

AN ENEMY DID IT!

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Matthew 13:24-30

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Genesis 18:22-25

Mark 11:23

James 1:17

TO DO

Reflect upon areas of your life where the devil presently runs roughshod, locate the appropriate Word in scriptures for those areas, and resist him steadfastly with the Word.

So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this...' - **Matthew 13:27-28**

Some Christians sometimes erroneously believe that when something evil happens to them, God is behind it; they claim He is trying to teach them a lesson or is punishing them for their shortcomings. However, a truth that must always be kept in mind by every child of God is that, it is not in God's constitution at all to do wickedness, i.e., it cannot be found in Him; He is altogether lovely and good, and only good comes from Him. Jesus speaking about the tares that sprouted amongst the good seeds in our text said, "An enemy did this!"

Hence, we need to be able to distinguish God's work & nature from Satan's. We need to know that just as God is incapable of evil, so also is Satan incapable of good. So whenever you see evil occurrences around you, don't get it twisted, it is the enemy at work! Don't accept it but resist it.

James 4:7 reveals that when you resist the devil, he will flee from you. It also reveals that the way to resist the devil is to submit to God; and submitting to God means submitting to His Word. Thus, whatever the devil throws at you, you have to resist it with the Word of God. – If it is sickness in your body, resist it with the Word that talks about your healing. If it is strife in your marriage, resist it with the Word that speaks about maintaining peace at all times. If it is an attack that forms a stronghold in your mind, cast it down by renewing your mind with the Word. Even if he brings a myriad of problems at the same time so that they become a mountain of problems, speak to that mountain and pull it down with the appropriate Word.

Abraham speaking to God in Genesis 18:25 declared, "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this..." because He understands that God being the Judge of the earth cannot do wrong. I like to say to people, "When you don't see God's hand, you must learn to trust His heart." His heart towards you is full of love, kindness and compassion.

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