



THE EPISTLE OF
EPHESIANS

“What Satan
Doesn’t Want You
to Know”

Part 1 of 3

Ephesians 6:10-12

What we don't realize...

- US Army Spec Ops prefer to go unnoticed
- The idea is to destroy the target and get out before anyone knows you were there
- That's how the devil would like to work
- Fool you about his identity like this guy
- Or to fool you into thinking he is as powerful as God, just an opposite



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Ephesians 6:10-18, NASB

A. He is, AND he is not...

- Satan is a powerful spiritual being, yet he is no match for the Lord our God.
- He is a created being; his power is limited by the will of God in the life of the believer
- But if you have not made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and are not a born-again Christian, Satan's power is essentially unlimited in your life. He can do whatever he wants

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“...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil...”

John 3:8(b), NASB

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- Satan is a dangerous wolf who often disguises himself as a sheep
- Sometimes, he will come on like a roaring lion, but more often he sneaks in like a snake
- Sometimes he appears in all of his depravity and horror
- Other times, he disguises himself as an angel of light

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“...the god of this age [the devil] has blinded, [those]who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them...”

2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV

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- Because of our sin *nature*, he is *naturally* our god and controller!

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- 1.) Frontal Attack– Persecution
 - Satan knew Jesus would come through David, so he tried to destroy Israel
 - Tried to kill off the Church too
 - Used Saul, and God made him the greatest Apostle
 - According to VoM, 100K Christians die yearly

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2.) Infiltration and Compromise

- Pergamos, 3rd century
- A time in church history when, almost overnight, believers went from hiding in the catacombs of the Roman empire into the palaces of its emperor
- This one almost worked
- He tries it with us individually too

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- Matthew 13 says this...

“And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out

of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

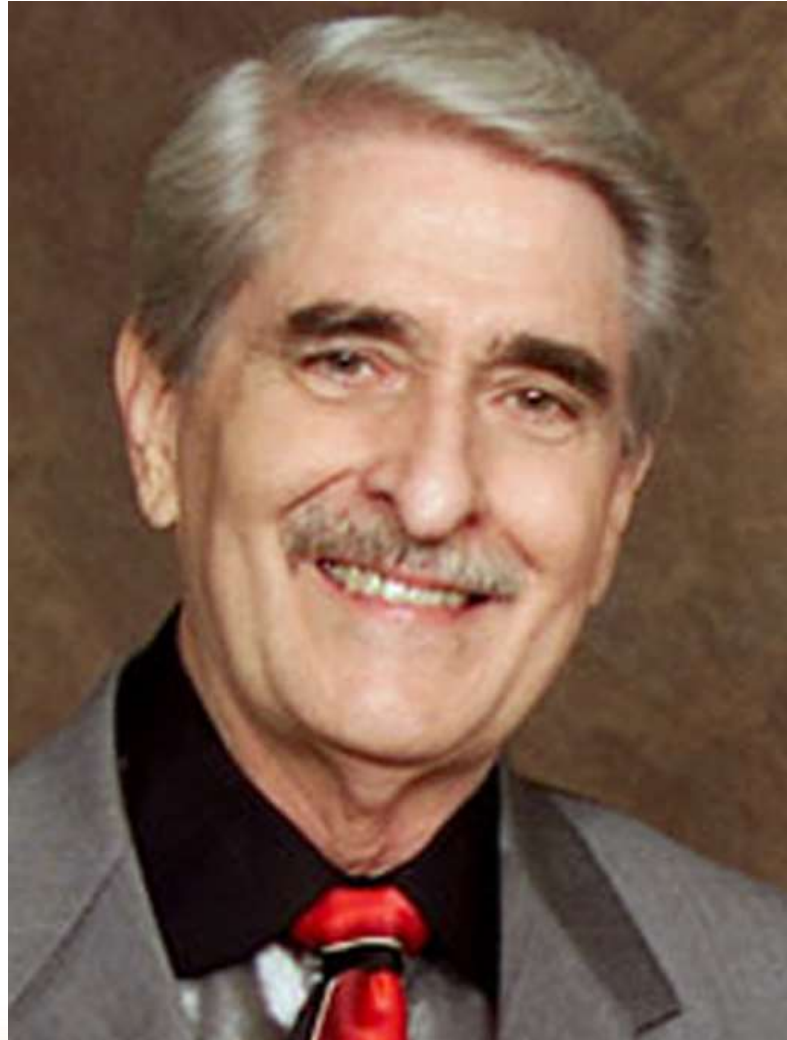
Matthew 13:37-42, NASB

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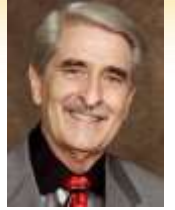
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- Besides the phony Christians he puts in our lives, he puts phonies in pulpits too
- Not just fake sects of Christianity like Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses
- But also heretical teaching from preachers and TV Evangelists, that most of you will recognize

Paul Crouch, owner, TBN



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“He [God] doesn’t even draw a distinction between Himself and us... You know what else that’s settled, then, tonight? This hue and cry and controversy that has been spawned by the devil to try and bring dissension within the body of Christ that we are gods. I am a little god!... I have His name. I’m one with Him. I’m in covenant relation. I am a little god! Critics, be gone! (PTL – July 7, 1986)”

Heresy! Not in Scripture, I’m rotten to the core!

Kenneth Copeland

Believers' Voice of
Victory Ministries,
Tulsa OK



Kenneth Copeland



“I was shocked when I found out who the biggest failure in the Bible actually is. The biggest one is God. I mean, He lost His top -ranking, most anointed angel; the first man He ever created; the first woman He ever created; the whole earth and all the fullness therein; a third of the angels, at least – that ’s a big loss, man. Now, the reason you don’t think of God as a failure is He never said He’s a failure. And you ’re not a failure till you say you’re one.” (Praise-a-Thon program on TBN – April 1988)

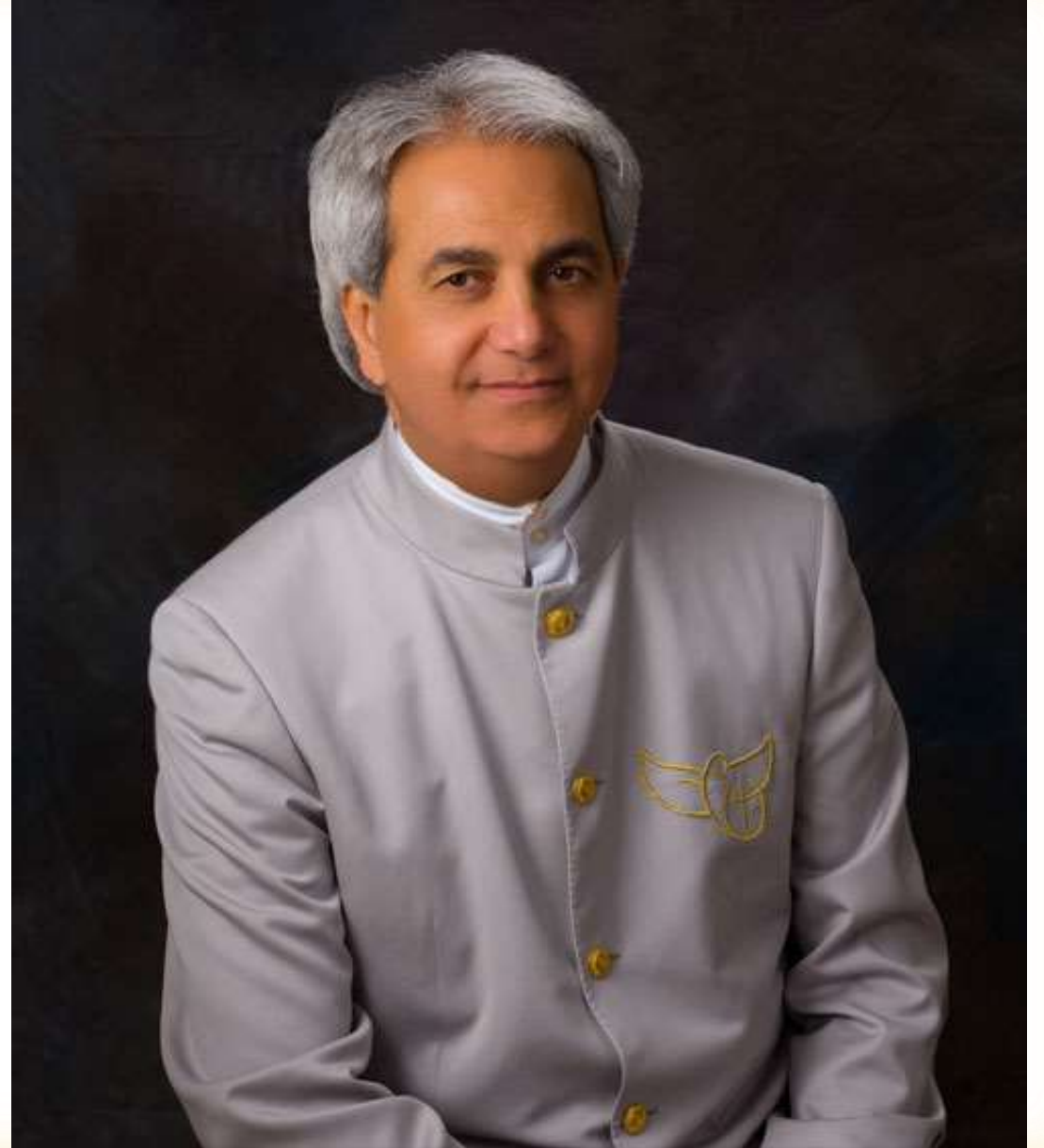
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- Copeland also boldly proclaimed, “Satan conquered Jesus on the Cross” (Holy Bible: Kenneth Copeland Reference Edition – Fort Worth, TX: Kenneth Copeland Ministries, 1991)
- He described Jesus Christ in hell as an “emaciated, poured out, little, wormy spirit,” during his TBN TV program “Believer’s Voice of Victory in April 21, 1991
- Is this not Blasphemy???



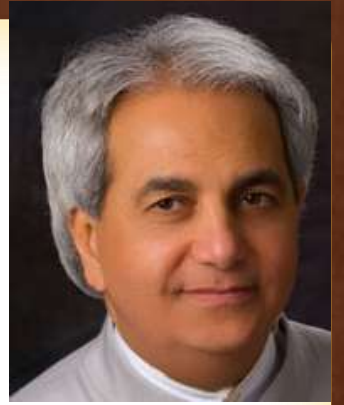
Benny Hinn

Thrown out of the
Assemblies of God
Ministries because of
his blasphemous
teachings



Benny Hinn

- “We may have two years before the rapture. Can I be blunt with you? I don ’t know if we have two years left. I’m going to prove to you from the Word tonight, that we have less than two years.”
- (Praise-a-Thon – November 9, 1990)



Benny Hinn



- “Adam was a super-being when God created him. ...The Scriptures declare clearly that he had dominion over the fowls of the air...which means he used to fly. ...Adam not only flew, he flew to space. He was – with one thought he would be on the moon” (Praise the Lord, TBN, 26th December 1991).

Benny Hinn



- “When you were born again the Word was made flesh in you. And you became flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. Don’t tell me you have Jesus. You are everything He was and everything He is and ever shall be... Don’t say, ‘I have.’ Say, ‘I am, I am, I am, I am, I am’”
- All of this is Word of Faith garbage

D. Satan's secret weapons

3.) Counterfeits (one of his most insidious)

- These men and women ARE NOT God's anointed
- Pretenders in the pews, Predators in the Pulpits, and Phony gospels too—

“⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!”

Galatians 1:8, NASB

“No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

2 Corinthians 11:14

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths...”

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Take Home...

1) Remember that Satan is no match for God and is limited by God's will in our lives.

Fear not!

2) Remember that Satan always entices us to compromise our Christian values and standards. Don't give in!

3) Remember that Satan has many false Bible teachers in pulpits who poison believers' hearts. Be ware!