

then he would have been God. He would have had the world, and you could never have gotten it out of his hand, but God put them out of the garden to keep them from doing that after they partook of the tree of knowledge.

So, the dispute is over the body, and today there is a continual warfare between the body and the soul. In your mind, there is a continual spiritual fight, and the devil is trying to trample down the minds of humanity and he is after your mind, and he's after your body, and he's disputing with you all the time, and if he can ever put your faith down, he's got you. I don't care how much you fast. I don't care how much you pray. I don't care what church you belong to, or how much you give in the offering; it doesn't have anything to do with that. If he ever kills your faith in Christ and His righteousness, you're gone. It's by grace through faith that you are saved, and that not of yourself, but it is the gift of God. When he kills your faith, you are gone.

You can still believe that you are believing and be dead. The Bible says that if you live in trespasses and sin, you are dead while you live. You're dead. While you have the love of the world in you, the love of the Father is not there. If your desire is for houses and lands and cars and education and all the monetary values of life, you don't have anything in God.

So then, what are we talking about? The dispute is over the body. The devil is a spirit. He wants that body because he cannot eat and drink and frolic without a body. He cannot have the monetary values and the comforts and conveniences of this world without a body. He cannot have these things that have emanated from God. He cannot have passions, as to union between male and female; he can't have the fornicating acts and the adultery of life unless he can get into a body. He has to get into a body to cause this kind of corruption, and he has deceived mankind. Man, through the weakness of the flesh, the woman being a type, lost their inheritance and what God had given Adam, and it went to the devil. God then clothed Himself in a vesture of flesh, robed Himself in a robe of humanity, and came down into this world and gave the very blood out of His veins that He might redeem it and give it back to man. Now, here man has given it back to the devil again. This time he's really given it to him on a full scale.

You can't go into a restaurant, you can hardly go anywhere at all, and sit down and eat a decent meal without it sounding like the drums in the jungles. I'd have to apologize to those in the jungles. These people here sound a lot worse than the jungle. That's right. Going over into Africa and having crusades, there is no comparison with America and the music they have over here. It literally drives people wild. I've seen even the little children get up from the table, while they're trying to eat, and start moving and prancing. I see the others, around about, they can't sit at the table without the devil motivating and moving their body. The world is gone. They've given themselves to the devil, and they've given the world back to the devil, and they don't want you to say anything about it. It's even crept in to the churches. Over in one of the biggest churches in Atlanta, Georgia, the Church of God, they've let a rock and roll group come in that was so bad that even the newspapers gave a big write up against it saying it was so terrible. Across the world, it's been accepted.

Where is holiness? Where is the life of holiness? Someone would say, "That's a thing of the past, Brother Pike." If holiness is a thing of the past, then eternal life is a thing of the past. When the Spirit came upon John the Baptist's father, he stood up and said, "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." It's always been down through the years that God told Israel, "When you live holy and you keep yourself from the accursed thing, I will bless you, and in the day that you fail to do it, I'll do you the same way that I've done the others."

Moses told them just before they went in to Canaan, "I want you to know that God is going to take you in to Canaan and give you Canaan, but not because you are good. You've been a rebellious people since the first day I ever knew you. He's not driving these nations out because you are a good people to give you their land, but He's driving these nations out because they are wicked. He's going to let you go on in because you found favor with God through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob your forefathers, and because they were friends to God, I'm going to do this for his children. But I warn you that in the day that you go in to Canaan and you do the things that these nations do, I'm going to drive you out the same way I drove them out."

He's the same yesterday, today and forever. Some might say, "Well, Brother Pike, in this day, don't you realize that we've got grace? We're the church, and God's taken our sins away" I do. But do you realize that in this day we're living in, those people out there are not the church and yet God took their sins away, too? Somebody says, "My God, Brother Pike, you don't preach that?" Yes, that's what I preach. The Bible says, "God saved us while we were yet in our sins."

Why would He save us while we were yet in our sins, and not save those folks out there while they are yet in their sins? Wouldn't that be respect of person? Didn't He say He saved us while we were yet in our sins? The Bible says Jesus died to take away the sins of the world, and as long as that blood is on the seat of atonement, as long as that mercy is there, then God is going to let everybody in the world be a sovereignty and do like they want to do. He doesn't see their sins and He doesn't see their wrongs because He cannot look on iniquity. He is only giving them grace because the church has to have a certain amount of time to get ready, and when the church gets ready, and the church goes out of here, then that blood is coming off that seat of atonement. The blood won't be there anymore. There won't be any more grace. When that blood comes off of the seat of atonement, God won't look at their iniquities. He can't look at iniquity. He'll just destroy the whole thing. When the light of the church is gone, He'll destroy every bit of it, but right now they are getting along just as good as you are.

You don't realize it, but you are already in heaven. All of the people are already in heaven. Somebody says, "My God, Brother Pike, do you know what you're saying?" I believe I do. Somebody said, "You might as well say the devil is in heaven." That's what I'm saying. Somebody said, "You mean to tell me that the devil is in heaven?" The Bible says John, in the twelfth chapter of the book of Revelation, looked up, and there in heaven, he saw the devil. He saw the woman, the church, in great travail, ready to give birth, and he saw the devil right there ready to devour the child just as soon as she gave birth.

Do you realize that when God took away the sins of the world, that the devil is living in those human bodies out there, and as long as there is grace on those human bodies, the devil is in heaven? Did you know that it's heaven when you can go to a dentist and stop a

pain? When you can go to a doctor and get something to heal you to keep you from dying of cancer? Did you know it's heaven when you can eat and drink and do what you want to, have your own way, and spew off like a Roman candle and nobody does anything about it? Somebody says, "Well, I don't believe that's heaven." I've said this and I'm going to say it again tonight. When you get to hell, if you go there, you'll be able to differentiate, and you can tell the difference between heaven and hell. The rich man in hell couldn't even get one drop of water to cool his tongue. That was hell.

So, there is a world of difference. Now the question is, what heaven is it? Paul said, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, such an one caught up to the third heaven." So there must be a second heaven and there must be a first heaven if there was a third heaven. Someone would say, "I dispute that." The Bible says heaven and earth is going to pass away. So if heaven and earth is going to pass away, that means that you folks aren't going anywhere. Your talk about going to heaven, you said you are going to heaven, but if heaven and earth are going to pass away, then you won't have any place to go unless there is more than one of them.

Somebody says, "I don't believe there's another one of them." The Bible says, "And I saw a new heaven. I saw a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." God's got a new heaven and a new earth, and it's going to be filled with the righteousness of God. There is a new heaven and there is a new earth, and the Bible says that we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth and worlds, in the plural, without end, and to the increase of His kingdom, there shall be no end.

There is a dispute over the body, and that dispute is between Satan and God. God, who is Spirit, made this body for Himself, and made Jesus Christ in the likeness of this image to be the head of the tribe, that He might be God of His people, that He might be king of His people. The devil has tried his best to get into a body, even at the end time with the antichrist, to raise up, as it would be, the beast so that he can control all of humanity and keep this perversion, and all these things going that are contrary to the Word of the Lord.

One thing he doesn't understand is why everybody dies. He can't keep them alive. He's trying hard through the medical world to keep them alive, but he can't do it because the Bible says the soul that sinneth shall surely die, and he can't keep them alive. He would if he could. He'd keep this corrupt government going. He'd keep people alive and keep them going. He'd keep them from marrying. He'd keep them like a bunch of beasts, and everything would be illegitimate and perverted, and he'd keep this rock and roll, and all of this stuff going.

But, God is going to do away with the tares. There are some daughters of the devil and there are some sons of the devil, like those that were religious when they looked at Jesus and said the things that they did, as to attack Him. He said, "You are of your father the devil." He didn't say that they were created by God and came in by God. Jesus said the devil sowed those tares. Someone would say, "How did it happen?" Back when Eve got a hold of that tree of knowledge. After that, we had a flock of devils born. They came in because it was the wicked one that was sowing the seed. That seed today is still the seed of intellectual darkness and intellectual ignorance, and the Bible says it's carnality, and to be carnally minded is death.

I can have all the carnal things I want to have. Paul said, "If I have sown unto you spiritual things, shall I not reap of your carnal? If other men be partakers of these, am I not the more?" I can have a car. I can have a home. I can have land. I can have all of these things. As we sometimes say, the three-fold blessing of God is a natural, a physical and a spiritual blessing.

As to the natural things in this world, I can have them because I need them. They are necessitated of life. I can have cars and houses and land and money and whatever I need. The Bible says that God hath given you the power to get wealth, and it's the blessing of the Lord that maketh you rich and addeth no sorrow. If you'll delight yourself in Me, I will make you to ride upon the high places of the earth and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob. I will give you the desires of your heart. You'll be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of waters to bring forth your fruit in your season. Your leaf shall not wither. Whatever you do shall prosper.

Then He said, as to your physical being, that if I have the natural things of the world, I must have health to enjoy it. What good is it to have these things and not have health? Solomon said, "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof." So then, I must have health. The Lord said, "I would above all things that you prosper and be in health."

But then I need something else, and that is soul security. I need spiritual security. I need something that is in my soul and my spirit and my life that gives me a security that will be an eternal bond of security that will take care of my natural wealth and physical wealth. Throughout eternity, I'll have a spiritual inheritance that will stop the devil from ever taking this away from me again. So God would that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. If you have the soul prosperity, if you have Christ, you can have all of these other carnal things.

But, there is one thing you cannot have and that's a carnal mind. You cannot be carnally minded. To be carnally minded is death. God will give you anything you want in this world. He made all things for you, but you can't have a spirit of perversion and misuse these things, as Satan would have you to do. God will give you the desires of your heart. All of the things in the world are made for you, but there is one thing God will not do. He will not let you be carnally minded. When you get automobile minded, and when you get worldly attire on your mind, as to the gullible desires of life, or to the love of the world within you, or the monetary values of life, when you get this in your mind and you get thus minded, you are dead while you live. They that live in pleasure and sin are dead while they live, and some twice dead, plucked up by the root, which means they are spiritually dead also.

God will give you the desires of your heart, but the devil is ever warring to get you to be naturally minded. The more natural things you get, the more carnally minded you become. The more of the world's wealth you get, the more carnality that is seen in your life. This was the thing God warned the children of Israel against, saying to be careful when you go into Canaan, when you get your blessing from the Lord, as in our day, when you get these things that God has promised to you, beware lest you get lifted up and say, "Who is God that I should listen to God?" Who is God that I should pay attention to God?