<u>gOD OF THIS WORLD</u>

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INTRODUCTION

- A. WHO IS THE god OF THIS WORLD?
 - 1. god Anything to which we give our self.
 - 2. That which we serve.
 - 3. That which takes up our time and energy. '
 - 4. That which is first in our life.
- B. ULTIMATELY TALKING ABOUT SATAN and the way he works.
 - 1. Different ways he is described:
 - a. Serpent b. Lion
 - c. Angel of light. d. Deceiver; etc.

BLINDS US

- A. BLINDS OUR MINDS THOUGHTS.
 - 1. Keeps us from thinking.
 - 2. Cannot reach correct conclusions.
 - 3. **Interrupts the though process.
- B. BLINDS BY PUTTING OTHER THINGS IN OUR SIGHT, VIEW.
 - 1. Continues to put before us that which allures and attracts our attention.
 - 2. "Pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25).

Keeps One From Seeing....

A. "LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL"

- 1. <u>II Timothy 1:10</u> "brought life and immortality to light through gospel"
- 2. Gospel is: Death...Burial and Resurrection (I Cor. 15:1-4)
- 3. god of this world does not want us to look beyond the seen (More about this later).
- B. THE GLORY OF CHRIST:
 - 1. The Son of God
 - 2. Messiah of the ages.
 - 3. All that is meant by "A Savior".
- C. WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD"
 - 1. "Show us the Father.....
 - 2. God has revealed Himself to us in Christ.

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POWER OF OUR GOD

- A. <u>What god of this world does</u> <u>What Our God Provides</u>
 - 1. Pressed on every side
 - 2. Perplexed
 - 3. Pursued
 - 4. Smitten down

- 1. Yet not straitened
- 2. Yet not unto despair
- 3. Yet not forsaken
- 4. Yet not destroyed.
- B. GREATNESS OF POWER MAY BE OF GOD.
 - 1. "Knowing that he that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and shall present us with you." <u>v. 14.</u>
 - 2. Our trust is in God of heaven.
- C. WHAT THE GOD OF HEAVEN CAN DO:
 - 1. Life from Death $\underline{v. 12}$
 - 2. Raised Christ.....Shows His power.
 - 3. Therefore shall raise us up with Christ.

CONCLUSION

A. <u>"Wherefore we faint not"</u>

- 1. We continue to the end.
- 2. The promises of God are conditioned on our continued faithfulness.

B. <u>"Our Light Afflictions:"</u>

- 1. See again <u>v. 8</u>
- 2. Whatever we are called upon to endure in this life is small in comparison.
- 3. "Light Afflictions" will be replaced with, "an eternal weight of glory".
- C. BECAUSE: <u>"we look at the things not seen."</u>
 - 1. <u>V. 18;</u> "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."
 - 2. god of this world can show you <u>only the things which physical eye can</u> <u>see!</u>
 - 3. GOD OF HEAVEN opens our <u>Spiritual eyes to the glories that are</u> <u>Eternal.</u>
- D. WHICH DO YOU SEE??