

Satan's Hermeneutic

Satan's tactic in Eden was to distort what God had said. His desire is to minimize God's glory. Satan comes to us, like he did to Eve, with an agenda.

God speaks truth and does not have a hidden agenda, but Satan has his own “hermeneutic” (principle of interpretation). Jesus Christ, “the way, the truth and the life” said that “there is no truth in him. Satan is a liar and the father (the originator) of lies.” (John 8:44) Behind every one of his lies is an attack on who God is.

The Bible is not a mysterious book because its author, God, reveals to his creation who he is. Misunderstandings happen when anyone sees him in a distorted way. Some will not accept God's Word at all. Others will pick and choose what to accept. There are those who twist God's Word for sinful purposes, and many will add their revelations to it. Without a solid hermeneutic one can make the Bible say just about anything.

When reading the Bible, there are certain rules. However, the first and foremost step is recognizing its Author. The Bible was authored, through people, by the Creator himself for common people spanning many centuries.

To avoid Satan's evil purpose, the reader of God's Word must come with an open mind. Will scripture have different meanings? The simple answer is “no”, even though there are points in our lives where certain passages have a varied impact upon us as we grow in relationship with God.

Satan's doom is sure. Why would anyone want to follow his hermeneutic? “God said it, I believe it and that settles it!”