

**The Book of 1 John**  
Chapter 4  
**“Test The Spirits”**

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The Book of Enoch was in existence 200 years before Jesus came to earth, it has even been found in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**The authenticity of The Book of Enoch is still in question to the present day by many of the worlds greatest Scholars.**

That having been said, the Book of Enoch seems to closely parallel much of the Bible.

**The Book of Enoch brings to light and explanation of some of the difficult texts in the Bible that are hard to understand. In Genesis 6 for example, the description of the Angels commingling with the Daughters of men and bringing about the race of Giants, called the “Nephalim”.**

The Book of Enoch goes into great detail about this subject.

**Now, I am not endorsing the Book of Enoch as credible, nor have I personally reached my final verdict on whether angels co-habitated with human beings as Genesis 6 and the Book of Enoch claim.**

I am simply going to give you the information about The Book of Enoch, in regards to our study in 1 John chapter 4, and challenge you to study it for yourselves to reach your own conclusions.

**What the Book of Enoch does do, is describe a great angelic host of beings that God created, that move about the earth, as the Bible describes, and interact with us.**

- ☞ **As we get into chapter 4 of the Book of 1 John**, we are made aware of the great significance of the Spirit world that we cannot see.
- ☞ **Dwelling in a different dimension** than we live in, are perhaps **Trillions** of Sprit beings know as “*Angels*”.
- ☞ **These Spirit beings** are interacting with us everyday, those evil, to bring about our destruction, those who are loyal to the Lord, sent to Minster to us and help us finish our life here on earth, continually following Jesus.

**Hebrews 1:14**

Are they not all (Good Angels) ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation

**The Book of Enoch discusses the possibility that the total number of Angels that were originally created, were the same in quantity, as the Number of stars in the Universe:**

**Enoch 21:6**

*...These are of the number of the stars of heaven, which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and are bound here till ten thousand years...*

**Now, that is a gigantic Number!** The estimated number of stars in the Universe is somewhere around **70 Sextillion**, or 70 thousand million, million, million.

☞ That is a 7 followed by 22 zeros.

☞ **It Would look like this ; 70,000,000,000,000,000,000,000**

Even so, 70 sextillion is greater than the estimated number of sand grains on all the world's beaches and deserts by about 10 times.

**This is more than 100 trillion times more angels than human beings.**

**Now, 70 sextillion angels being the same number as the stars is allot of angels, it is allot of Stars. And We may be wrong about 70 Sextillion stars, there may be many times more stars than that...**

This picture is of Deep Space taken by the Hubble Telescope, of an area of the universe that was formerly thought to contain nothing but empty space. (The Ladies thought that was what was between their husbands ears)

**Instead, this area of the Universe is not empty, it turned out that it is filled with extremely distant Galaxies, that have billions of stars in them.**

The bottom line...there are an incredible number of beings living here with us on the earth, that we cannot see.

**Remember that when Lucifer fell, he drew 1/3 of the angels to also fall in rebellion to God along with him.**

**Revelation 12:3-4**

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, **a great, fiery red dragon** having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

4 **His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth

**In the Book of Daniel that we are studying together on Sunday Nights, speaks of the antichrist, who receives his power from satan, is also called by the name "The Little Horn", in Daniel 8:10. He says that satan cast some of these "Stars" to the ground**

### **Daniel 8:9-10**

9 And out of one of them came **a little horn** which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven; and **it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground**, and trampled them

### **Revelation 1:20**

The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches

**This is still Billions more of the Fallen Demonic beings that are here amongst us, that there are human beings on the earth.**

- ☞ **These beings are bent on destroying us.** They are extremely well organized and are like a great army.
- ☞ **They are organized into:**

Principalities

Powers

Dominions

Thrones

**So, John begins chapter 4 by warning us to be wise, and “*Test the Spirits, whether they are of God...*”**

### **1 John 4**

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- ☞ **Do you know how** to tell the difference between a Spirit that wants to bless you, from one who wants to destroy you?
- ☞ **May I say to you** this morning, most of us do not know how to tell the difference between the two.
- ☞ **Why is that?** Because we would try to use our human reasoning, what we can see, hear, feel and understand, to determine whether something means us harm or not.

**These kinds of tests, do not work against fallen angels.**

### **Job 1:7-8**

7 And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, **“From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”**

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, **“Have you considered My servant Job,** that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

**It is interesting that the Hebrew word here that the Lord used when He asks satan if he has “*Considered My servant Job...*”, means “*Have you Tactically Studied my servant Job*”**

- ☞ **It is the term** that a military General would use for studying the enemy for his weaknesses.
- ☞ *“Satan, have you studied my servant Job, do you think that you know what his weaknesses are...?”*

**What we learn from this is that satan studies us, and he looks for our weaknesses, and this is where he dispatches his angels to attack us at.**

- ☞ **How do you defend yourself** against an attack from an enemy that has been alive for thousands of years, that you cannot see, and knows all of your areas of weakness?

### **2 Corinthians 2:11**

lest Satan should take advantage of us; **for we are not ignorant of his devices**

**When satan or his angels present themselves to us, it is not as a demon or a snarling monster, it is in a way that is appealing to us.**

### **2 Corinthians 11:13-14**

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.  
14 And no wonder! **For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.**

**Satan will appeal to our:**

- ☞ Senses, Sight, Smell, Taste Touch.
- ☞ Our feelings and emotions.
- ☞ What feels good to us.
- ☞ What seems right.
- ☞ Our Intellect
- ☞ Our reasoning.

**When we allow ourselves to try and fight satan and his demons in these areas of our senses, emotions, the areas of our flesh, we are no match for him.**

- ☞ **The only area** that we can defeat satan and his soldiers, is when we are walking and living in the area of the Spirit.

**The area of the flesh is like this:**

- ☞ **You have had someone hurt you**, or take advantage of you, so how do you react to them?
- ☞ **If you use your emotions** and senses, trust your feelings, lash out at them, yell at them, say hurtful things back at them, you have fallen into the area that satan in the strongest in: The Flesh, and he will wipe you out.

**The Area of the Spirit is like this:**

- ☞ **You begin to pray for that person**, ask the Lord to bless their life and ask the Lord to help you love them...the enemy cannot handle that.

### **Romans 12:20**

Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.

**This identifying of those spirits who want to deceive us and ultimately destroy us, is not by any conventional methods that we are used to using as human beings.**

- ☞ **That is why** this part of 1 John chapter 4 is so important.
- ☞ **We have to learn how** to identify deception and spirit beings that want to destroy us.
- ☞ **The only way** we can understand how to do this, is from the Word of God.

### **John 10:10**

...satan does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

**If you were to see satan, he would look very attractive to you, he would appeal to every sensory part of your being, and it would be very hard to resist him.**

### **Ezekiel 28:12-15**

12 Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You were **the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom** and **perfect in beauty**.

15 **You were perfect in your ways** from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

### **Isaiah 14:16**

“Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ‘**Is this the man** who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

**One of satan methods is to use the Word of God in a way that might cause us to question the Lord, or the way He is working in our life...**

### **Genesis 3:1-4**

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “**Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’**

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

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

**First satan questioned the Word of God (Verse 1), then He says that the word of God is a lie ( Verse 4)...**

Many times, satan will use the word of God, but in a way that is “out of context”

### **Matthew 4:6-10**

6... and said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:** “He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.

**So, it is with all of this in mind that John begins chapter 4 of the Book of 1 John**

### **1 John 4**

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**So, how can we know whether a spirit that is speaking through a person is from God or satan?**

### **1 John 4**

2 **By this** you know the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,**

3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

*“Every spirit that confesses that Jesus is THE CHRIST, and that God has come in the Flesh...”*

- ☞ **The Name Jesus** means “*Jehovah is Salvation*”.
- ☞ **So, Verse 2,** “*Every spirit that confesses that Jesus is the only way to salvation and that He is God in the Flesh, is of God.*”
- ☞ **Every spirit that denies** that Jesus is the only way to salvation or that Jesus is not God in human flesh, is not of God.

Did you know that some of the largest churches in the world today, deny that Jesus is both the only way to salvation and that He is God in human flesh.

- ☞ **They will tell you** that Jesus is “**A way**” to Salvation.
- ☞ **Jesus is “A God”**, but not “The God”.
- ☞ **That Jesus is** not God at all.
- ☞ **That only their church** or organization can give salvation.

**John said; this is the test,** “*Do they believe that Jesus is the only way to salvation and that Jesus is God in human flesh?*”

- ☞ **If they do,** they are from God.
- ☞ **If they do not** declare these 2 things, what does verse 3 say they are?

*“every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist,*

### **1 John 4**

4 You are of God, little children, and **have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

**This is one of the most powerful verses in the Bible**

- ☞ **It is the difference** between Jesus and Religion.
- ☞ **Jesus came** to live “*In Us*”.
- ☞ **Religion does not promise** that its founder or leader will live inside you to help you live the life they say you must live.
- ☞ **Only Jesus claimed** that He would come and live “*In Us*”.

### **Romans 8:9**

...Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

### **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**

### **Colossians 1:27**

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

**Now, think about that for just a moment: The Living God actually lives inside of you!**

- ☞ **Paul said** that what makes you His is that Jesus is living inside of you.
- ☞ **So, if The Living, Risen Lord of the Universe** lives inside of your Body, then what do we have to fear from those 70, Sextillion Fallen Angels that want to destroy us?

**Nothing**, they cannot possess us, what demon would want to come into the body of a person who has Jesus living in there?

- ☞ **This is why** it is totally inconsistent with The Word of God to say that a Christian can be Demon possessed.
- ☞ **This verse here in 1 John** is the greatest proof text against that: a demon cannot live or possess someone who had been “Born Again” by the Holy Spirit of God, and Jesus has come to live inside that person.

**And what does a person who has Jesus living in them have to fear of the Unseen spirit world: NOTHING!**

### **1 John 4**

4 You are of God, little children, and **have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**

But, we must test every so called “Prophet of God”, Every so called “Revelation of God”, to see if what is said or written is inline with what God has already said in His word.

- ⊕ **If someone says** something or writes something that is in opposition to what the Bible says, guess who is wrong?
- ⊕ **This is how** you can “*Test the Spirits*”
- ⊕ **This is how you can prevent** yourself from being deceived.

### **1 John 4**

5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Every person that is from God, will speak the Words of God as they are already revealed in the Bible.

- ⊕ **If they do not line their words with Gods Word**, they are a False Prophet, do not listen to them.
- ⊕ **Let me tell you** how many millions of dear people have not been taught this important principle and are currently a part of a religious organization that, According to this test here that John is teaching us, these organizations are False Prophets and the people that follow them are being deceived.

**The test of truth is:** “*Does it agree with what God has already said in His Word, the Bible?*”

- ⊕ **There are no** “*Living Apostles*”.
- ⊕ **The Church**, no matters who’s church it is, does not have an authority above the Bible.
- ⊕ **If a** “*So Called Living Apostle or Prophet*” or any church says something that contradicts the Bible, they are wrong, according to John, “A False Prophet, do not listen to them.

**And now, the true test for whether someone really is saved or not:**

### **1 John 4**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**How does a person know that they are really saved?**

- ⊕ “*Well, I can speak in tongues, that is proof that I am really saved...*”
- ⊕ **No, speaking in tongues** is not proof that you are saved.

### **1 Corinthians 13:1**

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

- ⊕ **Well, I can prophecie** over you, that is proof that God speaks through me, therefore I am saved.
- ⊕ **No, Prophecy** is not proof that you are from God, necessarily, or that you are saved.
- ⊕ **OK, I have great faith...**
- ⊕ **No that is not proof** that you are saved...

### **1 Corinthians 13:2**

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

**What does John say here in verses 7 and 8, that is the proof that someone is really saved?**

- ⊕ **That the person who says they are saved,** loves other people who are saved, not in just word, but “Agape” love, action love, their love for the other believer causes them to “*Do something for that believer*”.
- ⊕ **I see people here every Sunday** and Wednesday, and I know they are hurting or have concerns for their life, so I go to them, love them, pray for them, encourage them, that is Agape Love in action.
- ⊕ **I see the Children’s Ministry** I love those kids, so I want to go back there and take a turn at teaching a class one Sunday a month, that is love in action.
- ⊕ **I Want to see us start a Christian School** so I am praying that the Lord gives us the Old Main building.
- ⊕ **I want the ministry here at Calvary Chapel** to effect people’s lives so they can be saved, so I give of my tithe to support the ministry.

### **1 John 4**

9 **In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Here is how you know that God really loves you, “That he gave you his only Son.”** That Jesus left heaven, humbled Himself, set aside his glory and power, so that He could become a man like us, then go to the Cross and take the punishment we deserved...that is how you know God loves you.

- ⊕ **If the Cross and Jesus hanging there** does not display once and for all to you that God really loves you, then you are not really seeing what Jesus did for you.

You will not necessarily see or feel the Love of God when you are suffering through a trial, because we seem to feel that “*If God really loved us, then why am I going through this?*”

- ⊕ **There are many times** when you will wonder If God really does love you because things in your life are in such a mess or so full of hurt, or you feel forsaken.
- ⊕ **If you are looking for proof** of Gods love in those moments, **you may not see it.**

**That is why it is so important to settle this issue of whether or not God really loves you FIRST,**

- ⊕ **Did God prove His love to you** once and for all when Jesus died on the Cross for you?
- ⊕ **Then why** does He have to prove it to you again?
- ⊕ **When you cannot understand** something that is happening now in your life, **go back to what you already know...**

*“I know that God Loves me, because He sent His only Son to die for me on the Cross...”*

- ⊕ **That knowledge of Gods love** through what Jesus did, will help you to make it through time when you don't understand what is going on.
- ⊕ *“I don't understand why this is happening, but I know that God love me...”*

#### **1 John 4**

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

**Here is another test:** *“I say that I love the Lord, but I have a hatred for another believer...”*

- ⊕ **John says,** *“Hey there is something wrong here. How can you say that you love God who you have never seen, but you don't love your brother in the Lord, who is standing right in front of you.*
- ⊕ **Again,** the love that we have and are constantly trying to develop for each other, is the only proof that we really do belong to Jesus.
- ⊕ **Remember, Agape Love** is not a felling or just saying *“I love you”*, Agape love is **action love.** What are you doing in your life in action, or trying to develop in action, that is meaningful expressive love in the life of another person.

#### **1 John 4**

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

**This is how a human being makes it to heaven...did you hear that...Who here would like to live forever in Heaven, never to die again?**

- ⊕ **John says,** here is how you make it there:
- ⊕ **John says:** *“I am testifying that I have seen with my own eyes, heard with my own ears, I ate with Jesus, slept by Him, I hear what He said, I watched what He did,*

*JESUS IS GOD, AND HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU, JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOR THAT THERE IS.*

☞ **Here is what you need to do** to make sure you are going to heaven:

**Verse 15:** “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God Abides, or lives in that person...”

### **Romans 10:9**

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

Have you done that? Have you heard who Jesus is, and understood that when He Died on that Cross, He was Dying for your sins. Did you invite Him to come into your life and live in you?, Did you confess to Jesus that you are a sinner, and ask Him to forgive all of your sins...?

**Then according to the Word of God:** “Your going to heaven”.

I don't care what some church told you that you need to do, I don't care what some person told you that you need to do...

**All you need to do is come to Jesus humbly, sorry for the sins that you have done in your life, and really mean it when you tell Him that you want Him to forgive you and give you eternal life.**

☞ **Then, as Jesus said** when He forgave people, “Go and sin no more...”

☞ **Go out and live the rest of your life for Jesus**, prove that you meant what you said by living a new and different life.

### **1 John 4**

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Here's the next thing you need to be doing in your life, if you really meant it when you asked Jesus to forgive you and give you eternal life:

“Abide in Him”, stay close to Jesus, stay attached to Him, Live for Him”.

☞ **If you are not living for Jesus**, and really have no desire to live for Jesus, I'm sorry, but no matter what you might have said, **you are not saved**.

### **John 15:4-6**

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

10 **If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love**, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

*A changed heart, will produce a changed life, not a perfect life, but a life in motion, in the process of trying to become more and more like Jesus...*

#### **1 John 4**

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

**There are 2 judgments for human beings for their sins, there are two way that you can choose to have God judge your sins:**

1. **At Jesus Cross**, Where He paid for your sins for you, so that you will never experience judgment yourself.
2. **At the Great White Throne** of God.

Very soon , Jesus is returning for those that Love Him and are waiting for Him to come and get them.

- ⊕ **Jesus will take** those that love Him out of this world.
- ⊕ **Then He will begin** a 7 year period of time called "The Tribulation Period", in which Jesus will pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His sacrifice.
- ⊕ **Jesus will return** to the earth with those that love Him to rule over the earth for 1,000 years, called "The Millennium".
- ⊕ **Then at the end of the 1,000 years**, all those who died not accepting Jesus sacrifice for their sins, will be raised to be brought to the Great White Throne.
- ⊕ **They are there** because they wanted to be Judged based on whether or not they were "A Good Person"
- ⊕ **The bad news** is that the Bible says that Good people don't go to heaven, Saved people go to heaven.
- ⊕ **All those who reject Jesus** and then appear before the Great White Throne, are given t heir opportunity to plead their case, then every single one of them are throne live into the "*Lake of Fire*". This is the *Second Death*.

#### **Revelation 20:5-15**

15 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished

11 Then **I saw a great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And **the dead were judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And *all these*, not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

#### **1 John 4**

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.