

**The Book of Daniel Part 11**  
*continuation of Daniel 7:11-28*

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**--intro:**

--last week we looked at highlights from Daniel 7 about the epic battle between angelic forces, spanning millenia covering the globe, and culminating in the deception of the Antichrist. Tonight we're going to look at another dimension of the battle: the battlefield of the mind...

--the mind is a battlefield between lies that originate from Satan and truth that originates from God

--the scenes of Satan tempting Eve and Satan tempting Jesus are played out in our minds over and over again...

--Satan came to Eve, questioned God's Word, and then outright denied God's Word

--Satan came to Jesus and misquoted Scripture... Jesus defeated Satan's lies by properly quoting Scripture:

--Matt. 4:10: "Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written..."

--we must follow the example of Jesus and combat the lies of Satan with God's Word

--the Word of God is the "Sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17)

--the example of the Bereans: "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11)

**--the apostle John warned about the "spirit of the Antichrist"**

--whereas the person of the Antichrist will one day dominate the world for a short period of time, the "spirit of the Antichrist" (1 John 4:3) already dominates most people's minds...

--in a general sense, "the spirit of the Antichrist" is the denial or distortion of who Jesus Christ is, including the denial of His deity...

--1 John 4:1-3: "**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." (see also 2 John 7-8, 1 John 2:22-23)

--1 John 2:18-22: "Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists [false prophets in *the spirit of the antichrist*] have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ... 22 **Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**"

--the "spirit of the Antichrist" is seen in all the major non-Christian religions of the world... most affirm the importance of Jesus, many say they "believe" in Jesus... but it is a different Jesus, a counterfeit Jesus!

--Mormonism: "believe" in Jesus but deny His deity

--Jehovah's Witnesses: "believe" in Jesus but deny His deity

--Islam: affirm that Jesus was a "great prophet" but deny His deity

--New Age religions: various views of Christ's importance as a sage, but deny His deity

--Atheists: many recognize Jesus was an important religious figure but deny His deity

--even Catholicism: affirms the deity of Christ, but cheapens His finished work on the cross...

**--illustration: bridging the gap**

**--distortion / deflation of who Christ is and what He did... results in:**

- opens the door for false prophets to add to Christ's work
  - Mormonism: the book of Mormon, other books, Joseph Smith, and contemporary "prophets"
  - Jehovah's Witnesses: the authority of their Watch Tower organization and their "New World Translation"
  - Islam: Q'uran
  - New Age religions: any supernatural experience
  - Atheist: you are the ultimate authority
  - Catholicism: the Pope and traditions of the church
  - the one world religion at the end of time: the Antichrist
- inflation of our role
- "...a form of godliness but denying its power." (2 Timothy 3:5)
- false humility: Colossians 2:18-19: "Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in **false humility** and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and **not holding fast to the Head [Jesus Christ]**, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God."

**--summary of Scriptural evidence for the deity of Christ**

1. The angels in heaven only worship God. The angels in heaven worship Jesus Christ, therefore proving His deity.
2. Jesus Christ is "the Word" (logos) that "became flesh and dwelt among us". "The Word" is God. Jesus Christ is also the "Immanuel" which means "God with us," therefore proving the deity of Jesus Christ.
3. Only God is holy. Jesus Christ is holy. Therefore Jesus Christ is God.
4. God created and sustains all of creation. Jesus Christ created and sustains all of creation, therefore proving the deity of Jesus Christ.
5. The Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of God" and the "Spirit of Christ", therefore proving the deity of Jesus Christ.
6. Scripture indirectly states that Jesus Christ is God.
7. Scripture directly states that Jesus Christ is God.

\*\*for a complete list of scripture references and detailed explanation refer to online article:  
[http://www.lettersofchrist.com/qa\\_deity\\_of\\_christ.htm](http://www.lettersofchrist.com/qa_deity_of_christ.htm)

**--The work of Jesus Christ is complete. Nothing can be added to it...**

--John 19:30: "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

--Romans 3:21-26: "**But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed**, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 **even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe**. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, **that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**."

--Galatians 5:1-6: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and **do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage**. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised [depend on your own righteousness], Christ will profit you nothing. 3 **And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law**. 4 **You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace**. 5 **For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith**. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love."

--Colossians 2:8-10: "**Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit**, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power. "

**--Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega... the final chapter has been written! There is nothing else to add!**

--Rev. 22:12-13: "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

--Hebrews 1:1-3: God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

**--To the grace of God, Satan would reply:** *then if salvation is a gift, then it doesn't matter what you do. Go ahead and keep on sinning...*

--But again, this line of reasoning is an insult to the truth and denys the power of what Christ accomplished on the cross... His payment for our sins brings us into a personal relationship with God through His Spirit that radically changes our lives. To live an unchanged life is to proclaim that we really haven't trusted in Christ and that we haven't entered a personal relationship with God because our sins aren't forgiven.

--Romans 6:1-4: "**What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."