The Synagogue of Satan

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Gracious Father of all flesh, thank You for Your sufficient grace and mercy towards us, I pray that as we learn at Your feet today, You shall open the portals of Your wisdom and knowledge unto us in Jesus Christ name.

Study

The Topic before us tonight is a wide one that if we are unable to finish it tonight, we'd continue next time. Can someone filled with The Holy Ghost help us with Our Bible text? For some time now we have been treating this particular verse of the scriptures and I know that some might have been wondering why there are so much emphasis on the scripture. There are mysteries contained in this singular scripture that we need to explore even as The Holy Spirit teaches us

What is a Synagogue?

A synagogue is simply an assemblage of persons, groups, congregants, gathering of people, it can also be refered to as a gathering place. It is somehow synonymous to the church, Just that the synagogue is much more common to the Jewish and in the Jewish religion than in the Christian age. It is worthy of note that a synagogue is a sacred place meant for worship and when it refers to people it refers to a sacred group of people.

Who is Satan?

If we begin to have a teaching on the personality of Satan, our conclusion would be that he is evil, so there is no need to study deeply about him as regards to this study, we will surely know more about his personality later. Satan who is also known as the Accuser, the Devil is created but superhuman, evil and world

power represented in the scriptures as the Adversary both of God and men. Satan is mostly called Devil among the many names the scriptures calls him and some of the names are as follows

Tempter **(Matthew 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:5)**

Belzebub **(Matthew 12:24)** Enemy **(Matthew 13:39) ;**

Evil one **(Matthew 13: 19)** Belial **(2 Corinthians 6:15);**

Adversary **(1st Peter 5:8)** Deceive**r (Revelation 12:9)**

Dragon (great) **(Revelation 12:3)** Father of lies **(John 8:44)**

Murderer **(John 8:44)** Sinner **(John 3:8)** and many others

Satan's jealousy and hatred for men has led him into antagonism to God and consequently to goodness. He is one whose nature and will is given to evil. Moral evil is his controlling attributes, when Satan was originally created he did not have that nature that's why many believe it is appropriate to refer to him as Lucifer before his fallen state. Satan's fall made him become the evil one. When a good will is not exerted then evil will take its place. If we bring these definitions of terms together we will see the meaning of the word used by The Lord Jesus Christ "**The Synagogue of Satan**" that is a sacred group of the evil one! From this definition we say that there are people who belong to Satan even as The Lord also confirmed this in **1 John 3:12 KJV** Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. here, it is said concerning cain that he was of Satan.

Looking at our key scripture we can see some things Christ used in describing the men of this synagogue but before then it must be noted that currently in the world there is church of Satan which can also be synonymous as the synagogue of Satan. But in reality the church of Satan is not only about the building structure but also the members just the way it is with the Church of Christ, it is clear that the Church of Christ is beyond the building down to the members in fact that is the true church, people are the true church not the building and it is very clear that the devil always make counterfeit of whatever thing God does, as such, everything the Church of God has, has been counterfeited by the church of

Satan. In a nutshell, those of the synagogue of Satan are those who are counterfeit of those of the Church of Christ. They are children of the devil and they are in sharp contrast to the Church of Christ, therefore there can never be any agreement between them and those of Christ. From what The Lord Jesus Christ said in the verse above we see that these people cannot be easily identified by those who do not stick to Him.

It takes a man to know the truth and convinced by it before he can discern falsehood and deceivers. The church of Smyrna faced tribulations and oppositions because they do not stand for falsehood and because of their stand they entered into sharp contrast with the children of the evil one. Those of the synagogue of Satan are just like those of the synagogue of the freedmen. As it was said that the devil who is Satan is always in making a counterfeit of all the things that God does. His works are seen in diverse areas.

a. False Brethren: As it has been established that there are children of the wicked one and also there are those brought forth into the church among the true ones and they have no other mission than to spread evil, for no good can come out of evil. The thing is that atimes one might think some of these people are good because of some things they do that appears to be good in the surface but in reality when looked into carefully one would see an ulterior motive behind their goodness. *For the friendliness of the devil is to perpetuate evil in an unsuspecting manner*. These false brethren always claim to be Christians and baby Christians are easily deceived by them. A spiritual matured person can easily recognise them no matter how much they try to hide. These set of people are those who upset and carry out his doctrines (teachings) inside the church because they would try as much as possible to penetrate and gain ground seeking prominence in the church among members.

A good example of such people is Diotrephes whom Apostle John talked about. **3 John 1:9-10 KJV** I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. **[10]** Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, praying against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. He withstood John, standing against the truth, just like those of the synagogue of the freedmen

and of Satan. Apostle Paul being a mature man in Christ recognised them and made mention of them also **2 Corinthians 11:26 KJV** In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; He faced a lot in the hands of these false brethren, he talked about his exposure to the risk of being injured and destroyed by them. He knew that these men are dangerous whose major aim is to wreck damage, but it is a painful thing that despite the flood of these false brethren many are still ignorant of them and their activities and cannot still recognise them. By God's grace at the end of this study you will be able to discern them around you and even in your church in Jesus Christ name. The first thing that must be noted in order to know who these false brethren are is that we must look beyond their profession, if you try to recognise a false brethren through the words of his mouth you will not be able to get him red-handed.

The Lord said they claimed they are Jews but are not, but lie! **they said** they are His but in the real sense they are not, you see that? that is profession!, They profess to be His children but their profession is a lie because the father of all liars is the devil and of course he is their father. In that wise, The Lord said in **Matthew 7:21-23 KJV** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven**. [22]** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **[23]** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. That's profession by mouth, they profess Him as Lord but He said that He will say to them that He does not know them; because they are of the synagogue of Satan. The Lord said,

b. He Knows Their Blasphemy: He said He knows their blasphemy which is a proof that they are of the synagogue of Satan. Their blasphemy simply means their oppositions, their slanders, evil words against the truth. Apparently, some of the ways to know those who are of the synagogue of Satan is to watch out for their strict opposition to The Word of God and God's true children. They speak evil of them and try as much as possible to resist and counter them at every slight opportunity because they see them as threats to their mission. **Revelation 3:9 KJV**

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. The Lord called their profession a lie, that is to say that these set of people are professional liars, they lied to the point that they had no regard for God claiming affinity with the only true and righteous God. Please when talking about lies, lies are beyond lying through words, this is a study on its own.

If someone can lie about a relationship with God Almighty, it shows such does not have the fear of God as such there is nothing such a person would not be able to lie about. These set of people are of the synagogue of Satan. **Revelation 3:8 KJV** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. The Lord said something strictly about the church at Philadelphia He said He knows their works and further said they have kept His Word, and have not denied His name. So what makes a man known by God? is His resolution to keep His word and also proclaim His name. Going back to verse 7 **Revelation 3:7 KJV** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; you see The Lord talking about His own characters, which confirms that He was the one writing to the church, He said Holy and True. He is Holy, pure, righteous, without spot or blemish. No wonder it is written that the prince of this world who is Satan found nothing of his in Him. **John 14:30 KJV** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. It is so because of His character/nature.

The children of God should possess that same character which makes it a prove that indeed they are in Christ **1 Peter 1:16 KJV** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. That is, He expects us to be Holy, which makes us as children and the opposite of holiness is unholiness, which means showing disregard for what is Holy, and that is wickedness, of a truth we know that what is wicked is of the wicked one. A man who is not Holy is simply defiled, sinful contaminated/polluted and impure. These are basically the nature/characters of the evil one and since those of the synagogue of Satan are not recognised as His

then their characters are in direct opposite to His. They are unholy, unrighteous, they are sinful and polluted. To know those who are of the synagogue of Satan, one needs to look at their characters, what is means in this sense is their constant way of living and their constant attitude towards living in unholiness, if a man lives constantly in sin and do not feel remorseful about it but tries to justify it when confronted with the truth such is of the synagogue of Satan.

When he says there is no big deal in going to hell that after all it's people that hell was made for and for demons and that it is also people that are there, then such is not of Christ. Those who are of Christ will always want to produce His own characters, they will go for the fruit of The Spirit which can make them Holy, rather than the gifts of the Spirit which can make them popular, they will not seek after fame or popularity because all they want is to be like Christ. The Lord said He is Holy, therefore, in order to make us like Him He commanded us in **2 Timothy 2:19 KJV** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. He said He knows those who are His, those who are of the synagogue of Satan might claim they are His yet He knows those who are His. Then the command! "Let everyone that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity, those who claim He is their God and Father, who call upon His name should depart from sin.

That is the seal place on the Lord's true foundation and His own church would hate sin and depart from it to become Holy just like Him. The Lord Jesus Christ said something of His character again, He said that He is true, In Him there is no lie that is why He said it in **John 14:6 KJV** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Proclaiming it clearly that He Himself is the truth those who are His also possesses such characters, they speak the truth always. **1 John 2:21 KJV** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Those who are of the Church of Christ do not support lies because the truth is in them, moreover, they also keep Christ's commandments which is to depart from iniquity. Those who do not obey His commandment does not know Him. **1 John 2:4 KJV** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. When truth is absent then

lies, falsehood, deceit, pretense must be present. **Revelation 3:9 KJV** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. The Lord mentioned one of the characters of those who are of this group of the wicked one, He said "**they lie**" lying is not of Christ, those who lie at will and dont feel remorseful or bad about it are not of Christ probably that they are not known by Him at all or have backslided. The Lord said in **John 4:24 KJV** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. He seeks such to worship Him, when we come to worship together we must make sure that we do away with lies. Let's go abit deeply into what lie is.

What is a lie?

Lie is to make an untrue statement with an intent to deceive. it is also to create a false or misleading impression, lie is an assertion or something known or believed by the speaker or writer to be untrue with the intentention to deceive. It is an untrue or inaccurate statement that may or may not be believed true by the speaker or writer, and finally it is something that misleads or deceives. Looking at these definitions of what lie is, one would see something constant in them, It is "**falsehood**", something meant to deceive. Painting what is untrue as if it is true with the aim of misleading others even when the person lying knows in his heart that he is lying. Looking at the characters of the synagogue of Satan you will see that they know deep down in their hearts that they are liars for they know who they truly belong to. Those who belong to The lord also knows deep down in their hearts, for the Spirit bears witness with their spirits that they are children of God, but those of Satan have no such witness yet they claim they have or know Christ . So they put what is untrue forward as truth with the sole aim of deceiving and misleading others. Today, many people join the children of the wicked one in their ways because they do not have discerning spirits.

Most especially women, many of them lie everyday, they present what is not true as if it is true in order to deceive and mislead men. Sometime ago, a newly married man called for divorce immediately after he saw the face of his wife without makeup, when it had been washed away, he explained to the court that he was deceived. The man said he was deceived by a false beauty thinking that was how she naturally looked, not until he saw her true look, the aim of makeup

is to make up what is not true as if it is true, it is to show forth what is fake as if it is the original. Although many still argue about this, it becomes more unfortunate that even some so-called men of God are already caught in the web of Satan's deception teaching that this does not matter. We know lies comes from the heart, the lier knows the truth from his or her heart, that's why someone with makeup is a liar because she knows the true picture of herself and covets a beauty that is not true, thereby, presenting herself to be beautiful in the way she's not. **Revelation 21:27 KJV** And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or **MAKETH A LIE:** but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Those who make up cannot make heaven according to The Word of God here. Common English Bible **Revelation 21:27** Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and **deceitful,** but only those who are registered in The Lamb's scroll of life.

Living Bible **Revelation 21:27** Nothing evil will be permitted in it—no one immoral or **dishonest**—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The Passion Translation **Revelation 21:27** Evil will not enter, nor anyone who does what is abhorrent or **deceitful**, but only those whose names are written in the Book of Life of the Lamb. All these versions give a clear picture of the verse. The interesting part of the matter is that it is not only those who do so that will not make heaven but also those who do not do it but loves it. **Revelation 22:15 KJV** For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, **AND WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE.** There are many who would not make up but love it on those who make such lies, they are constrained maybe by parents, church, friends, jobs, schools, among others within their hearts, they love those lies they also will not make heaven because their hearts are polluted, if they have an opportunity to do so they would do it. That is why you'll see sisters who will not do makeup on daily basis but on their wedding day will make up, It is because they love it in their hearts but have been constrained for long, but they see their wedding day as a free day for them to express what has been long hidden in their hearts. Some encourage others to do it by complimenting lies on them.

There are many ways people make lies today, these would be deeply explained when we treat it as a topic. Therefore, those of the synagogue of Satan are known

for their lies, children of God must run away from anything that even dare to look like lies for no lie is of the truth, just as we have said during the beginning of this study that the synagogue of Satan is the counterfeit of the synagogue of God. As such the doctrines of Christ are counterfeited, and it's counterfeit is known as the doctrine of Satan, another one is the doctrine of Jezebel, even the doctrine of Balaam. This is where we will end this topic on the synagogue of Satan which is to lead us to our next topic which is **The Doctrine of Satan.** May we not be members of the synagogue of Satan in Jesus Christ name, Amen. Thanks so much for your time, do have a lovely day.

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