



Bible Study

Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the thought-provoking questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic, and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading "Satan's Prison."

The following questions are answered based upon individual opinions. As such, no answers are provided.

- ① The lesson stated every war, battle, conflict, argument, caustic word spoken, and every sin began as a lie.
 - Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
 - Identify and explain at least 3 recent events in the news:
 - That began as a lie.
 - If possible, identify the means of justification that perpetuate the lie (which are lies to justify lie).
 - What are the consequences of the lies?
- ① Daniel 9:27 reveals a covenant will be made to resume sacrifices and offerings that will begin the 7-year Tribulation. Given the present conflict between Jews and Muslims as to who has the rights to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem—and including the nations in the region that despise Israel—how do you think the beast will achieve an agreement that will allow the Israelites to rebuild the Temple on the Temple Mount?
- ① The lesson stated God uses Satan to deceive the lost, and transform the hearts of those who seek Him. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- ① John the Baptist was asked if he was the Christ. *“John answered, saying to all, ‘I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.’”* Luke 3:16-17

John used prophetic allegories (parables, metaphors, symbols) that the listener could relate to in order to understand what Jesus would do when He arrived. Explain the spiritual relevance and truth of each allegory.

- He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor.
- He will gather the wheat into His barn.
- He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.
- ① Is there a spiritual correlation between winnowing (removing unwanted components from the grain via a thrashing process), and:
 - The trials and tribulations we experience in life? Explain.
 - God's grace and love...which magnifies our internal pain of guilt, remorse and shame when we sin? Explain.
- ① Can you identify at least one new thing you learned from this lesson?