

15. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and Whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

And in the 21st chapter, verse 8, "But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars." Now these two verses shew plainly what kind of people we are, if not born of the spirit, even if we are not tempted by the devil; because at this time the devil is bound, and shut up, and sealed. Let us now take particular notice to these unregenerate people; and compare them carefully with the people of our day who are not following the teaching of the word of God with whom God finds so much fault, and will spue them out of his mouth; by doing this we may come to know in some measure what effect the temptation of the devil has on the minds of men. God tells us in these verses what people are like who are not tempted. These people have not joined the churches in the millennial period, nor meddled at all in the government of the nations. But in our day they have almost unlimited authority over the nations, and over the churches, and they have begun to take possession of the authority over the children in the family, and are just at the point of taking all the religious instruction of the children into their hands, and will ultimately put the parents to death, because they will not submit to have their children taught the religion of those people who say they are rich, and increased with goods, have need of nothing and know not that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Rev. 13:15, "And cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." The devil at this present time is transformed into an angel of light, and his ministers are transformed into ministers of righteousness, and according to what is recorded in the 9th chapter they have two hundred million law makers and teachers ready to go into a spiritual war, and well able, as they think, to defend themselves against Christ and his followers, and nearly every person in the civilized part of the world is praising them highly, for the good they think they are doing. But God says they are worshipping the dragon, and the beast.

We may see by all this, what effect satan has on the minds of men. He makes them think they are very holy. They can even live without sin. God says that there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not.

16. I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

There are a great many people who say that the things described in these last two chapters of this book, are the mansions of glory. I would ask will there be churches in the future world? Matt. 22:30, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. I am the root, the throne which David sat on was God's throne. God was well pleased with much of David's work, but his sins did mar his work greatly. These four beasts are in the midst of the throne and round about the throne, in the millennial period will be better qualified to be rulers than David was. God will give them a seven-fold portion of his holy spirit. The offspring of David. David was one of those who were in the line of which Christ came. "The bright and morning star." His brightness will exceed the brightness of all the stars for ever and ever.