



"The bible is not a theological textbook come down from heaven. It is a story that centers on Jesus Christ and him crucified and risen."
- Preston Sprinkle's *Theology in the Raw*



"The dragon is explicitly identified as that ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the world."
- Michael Gorman



Romans 3:9-18 CSB
For we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin,¹⁰ as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one.¹¹ There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.¹² All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one.¹³ Their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongues. Vipers' venom is under their lips.

¹⁴ Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. ¹⁵ Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and wretchedness are in their paths, ¹⁷ and the path of peace they have not known. ¹⁸ There is no fear of God before their eyes.



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Matthew 23:1-7 CSB

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples: ² "The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. ³ Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don't do what they do, because they don't practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people's shoulders, but they themselves aren't willing to lift a finger to move them.



⁵ They do everything to be seen by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. ⁶ They love the place of honor at banquets, the front seats in the synagogues, ⁷ greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by people.



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Matthew 12:33-34 CSB

³³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit will be good, or make the tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil? For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.



Because ____ said ____



Because I said so



Luke 18:9-14 CSB

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!' ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'



¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



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Romans 12:2 NIV

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



