

**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**  
**20/20 Vision in 2021**  
**LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel***  
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**SINNERS DON'T HAVE TO SIN**

**The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out**

**SCRIPTURE: JUDE 24,25**

“Jude 24,25: <sup>24</sup>Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup>To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

**What does God have planned for us?**

1. Matt. 5:48: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”
2. Lev. 19:2: “Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.”
3. Lev. 11:44: “For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy.”

**Is God asking us to do what is impossible for us to do?**

4. Ps. 18:30: <sup>30</sup>As for God, his way is perfect: <sup>32</sup>It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.”
5. Mark 10:27: “And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.”
6. “God’s ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning. The tempter’s agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. Satan is jubilant when he hears the professed followers of Christ making excuses for their deformity of character. It is these excuses that lead to sin. There is no excuse for sinning. A holy temper, a Christlike life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God. The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life. Jesus was in all things made like unto His brethren.” DA 311.

**Did Jesus have an advantage over any of us?**

7. Heb. 2:6,7,9-11: <sup>6</sup>But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? <sup>7</sup>Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: <sup>9</sup>But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. <sup>10</sup>For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,”
8. Heb. 5:6-9: <sup>6</sup>As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. <sup>7</sup>Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; <sup>8</sup>Though he were

a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”

9. Heb. 2:14-18: “<sup>14</sup> Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup> And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. <sup>16</sup> For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

#### **What does it mean to ask in Jesus name?**

10. “But to pray in Christ’s name means much. It means that we are to accept His character, manifest His spirit, and work His works. The Saviour’s promise is given on condition. “If ye love Me,” He says, “keep My commandments.” He saves men, not in sin, but from sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience. All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us.” DA 668.

#### **We must become like the blind man. Our faith must take hold of Jesus like the woman of Canaan.**

11. Matt. 15:21-25: “<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. <sup>23</sup> But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. <sup>24</sup> But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup> Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.”