

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

Lesson Twenty-Two

GOD-FEARERS (2) ALL RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN SPOILED BY SATAN

Burden to Impart:

Although God's enemy, the Devil, has rebelled against God and rejected God's arrangement in this universe and spoiled all the relationships in the universe (between parents and children, sisters and brothers, men and their government, etc.), we should allow him to go no further! We should stand up for God by accepting and submitting ourselves to God's arrangements and rejecting the Devil and his rebellious ways.

Memory Verse: "...as far as it depends on you, live in peace with all men" (Romans 12: 18).

Facts to Teach:

1. When God created this universe everything was perfect, was under God's rule, and was in perfect peace and harmony. The angels sang *for* joy as they beheld it all (Job 38:4-7).
2. All of the problems in the universe began when one of God's angels was dissatisfied with God's order and arrangement. He was jealous of God's authority and throne. He wanted to change the order of things; he wanted to overthrow God and exalt himself above God (Isa. 14: 12-14).
3. Of course, Satan could never overthrow God or His arrangement. But he hates God and he hates God's arrangement in the universe. Since he cannot overthrow God Himself, he is trying to destroy God's order and arrangement of everything in the universe.
4. In God's arrangement the children should honor and obey their parents. But due to Satan's damage many children dishonor, disrespect, and disobey their parents. This damages their sweet relationship together. This brings in confusion and pain.
5. In God's arrangement all men should love each other, especially their brothers and sisters. However, Satan causes men and women, even brothers and sisters, to argue, hate, fight, and even kill one another (as Cain did).
6. In God's arrangement men should submit to those in authority by obeying the laws, paying their taxes, and honoring those who rule. However, Satan has caused men to break the laws, cheat the government out of paying their taxes, and disrespect those in authority.
7. We should not go along with Satan! He is crooked and corrupt! He has damaged everything, but we should not let his damage continue with us! We should refuse Satan's rebellious ways and choose God's perfect way by submitting to and accepting His arrangements in our lives, by keeping good and proper relationships with all people.