jennings
GREETERS.....Steve & Lana Todd

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mark Jennings
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Terry Stubblefield
LESSON..... Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Dane Coggin

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, June 29 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Richard Jennings
OPENING PRAYERRicky Adams
DEVOTIONAL.....Shane Crotts
CLOSING PRAYER..... Bill Botts

Sunday, July 03, 2022

Greeters.....
 Announcements.....
 Singing.....
 Lord’s Supper.....
 Scripture Reading.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....
 Usher.....
 Lock.....
 Security.....

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday July 06, 2022

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Devotional
 Closing Prayer.....

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Greeters.....
 Announcements.....
 Singing.....
 Lord’s Supper.....
 Scripture Reading.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....
 Usher.....
 Lock.....
 Security.....

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday July 18, 2022

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Devotional
 Closing Prayer.....

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