

## Is Osama Bin Laden Satan?

Well as Bubba Jim (my redneck alter ego) would say, "If he ain't, he sure is close kin!"

What is it about someone or some thing that qualifies them or it for "Satan Sainthood"?

The Biblical writers were quite clear on Satan's realm in this world we live in. Time after time we find Satan lurking in the background (hiding in caves) as God sends love to the world in the person of Jesus Christ.

Pure love, Jesus love, always draws out Satan and all of the satanic forces that are let loose in this world. We all live for the day when that will not be so, but that is the world that God puts us in to live out our lives and our ministry.

What is or who is Satan? Some call it / him the "dark side", "evil", "hatred", "white supremacy", "racism", "ageism", "slavery", "hunger", "war", the "anti-Christ".

Some of us remember the comedian, Flip Wilson, whose character "Geraldine" kept saying "the devil made me do it!"

General George S. Patton, of World War II fame, was quoted as saying, "I have never been in Hell, but I have crawled up to the edge and looked in". Of course he was talking about World War II and he was telling the American people to buy "War Bonds".

There is no denying the power of Satan in our world. It was dramatically played out and focused for us on 9-11-01 ("a day which shall also live in infamy!").

Until then all of what we have now experienced was in someone else's back yard. No, not ours! Some have called it a "wake up" call. Some have said that God was bringing wrath on us for our corporate sins (and they are many, most of which center around our denial of God). Some have even said "Devil 1 / God 0".

What do you think? Do you believe that God, the same God who sent love to us in the form of Jesus the Christ, would intentionally kill innocent people to "get our attention".

Gosh friends, all of my being and all of what I know and believe, will not let me believe that, even for a second.

Does that sound like a God who sent our Savior in the form of a little baby, born in a rude feeding trough in the backyards of Bethlehem?

What it was, that killed the innocent people - - - was Satan being Satan!

My mind keeps being drawn to the scene in our Bible where Jesus, after his time of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, was being tempted by Satan. Satan promised everything at his command for Jesus to align with him. Yes, Satan can promise the world and everything in and on it!

On that day it was "God 3 and Satan 0"!

For every opportunity to deny his destiny, Jesus answered with the most powerful weapon on earth - - the Word of God!

He answered each of the "temptations" by quoting from his Bible. Jesus would never be one to say "the devil made me do it"!

Satan left, to wait for a more opportune time!

Satan, and Satan's forces, have found many more opportune times down through the ages.

During Christmas we sing this song:

"Good Christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now we hear of endless bliss;  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door  
And ye are blest forever more.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this"

Yes, indeed Christ was born for just such times as these!

We, who claim his name and follow him are likewise called for just such times as these!

How do we answer Satan?

The same way Jesus did!

With prayer and fasting and the powerful Word of God!

"And the word became flesh and lived among us"

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