

*Garden of the Gods - Eze 28:13*  
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**IF YOU WORSHIP ME**

It's all about worship—even in the secular world. “In April 2016, Adele posted an Instagram praising Beyoncé's album Lemonade. She called Beyoncé “the most inspiring person I've ever had the pleasure of worshipping.”

**John 4.23-24 NKJV “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (4.24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

**Revelation 14.6-7 NKJV “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— (14.7) saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”**

**Satan's quest to usurp God's throne is also revealed in the temptation narratives found in Matthew 4 and Luke 4. In the striking encounter between Jesus and the tempter, much is revealed about the nature of the conflict. Here we see the reality of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, but played out in stark and graphic terms.**

**Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV) “(1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.**

**(#1) (3) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” (4) But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”**

**(#2) (5) Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, (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.’ ”**

**(#3) (8) Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” (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.’ ” (11) Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”**

Worship always comes with a price—it will cost you something.\

Worship is the genesis of every harvest.

Worship will determine the integrity of your foundation.

Worship will predict the outcome of your conflicts:

**Matthew 7.25 NKJV “and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”**

**How is the reality of the great controversy between Christ and Satan revealed here?**

The Great Controversy continues in the same manner as it began:

The Great Controversy is two pronged:

1. Turning the statement of God into a question:

**Genesis 3:1 (NKJV) “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. Distortion of God’s Word:

**Genesis 3:3 (NKJV) “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.””**

3. The Bible is our best defense against the enemy’s attempt to get us to worship him.

**“It is Written”** is the Magna carta against Satan (the first document to put into writing the principle that the king and his government was not above the law.)

The Complete Issue of the Great Controversy is: Worship

1. **It protects against the intrusion of False deities: Luke 4:8 (NKJV)**  
**“And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*’ ”**
2. It protects against **any attempt to satisfy a distorted appetite: Luke 4:4 (NKJV)** **“But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”**
3. It protects **against self-exaltation: Matthew 4:8-9 (NKJV)** **“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.””**

The Great Controversy will be decided over our approach to the Word of God:  
**Revelation 3:8 (NKJV) “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.”**

**Revelation 1:3 (NKJV) “Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.”**

**Darkness before Dawn, p. 36.2:** None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men?