

## **Satan and This Age Part Two**

- Satan is the highest being in God's creative scale; a finite person.
- Satan has the ability to disrupt the mind as it works towards a conclusion. (τα νόημα) Literally means "the results of the workings of the mind, or the things resulting from the workings of the mind."
- Satan attacks the Christian through the human spirit in contrast to the flesh which attacks through the soul (2 Cor. 11:3).
- Satan cannot incite man's sin nature; however, he does take advantage of the sin nature's activity.

### **Satan's Current Motive**

- A.** Satan is the god of this Age (2 Cor. 4:4).
  - a) He blinds the unbelieving to the Gospel.
  - b) The unbelieving are unable to "see" one beam of light.
- B.** The reason for an age (Eph. 3:9-10).  
*An age is a phase in God's program in which He reveals something about Himself, by comparison or contrast, to His creatures.*
- C.** This Present Age is in opposition to Eternal Life (Mk. 10:30; 1 Jn. 5:11-13).
- D.** Our Eternal Life is to be shown out (1 Tim. 3:16).
- E.** The wisdom of this age debates God's method of salvation (1 Cor. 1:18, 20; 3:18-20; 2 Cor. 4:4); opposes God's method of maturing spiritually (1 Cor. 2:6); and opposes anything related to our glorifying God.