

# Snare of the Devil

- I. 2 Tim 2:24-26- Taken captive by him at his will (to do his will)
  - A) 1 Tim 2:4- God's will is that all men be saved and come unto knowledge of truth
    - 1. So Satan's will would be an "anti-will" (keep men lost and ignorant- 2 Cor 4:2-4)
  - B) Karl Marx- "Religion is the opiate of the masses"
  - C) John 1:9- Light in every man
    - 1. Rom 1:20- God known of His creatures
      - i. If this wasn't true, then there would be no need for an atheist to declare his atheism
    - 2. Example of the Book of Eli and Gary Oldman
- II. John 14:6- God made a way for man to come to Him
  - A) Prov 16:25- Satan made a way for man to come to him
- III. Ex 10:7- 1<sup>st</sup> use of snare- God's people dwelling among Satan's people was a snare unto Satan's people
  - A) Satan learned quickly from this example and imitated it
    - 1. Ex 23:33- Canaanites a snare unto Israel
    - 2. Ex 34:12-17- Covenant with Canaanite a snare in the midst of thee
  - B) Snare- Webster's 1828= 1. Instrument for catching animals, cord or slipknot that entangles leg. 2. Anything by which one is entangled and brought into trouble.
- IV. Deut 7:1-16- Be separate or be snared
  - A) Deut 7:25-26- Why are idols always covered in gold and silver??
    - 1. Jud 8:23-27- Gideon's ephod becomes a snare (ephod= "to bind")
    - 2. Satan knows man's nature and that covetousness is key to his plan
    - 3. 1 Tim 6:1-10- Paul warns Timothy about loving money or gain
  - B) Josh 23:13- Nations left as snares
    - 1. Jud 2:1-3 & 20-22- Nations left as snares to test Israel
- V. Job 18:5-14- By a snare man is taken from light into darkness
  - A) Psa 9:15-17- Snare and the work of hands
  - B) Psa 38:12- Snare of words
  - C) Psa 64:1-6- Snare of words
  - D) Psa 69:16-25- Table (that which was meant for their good and welfare) becomes a snare
    - 1. Sacrifice (Christ) which was meant for Israel's benefit becomes the thing that destroys them
      - i. Christ becomes like "bread" (bait) in the trap of Christendom

2. Psa 91:1-4- Snare of the fowler
    - i. John 6:35- I am the Bread of Life
      - a) Prov 6:23-26- Whore captures man with bread
      - b) Prov 9:1-5 compared with Prov 9:13-18  
(1) Bread used 2 ways
      - c) Prov 20:17- Bread of deceit
      - d) Prov 23:1-8- Bread of him with an evil eye
  3. 2 Cor 2:17- Corrupt the word of God
    - i. 2 Cor 4:2- Handle word of God deceitfully
      - a) Gen 3:1- Satan misuses God's words
      - b) Matt 4:6- Satan misuses God's words
    - ii. 2 Pet 3:16- Unstable (not "stablished") wrestle God's word
- VI. Psa 119:105-110- Word of God to free from snare
- A) Psa 124:7- Like a bird escapes fowler
  - B) Psa 142:3- Privily laid snare
    1. 2 Cor 11:13-15- Satan's ministers
    2. Prov 7- Whore snares birds and they don't know till it's too late
      - i. Ecc 7:25-26- Snare of religion
      - ii. Isa 42:20-22- Whole nation in a snare
      - iii. Jer 5:23-31- Whole nation in a snare
    3. Hos 5:1- Priests and kings a snare to Israel
      - i. Hos 9:8- Prophets a snare
- VII. Luke 21:35- Whole world caught in snare for their bread
- A) Example of what happens when people feed God's creatures
  - B) Prov 29:25- Fear leads to snare
  - C) Isa 24:17-18 Fear leads to snare
  - D) Jer 48:43-44- Fear leads to snare
    - 1. Prov 3:5-6- This is the solution**
- VIII. 1 Tim 3:1-7- Novice easily ensared
- A) 1 Tim 6:1-10- Covetousness the snare of a preacher in most cases
    1. Man used to farm or fish to supply his family, but through covetousness, there is lack of supply and destruction of the poor.