

# **THE MAN OF SIN, THE SON OF PERDITION**

## **REVEALED!**

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The lawless spirit has always been the major influence on the world's people. For this reason when we are born again and enter into God's family, we are still controlled one way or another by this spirit. It takes much patience on the part of God's people to give the lawless newborn time to grow and mature. Some will develop quickly into the nature of God, the Father of their spirit, others will stubbornly hang on to their past soulish attachment to the world, and never overcome their lawless ways. How do we recognize the lawless? By their fruit! By their traits!

## **TRAITS OF THE LAWLESS**

Lawless ones abuse and mock God's people causing many problems for them. They will bring warfare as well from the giants or spirits associated with the spirit of lawlessness they are allowing to operate in their lives. The vessel his

or herself, may be a naturally kind and loving individual, but the spirits manifesting through them, compliments of the spirit of lawlessness, are not. These spirits will for instance cause the lawless to take advantage of the hospitality of God's people and of the fact that they are trying to be loving and obediently applying God's principles to those around them. It is spiritual abuse and God sees. Vengeance however, belongs to God. His people will not retaliate, but at some point the obedient ones, in compliance with scripture, will have to ask the lawless ones to leave.

### **Eph 5:1-7**

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore **do not be partakers with them.**

## **KNOW IT ALL'S**

The lawless one cannot follow anyone's direction. They will resist the structure and rules of ministry, the workplace, or even the home. For instance, the lawless can never be anywhere on time. They think their excuses should be accepted, even though everyone else involved is prompt although just as busy, or just as tired etc. They're special, they think, and life is all about them. Because of this, they are very self-righteously defensive when rebuked.

The lawless refuse to acknowledge leadership of any kind, be it parents, teachers, law enforcement people, or even the ones God Himself has placed over them in ministry. They have a spirit that deliverance people know as the "top dog" spirit. They truly think they are totally equal and on the same par with all people in every area of life. They are also convinced they are smarter

and more intelligent than all the people they are associated with, so of course none of their associates should have the audacity to rebuke them or tell them what to do or how to do it. There is no respect for authority at all. Not even God's! The lawless will talk back to teachers, rebel against parents, come against leadership, never even considering the fact that they just might be more knowledgeable or have more experience than them. They are very caught up in their own pride and importance. You see, these rebels are the product of Satan's lawless thinking and his advice. "You can be like God" he is still telling today's Adam's and Eve's.

### **Gen 3:4-5**

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

She listened to and obeyed the Devil because he appeared to be giving her freedom from God's law. She desired to eat of that one particular tree that God had forbidden her to partake of. She believed that if she could eat of its fruit she would be more intelligent, like God. Instead, she became the mother

of generations of lawless people just like her, and the prisoner of death and decay. Just think, had she obeyed God's law she would have been protected her from this horrible fate, as well as all creation.

Another trait of lawlessness is always making excuses for why they do something wrong. "I'll do better when I mature - don't push me", says the spoiled and lawless spiritual baby. It's not that they don't understand, or that they can't do better, it's simply that they don't want to give up the thing that is wrong! They like it! God looks at our hearts and thoughts however. He knows if we understand or not. He is not fooled. If we truly don't understand, God forgives and His Holy Spirit sets out to convict and teach us. The Spirit knows quite well, however, the moment we do begin to comprehend. Now to disobey is counted sin and lawlessness to us.

### **James 4:17**

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Actually the lawless know very well they are wrong in their thinking, or at

least they know they think differently than others, but they convince themselves the wrong things they do are really O.K. with God. God knows my heart they will say. It's people that don't understand me. The lawless deceive themselves and continue in their unrighteousness, but then try to cover it or hide their actions so as to not be criticized. If you correct this one, they really get angry because they really have convinced themselves their actions are alright. They may get quiet and withdraw into themselves, but don't be fooled, they will continue the course they chose and just be better sneaks. They will be like Adam and Eve in this respect also.

### **Gen 3:8**

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Here is an even worse scenario. There are those that the lawless spirit has totally possessed, and they can no longer understand truth or listen to direction. They walk in the spirit of delusion and are completely given over to Satan!

## II Th 2:9-12

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (When the lawless try to sway us to their way of thinking, truth will protect us and show them for what they are: Deceiving liars! If we don't develop a taste for truth, well, read the rest of II Thessalonians 2.)

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

People possessed with lawlessness hate truth, because it makes them aware of God's laws. They close their minds and hearts to it.

The lawless are flatterers by nature. They must control you, so they

compliment and love on you to get their own way and make you like it.

Besides, they are trying to gather people to their side. They think gathering large numbers of people that are like them will make their actions acceptable.

### **Rom 16:17-18**

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by **smooth words and flattering speech** deceive the hearts of the simple.

I wonder how the lawless can be so deceived by Satan, that they think if they can get enough people are on their side that it will change anything with God? Flattery does work on many though, and the body of Satan grows larger as the ones that have sided with the lawless become more lawless themselves!

The lawless will laughingly tell you "rules are meant to be broken". They are never happy with how anything is run, be it the home, work, or whatever they



are involved in. If it's not their structure and their rules, it's just not good. Most of the time they see everyone around them as plain stupid and certainly not as gifted and talented as them. They really wish that those that stand in their way would just have the ability to see how wonderfully better off everything would be if they were allowed to run things. In fact, the lawless will be mad and usually back out of a situation if they are not included in the decision making. They have to be somebody, the one in control, and are absolutely miserable if not seen as such. The lawless child wants to be in on adult conversations concerning the policy of the home. Lawless lay people think they should run the church and reserve the right to hire and fire the leadership God put in place. If they attend a church where the offices are filled through the prophetic word, and the leadership is strong and immovable, the lawless will pack up and leave! They need control! Maybe it's better insight to say, their master needs control, Satan! To determine who was right and who was wrong, leadership or their lawless accusers, look at this first. Which of them bend or break God's law? Which of them is not walking according to truth they've been taught? Who is moral, etc.?

Another example: Lawless employees tell their employers how everything

should be done, and readily ridicule them behind their backs to others if they are not heard. They mean to destroy the validity and reputation of people they cannot bend their way in any situation. They are divisionary and back biting. As the Bible warns, we are better to turn a deaf ear to these ones and avoid them!

Another trait of the lawless is, they are procrastinators. They get aggravated and frustrated when told something has to be done by such and such a time. They hate deadlines. "The time thing again". Don't pick at them! Tomorrow's another day, they will tell you. Maybe they'll do what is asked of them, maybe they won't. In fact they almost always have to be in their own business to make a living so they have total control and do not have to abide by rules and times set by others. They can work as hard or as little, when, where and as they choose, and if they put something off till they "feel" like it, it's O.K. These lawless procrastinators will look right at you, when asked to do something and agree to do it, knowing full well they are not even going to give the assigned chore another thought.

We must recognize that there is a veil of secrecy over the lawless person.

They are never really what they seem. They are "good and evil" like their father. As an example: They may agree they are not perfect when confronted, and that seems humble and good, but inside they really don't believe it. They see everyone's faults but their own. They are never wrong or I should say, they are only wrong in matters that don't count! They truly believe the lie, "you can be like God". They trust in their own ability, their good looks, or talent, but most of all, they believe in their insight to out-think others. This makes them an easy target for the spirits of pride, haughtiness, and deception to enter them. Behind the scenes the lawless one is quite clever, very secretive, and again, not at all what they seem to be. They may be handsome, witty and intelligent, or beautiful, sweet, and on the surface caring, "but" they are lawless to the bone and are a part of the body of Satan. That's right! I said they are a part of the body of Satan!

## **TWO FORCES**

There are two forces operating in the world today. Jesus through His body, and Satan through his. Without the natural world knowing it, this gathering

has been taking place in the supernatural. We are, each and every one of us, on one side or the other, even though we are unaware of it. Let me explain. Satan is the original rebel, or one that breaks the law of God. He is quite busy trying to "set people free" from God's laws as he did Eve, causing them also to become as lawless as he is. We are not talking about breaking the old covenant and the law of Moses that was written on tablets of stone, but about breaking the new covenant, where the laws of God are written in our minds and on our hearts.

### **Heb 10:16**

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,**"