

## The Beast Or The Spirit of Lie

**Revelation 13** holds a list of information concerning the <u>beast</u>. The beast is in fact the main character of chapter 13. If your wisdom is not leading you to the understanding of who and what the beast is, I can guarantee you that you will miss the essence of the whole <u>entire picture</u>. Failure to comprehend the nature of the beast, is the result of a lack of wisdom which can be obtained by simply <u>asking</u>:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him<sup>. James 1:5</sup>

"Ask and it shall be given to you...," Jesus said. (Matthew 7:7)

Let us reason together on the nature of the beast, first let's find out what we human think of a beast; second let's see what the Bible said about it. As human we think the beast is:

- A large or ferocious four-footed animal (a wild beast).
- A domestic animal, especially a bovine (farm animal)

We also believe that:

- An inhumanly brutal, furious, violent, savage, barbarian, filthy or immoral person is a beast.
- We are convinced that the **beast** is as well a person's brutish or untamed characteristics.

La Fontaine, a French philosopher who spent his life studying human behavior vis-à-vis animals, shouted: "I have often said, seeing how man behaves and comport himself within thousand occasions, like animals."

Jean Jacques Rousseau, one of the greatest Romantic author, meanwhile declared: "The animals you eat are not those who devour others; you do not eat the carnivorous beasts, you take them as your pattern."

**Voltaire (François -Marie Arouet)**, one of the leading philosopher of the Age of Enlightenment, exclaimed: "The public is a ferocious beast; one must either chain it or flee from it."

These references displayed how we human understood the beast nature, and concluded that man is in no way different to a beast. As John Wilmot stated: "Man differs more from Man, than Man from Beast." Obviously, a human is not an animal, but these philosophers determined that, upon the nature adopted, man can be identified as either a human or a beast. Only reason can differentiate a human from a beast, without reason human is by nature nothing else but a beast.

Now let us see if the Bible got to the same deduction; in the book of Ecclesiastes we can read:

<sup>18</sup> I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are *beasts*.

<sup>19</sup> For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup> All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. <sup>Ecclesiastes 3:18-20</sup>

Now let's face it! Not only has the Bible gone in the same direction, it has even emphasized and amplified with concrete examples. Charles Gay said that animals have 1<sup>st</sup>their instinct for light. Knowing that instinct always commands behavior that goes below imagination faculties; 2<sup>nd</sup> Animals have appetite as controlling factor (will), they can have appetite to eat, drink, hunt, kill, etc. They head in the direction indicated by their instinct. An animal, as said Charles, will never stop on their actions, until they get confronted by a superior physical force that leads their instincts to a new direction. That is to say, a person subject to instinct, instead of good reasoning thought of a human, is by nature a beast in the image of another kind of animal (two-footed animal).

For instance, four-footed animals will not hesitate to use aggressive behaviors to resolve conflicts. These are instinctive reactions. Animals collect their physical power to attack, and you cannot blame them, since this is the only tools that their instinct can possibly hand to them. Abraham Maslow once said, "If the only tool you have is a **hammer**, you tend to see each problem as a **nail**." The sad thing is to see how human is using the same wicked animalistic method to handle their disagreements. Get Ready Ministries

In any unpleasant incidents, we are altogether accountable for our behaviors. We cannot change the comportment of others, but we can learn with reason, to act without fear, and comprehend how to overcome all types of conflicts inside the infinite goodness of God's love. The apostle John said: <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. <sup>1 John 4: 18</sup>

To perfectly avoid and handle conflict, a human needs to get inspire by the new covenant of grace:

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. <sup>1 John 13: 34-35</sup>

For over six thousand years, we have been trying to unreasonably reach out perfection on our own. It is time to turn our way to God and let him teach us the heavenly manner of everything, and get a hold of reason back in our existence. Our God urges humanity, to consecrate a time to learn on how to successfully win over our beast nature and become the sons and daughters that he always wants us to be. Remember, in order for a human to carry out an identity, he must choose between the two natures: will man choose the nature of a holy son of God or will he rather remain in the nature of the beast? Certainly, God will never accept us to continuously behave upon the animals' way. Understand this:

- Animals cannot reason
- Animals cannot communicate with God (prayers)
- Animals do not have hope of life after death (eternal life)

Fortunately, these are the factors that differentiate human from animals. If there isn't any trace of these influences in a human being, he himself evidently reaches out the nature of an animal, and therefore he is unmistakably a beast.

The Bible always pinpoints and equalizes the brutish actions of man as the one of a savage beast. In the book of Psalms, King David (the prophet) prophesied the crucifixion of Jesus plotting by the beasts of the earth, and you and I, well know, that the instigations of this conspiracy, were maneuvered by man. Let's read:

<sup>12</sup> Many **bulls** have compassed me: strong **bulls** of Bashan have beset me round.

<sup>13</sup> They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup> I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

- <sup>18</sup> They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- <sup>19</sup> But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- <sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the **dog**.
- <sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
- <sup>22</sup> I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. <sup>Psalms 22: 12-22</sup>

The Lord himself told us to share the good news with, not because he does not want everyone to be saved, but because he is well aware of the infiltration of the wicked in the midst of the flock of God; wicked beast that they are, yet disguise into shepherd and sheep of God, in the same way as the Devil their father masquerades himself as the angel of light. In this perspective, Jesus declared to his disciples:

<sup>6</sup> Give not that which is holy unto the **dogs**, neither cast ye your pearls before **swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. <sup>Matthew 7:6</sup>

Satan was the first to put forth the beast nature and convinced a third of the angels to rebel and fall along with him into disobedience. He Satan, in the first book of the Holy Scripture has been portrayed by God as the serpent, the must subtle of all the beast of the field (Geneses 3:1).



Satan thought he could elevate himself to the height of God. He convinced himself he could be an almighty, and even go far enough to desire the throne of God (Isaiah 14:14). Therefore, Satan lost reason, lost communication with God, and lost hope of life. As a result, a beast nature has been given to him. He did not even have the privilege of a four-footed animal, instead he had to go on his belly. For pride took over his nature and transformed him into a brute beast (a reptile).

Now let us see how this nature of beast has been given to man: Keep in mind that Satan is the enemy, the opposite of God.

Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life. The beast is the lost, and the lie and the death.

God is the Father of Jesus. If Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is also the truth, therefore the truth is the Son of God, and God is the Father of the truth. As any father always name their child, God named his Son "the truth" Jesus, (Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17). The word of truth (Jesus), before coming to the world existed in the form of Spirit. As I am speaking to you right now, you can hear the word that is coming out of my mouth, and persuaded that they are alive, but yet you can't see them. They are invisible to you because they are the evidence of the spiritual realm.

Satan, the old serpent, the dragon, has also a son. The Bible tells us that he is the father of lie, meaning that lie is the son of Satan. The same way the word of truth (Jesus), before coming to the world existed in the form of Spirit; the word of lie, before coming to the world existed as well in the form of spirit. What you need to know, is what I am about to tell: the truth, the Son of God, is formally named Jesus; is there any particular name associated to the lie, the son of the Devil? The answer to that question is yes, and this is where you would need to pay close attention: The Bible said that God gave all power to his Son Jesus (the truth); let's read: <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>Matthew 28:18</sup>

As God handed all of his power to his Son (the truth), Satan also assigned all power to his own son (the lie). Thus, whosoever received all the power of Satan, will be known as the son of Satan. To avoid all types of confusion, the Bible distinctly identifies who gains inheritance of all the power of Satan. Understand that the power of the son of the Devil, came directly from the dragon; let's read: <sup>2</sup> and the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. <sup>Revelation 13: 2</sup>

The dragon passed over his power, his seat and authority to the beast. As God has done for Jesus his Son, the dragon has also done for his own son. Therefore, the name of the son of Satan is the beast (the liar). We must have asked ourselves about the differences between the Son of God (Jesus the truth) and the son of perdition (the beast the liar). Jesus the word of God, is the Spirit of truth, that in order to reach out the comprehension of man and to teach them the good reasoning thought of heaven, took the form of a man so he himself could be witness of the truth. Whereas the beast on the other hand, is the spirit of lie, that in order to reach out the misunderstanding of man, and to teach them the evil ways of hell, took the form of a beast so he himself could be witness of the lies.

Unlike the word of God who became flesh (John 1:14), the dragon does not have the power of creation and therefore cannot make a body for his spirit, he had to corrupt the mind of man with his beast nature, and brought about rebellion against the God of heaven, and Eve was the first victim. The beast, the spirit of lie, influenced the mind of Eve and persuaded her that his word is more trustable than the word of God, and Eve believed and testified how good the deceptive words of Satan were.

These represented the disruptive power that the dragon passed on to his son, the first beast, the spirit of lie; let us read:

<sup>1</sup> And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

<sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. <sup>Revelation 13:1-2</sup>

John saw a beast rise up out of the sea. This particular location: "the sea", where the beast is coming out, needs to be placed under the microscope (careful examination) in order to get a complete picture of the beast. That, we will surely explain in the next message.