The Image of God vs the Beast. Let's take it from the start. Part 2.

We have also another story: David and Goliath:

"A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span". **Goliath represent the team of Satan, while David represent God's team.**

Goliath was very tall and strong, which represent a very healthy individual. Physically "perfect". **While David represent a physically weaker human, short in stature**. The size of Goliath is not far from the height of the first generation with quite perfect genes. "*David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.»*
' *"As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone,* ***he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone;*** *without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and* ***a stone;*** *without). a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.»* -1. Samuel 17:48-50

Yet, David, like Christ, represent a Christ figure, gain the victory against the physically strong Goliath. **Not by getting physically as strong as Goliath, even if we are to do our best to live and eat healthy, but by a rock, symbolizing the rock of ages: Jesus Christ.** The cornerstone, that we are to build our house/temple upon, which is the only house that can carry us on toward victory. Victory in and with Christ, the Rock. It is not so much by physical strength, as by spiritual strength, by the grace and power of the holy spirit of God that we are saved. It is not of ourselves, but by the power of God by His spirit, through faith.

Also notice where David hit Goliath? In the forehead. Where is the mark of the beast placed? In the forehead. This is **a symbolic mark** and relates to our spiritual mind. So how can we be safe from receiving the mark of the beast, which is the same as the law, character and spirit of the world, of death, of sin and of Satan? If we build our house on the rock, the cornerstone, not made with human hands, but by the molding and shaping of the word and spirit of God and Christ. See Hebrews chapter 7 to 10. "*But we have* ***this <u>treasure in earthen vessels,</u> that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us****.» -2. Corinthians 4:7 "****For it is the God who commanded <u>light to shine out of darkness</u>****, who has* ***<u>shone in our hearts</u>*** *to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* -2. Corinthians 4:6.

Christ is also the word. The word and the spirit. *"****The word of God*** *is quick, and powerful, and* ***sharper than any two edged sword****, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the*

thoughts and intents of the heart.» - Hebrews 4:12

"Therefore we do not lose heart. ***Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day****.»* 2. Corinthians 4:16

"So we fix our ***eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen****, since what is seen is temporary, but* ***what is unseen is eternal****.»* 2. Corinthians 4:18

Is the outward flesh seen and apparent? Yes. The spiritual heart and mind, however, is not seen, not apparent or even valued by the spirit of this world. The physical, of course, involves internal physical organs. The point is that it is in the outer, that which can be measured and judged by this world without the spirit of God. And even if we may be better able to understand people's heart with a fuller measure of the spirit, it is only God who can perfectly judge our hearts and motives.

"For we know that if the ***earthly tent*** *we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an* ***eternal house*** *in heaven,* ***not built by human hands****.* " -2. Corinthians 5:1

"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; ***for God sees not as man sees****, for man looks at the outward appearance, but* ***the Lord looks at the heart****."* 1. Samuel 16:7

Read also 1. Corinthians chapter. 2 and 3.

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit ***that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh*** *is from God, but* ***every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist****, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.* ***You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them****.* **"**
1. John 4: 1-5

If you preach a salvation with an emphasis on the outer vs an overfocus on the inner, as a consequence you transition the minor with the major, and the major with the minor, and you may by default reject the very gospel of Jesus Christ. Like the pharisees rejected Christ. Read Matthew chapter 23.

Denying him coming and gaining the victory in human garb, by the power of the word of God, the holy spirit and with the law of God written on his heart. **We are expected to receive and welcome the light we receive**. Before God send light and truth your way, it is not a sin, but after…"*In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.»* Acts 17:30.

And why is this so important now? Because we are nearing the climax of this earth's history and we live in very solemn and serious times. We will very soon be called to make a decision. Will we follow Christ all the way? Or are we satisfied to remain in Babylon? **We also do it if we want to preach Christ and His way and**

not an angel who just appear as light …and a way that **seemeth** right".

Satan represent the observable and the apparent, if we do not advance in the path of righteousness and receive present light. **What would have happened if Abraham had rejected the angel of present light and mercy on the mountain where he was ready to sacrifice his own dear son, and insisted to listen to yesterday's truth and voice?** The angel could easily have been a fallen angel appearing as light, so Abraham had to make a choice. If he made the wrong choice, he would disobey God. So what should he choose? Fortunately he chose to listen to the angel of present light and mercy.

Even if Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, He appear to change depending on time and circumstance. He is the same, but he reveal light and truth over time. The ancient Israelites had a veil over their eyes, they did not comprehend or receive all light at the time. If you think they did, then you would have to cut out the entire new testament. There will always be some new discovery in the word of God, something higher and more advanced than where you were yesterday. If there was no advancement, there would be no need for the atonement or the fulfillment of the law in Jesus Christ. It is the same as rejecting the blood of the spiritual, antitypical lamb and accepting the blood of the beast, the blood of the literal lamb.

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."
-Hebrews 10:4

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." -Hebrews 10:10

Read Ephesians chapter. 3 and 2. Corinthians chapter. 3. Hebrews 9:10.

(**see how the "blood of beasts", is also connected to the mark of the beast. See part 1 in this series about the opposite mark/seal of God, and the covering blood of Jesus Christ by clicking here.)**

It will be two classes in the end. Representing two different laws and spirits. Yet on the surface they both seem good and beneficial, even Christian. Those who overcome the beast with and in Christ and those who do not. Truth vs various types of Babylon and a Babylonian Christ, which is Satan himself appearing as an angel, and as Christ himself. The whole world, including a large class of professed Christians, will wander after the spirit and doctrines of the beast, of this world of the seen, the apparent and outer. Who come dressed in robes of righteousness, in the name of love and light: but even Satan himself will appear as an angel of light (in the apparent), but in the inward man, in their inner temple, in their heart, they are rebelling against the government and principles of a kingdom that is not of this world. **They walk by sight and not by faith.**

One class offer up "sacrifices" in the outward (carnal or earthly) "sacrifices" or worship (what their main focus and values are), not spiritual sacrifices and worship acceptable to God and in harmony with His kingdom. Hence self righteousness. They rely heavily on works of the flesh, in the physical and outward (higher energy work in

the outer man), or fall for the cheap and false version of grace. Another deception many will fall from is that they have a love for creation and man, more than love for God. So they will proclaim love, and even to be followers of Christ, but they will bow to group pressure or messages that seem loving, but they are limited. And as a consequence they may fail the final test of loyalty towards God and His commandments, first and foremost. Although God except each individual to live up to the light that was available within their reach. So He will expect more from some and less from others. But we all have a responsibility to obtain as much light from God as we can, while also having a healthy, albeit lesser focus on what represent this life, this current, physical world and our physical health.

Then we have the other class, **who will walk by faith and not by sight**. Who value higher the inner courts, the character, which is of a more heavenly, perfect, righteous and holy nature. They rely on the inward work of having the entire law of God written on their hearts and minds, by undeserved grace from the spirit of God, through faith in Christ. Not by our own power, but by the power and grace of God. Created and molded and fashioned by God, in the toughest school in the world: the higher and heavenly school of Christ. Faced with and not rejecting the trials to purify away the spirit of sin and Satan, of this world. Because we love Him and what He represent, we can endure unto the very end of age, and the end of our path of righteousness. It is free to sign on to, but like a pearl, it is costly. As it should be. Eternal life under the rule of Christ. Or eternal death, if you stick to the Lord of this world. They will sacrifice the spirit of the world for the sake of being obedient to God and Him first, **Not so much by physical, literal blood or water, but more so by spiritual blood and water.**

"For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification". 1. Tess 4:7

"Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit." 1. Tess 4:8