

Lesson 5 | April 3, 2022

Marks of a True Disciple

Study Text: Galatians 5:16–26; 1 John 3:1–10; 4:7–21

Central Truth: Disciples of Christ manifest Christlike characteristics.

Key Verse: Galatians 5:25

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (KJV).

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives (NLT).

Learning Objectives

- Students will understand and demonstrate biblical characteristics of a Christian disciple.
- Students will appreciate what it means to be led by the Spirit.
- Students will grasp the importance of loving others as part of the lifestyle of the Christian disciple.

Introducing the Lesson

Say: Last session we looked at a variety of instructions associated with living a lifestyle of discipleship, from guarding ourselves against the dangers of temptation and fear to proclaiming God's kingdom. Today we will focus mainly upon the day-to-day practice of discipleship.

Opening Activity—Simon Says

Ask: How many of you played "Simon Says" as a child? Play a short game of "Simon Says" with your group, using commands that are appropriate for your students and can be done in your classroom. Then, ask: In what ways did you trick others when it was your turn to be Simon?

Say: When God gives us commands to follow, He does not try to trick us or mislead us as to His purposes. He is clear about what He requires, and He equips and empowers us to be successful. If we will follow His directions, we can be confident that we are living a lifestyle of discipleship. **Ask:** How would you describe, in practical terms, what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Christ? (Take time for a few responses, then share your highlights from the following text.)

There are clear descriptions in Scripture of what it means to be a follower of Christ. At the foundation of these descriptions is a close, personal relationship built on faith in and

submission to God. Such a relationship is clearly described in Scripture. **The life of a Christian disciple is a life guided by the Holy Spirit, a life that resists and rejects sin in favor of God's leading, and a life that is marked by love for God and others.** Today's study examines that life from the standpoint of Scripture

Part 1—Be Led by the Spirit

Listen and Obey

Galatians 5:16–18

[Gal 5:16-18 KJV] 16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Say: The apostle Paul drew a contrast between a spiritual walk and a fleshly, or sinful, walk. A spiritual walk can only be pursued through a relationship with Jesus that includes listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and walking in obedience to what is heard. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

All those who love Jesus desire to please Him through the way in which they live. The foundation of such a lifestyle involves walking in the Holy Spirit (rather than fulfilling the desires of the flesh). Paul wrote of this in Galatians 5:16–18. For many Christians, the concept of hearing the Spirit's voice can be intimidating. They might tend to think that only certain people have that privilege, or that hearing the Spirit means some kind of great sign or booming voice from heaven.

As we look at Scripture, we see that God spoke, and continues to speak, in many ways. Often He spoke through a gentle whisper. So, we ought to greet the idea that God speaks to us with a sense of peace and anticipation rather than intimidation. Note that Paul said there is a very real battle going on within the hearts of believers. **Because we continue to live in this fallen world, we struggle with our old nature, which wants to do evil (verse 17). Indeed, we are no match for this struggle within ourselves. But we have the great assurance that the Spirit gives us the right desires, and the strength to pursue them. It is a constant struggle, indeed. But with the help of the Spirit, we can follow the voice of the Lord as we are led by Scripture as well as His still, small voice, which guides us in the right direction.**

Resource Packet Item 1: Hearing God

Distribute the information sheet and have students review the ways the Bible shows God communicating with people. Note that Scripture is the primary means by which

God speaks to us, and every means He uses is to be measured against the sayings of Scripture. Ask students to talk about times that God spoke to them in one of these ways.

Behavior that is the result of hearing from God is not the same as living according to man-made rules. Walking in the Spirit is liberating. Christianity is not based on a set of rules and regulations. It is based on a relationship with God.

Discuss

? Describe a time when you heard from the Holy Spirit.

? What is one example of a time when God specifically used Scripture to speak into a situation in your life?

Roots Produce Fruit

Galatians 5:19–26

[Gal 5:19-26 KJV] 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Say: A person's "spiritual root system" will produce fruit that represents his or her roots. If the product is rotten fruit, it is clear that the spiritual roots of the person are not spiritually healthy. But if consistently righteous fruit is displayed in a person's life, it is clear that the roots of the person are spiritually healthy. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

Certainly, **salvation is not rooted in our fruit, but in the grace of God.** We must recall, though, that **behavior is a sign of what is going on in the heart of a person.** In Galatians 5:19–21, Paul listed the works of the flesh, that is, the lifestyle indicators of someone who is living according to sinful desires. **If a person is living a lifestyle marked by acts such as sexual immorality, witchcraft, selfish ambition,**

and divisive words and actions, it is clear that the individual is not in relationship with Jesus. These people will not inherit the kingdom of God.

It is an equal mistake to say that good behavior will unite a person with God. Good behavior, rather, reflects what is going on in the heart of the individual. When people accept Jesus as Savior, they receive a new, transformed nature. The new nature, equipped and empowered by the Spirit, allows them to cultivate their spiritual roots through a growing relationship with God. The cultivated roots produce the kind of living that God desires. **Christians do not go to heaven because they are good. Rather, because of their relationship with God, their behavior will be righteous.**

Resource Packet Item 2: Root of the Fruit

Distribute the work sheet and have students determine the root that produces various behaviors seen in society. Ask them to evaluate the root of their own behaviors.

Moving on to verses 22–26, it is worth noting that the phrase, “the fruit of the Spirit,” is singular. Paul did not intend for his readers to select a particular fruit and work on getting better at it. Indeed, our own “work” cannot make us better at producing fruit. It comes forth as a result of the work of the Spirit in a believer’s life.

The ninefold fruit is representative of the type of behavior that will naturally grow in a Christian’s life as the Spirit works within that individual. The goal for the Christian is to cultivate a godly root system through ongoing communication with God, walking with Him rather than pursuing the ways and values of the world. When this occurs, people will naturally—and supernaturally—display love, joy, peace, etc. This is the essence of Jesus’ statement that people will know Christians by their love for one another (see John 13:35).

Cultivating one’s spiritual roots does not occur automatically. Satan desires to entice believers to return to their rotten roots. Christians need to continually say “no” to the flesh and “yes” to the Holy Spirit. This can only happen if we determine to hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Discuss

? How has your behavior changed as you have matured in Christ?

? How do you cultivate your spiritual root system?

Part 2—Stop Sinning Act Like Your Father

1 John 3:1–6

[1Jo 3:1-6 KJV] 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

[1Jo 3:1-6 NLT] 1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. 2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. 3 And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. 5 And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. 6 Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.

Say: The apostle John used the language of the family to illustrate the behavior a Christian should display. John stated that if you have been born again, you are a part of God's family. As His children, your character traits should reflect Him. The experience of being born again makes us new creations in Him, and our lives should bear witness to that newness. That doesn't mean Christians will be perfect in every way, or that we will cease struggling with temptation and sin in this life, but it does mean that our roots have been renewed and the fruit we produce will change. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

Some people say that all people are children of God simply because He created them. But Scripture makes it clear that this notion is false. In John 3:1–6, John drew a contrast between those who are the children of God and those who are not. Through the sin of Adam and Eve, humanity forfeited a relationship with God. Now we need redemption through Christ to restore that relationship. We become God's children through salvation, and only God's children will enjoy eternal life with Him.

Living in sin is a reflection of one's spiritual state. **Every human being is either a child of God or a child of the devil (see verse 10).** Regardless of what they claim, if people live a sinful lifestyle that disregards God, they are not God's children because His children will reflect His characteristics. **John says that it is**

impossible to be God's child and to continue to live in sin. Jesus came to earth to free people from sin. If the person conveys no evidence of transformation, that person has not embraced the power of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Discuss

? What is one predominant characteristic, either physical or behavioral, that you received or learned from your parents?

? What is one predominant characteristic that you received or learned as a result of your relationship with your Heavenly Father?

Don't Be Fooled

1 John 3:7–10

[1Jo 3:7-10 KJV] 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Say: Legalism and libertinism—Christians must not fall for either of the two extremes. **Legalism is characterized by people making lists of rules to condemn those who don't live up to human standards. The other extreme is libertinism, which teaches that since a person is saved by grace, he or she can live outside of God's commands without consequences.** (Share your highlights from the following text.)

Earlier in John's first Epistle (1:8–10), he made it clear that a Christian who claims to be sinless is a liar. Christians will struggle and sin on occasion, but **the Holy Spirit is faithful to make the Christian aware of the sin and draw the person to repent.** God promises to forgive those who repent. However, **when Christians continue to practice sinful behavior, ignoring the promptings of the Holy Spirit, they are not reflecting their relationship with God** (3:7–10). **Attitude determines altitude. When someone ignores the prompting of the Holy Spirit for whatever reason, they are not reflecting a holy relationship with Christ.** When this occurs, Christians will naturally grow cold toward the Lord. **Eventually, this person risks turning away from God entirely, at which point the person can no longer call himself or herself a Christian.**

John was dealing with a group of people in the church who attempted to justify sinful behavior. Even today, some spiritual leaders look the other way when people gossip, live immoral lives, or otherwise follow the ways of sin. False teachers defend their position by arguing that people are saved by faith rather than by right actions. While it is true that we are saved by faith, true faith in Christ will produce right actions on the part of the faithful. The Bible teaches that we must love God with our whole beings. A person's behavior will follow his or her belief. Those who teach otherwise appeal to the flesh, which leads to destruction.

Some people would not appreciate John's bluntness, but he was clear that those who live in sin are the offspring of Satan and will spend eternity with him. Those who are the children of God will do what is right and will love God and love others.

Resource Packet Item 2: Legalism or Libertinism?

Distribute the work sheet, and have students complete it, either individually or in small groups, and discuss their observations.

Discuss

? Why do you think some people feel drawn to adopt legalism as a way of life, trusting in good works to make them right with God?

? How would you describe what it means to live a life of freedom in Christ?

Part 3—Love One Another

The Great Love of God

1 John 4:7–12

[1Jo 4:7-12 KJV] 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Say: (*V Play the video available at RadiantLifeCurriculum.com/Adult.)* Jesus established the standard by which Christians must live, declaring that Christians must love God and love others. John echoes these teachings of Jesus in his Epistle. Love must be the motivation behind all we do. When we consider the great love that God has for us, how can we do anything less than seek to always love each other as He commanded? (Share your highlights from the following text.)

In 1 John 4:7–12, John drew a contrast between a godly person and a person who does not know God. Those who show love for others are godly. Those who do not love others make it clear that they do not know God. This may seem harsh, but one cannot be a true reflection of God without loving people, because “God is love” (verse 8). Love is, in a sense, His defining characteristic. Obviously, because we are not God, loving others can be difficult. Not everyone is easy to love. Yet, with God’s help, we can love them anyway.

John indicated that only Christians can display true love to others because love comes from God. **People who do not know God can offer a type of love, but it is not pure, godly love because its source is fleshly. Godly love compels us to see others as people made in His image.**

John stated that God showed His love for us through His gift of Jesus Christ, His Son, as the sacrifice for our salvation. Such a gift was given because He loved us, not because we loved Him. Paul described this in his Epistle to the Romans: “God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners” (Romans 5:8, NLT).

Christians, in turn, are called to share the great news of God’s love with those who need to come into relationship with Him. God’s love was shown to all. **While people were still His enemies, Jesus demonstrated the ultimate act of love to them. The generosity of God, as seen through sending Jesus to earth for our salvation, should be lived out in our lives regardless of how others treat us. God desires that His followers become beacons of love that will illuminate a path toward Him. God expresses His love through us as we love those around us.**

Discuss

? What makes God’s love so unique in this world?

? In what ways can Christians demonstrate their love for God and others?

Confident Living

1 John 4:13–21

[1Jo 4:13-21 KJV] 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son [to be] the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, 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 casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Say: Christians can have peace and confidence in the One who holds their everlasting future in His hands. God sent His only begotten Son for our salvation. In His love, He also provides a way to escape from any temptation that the devil may throw at us. Let us be willing to respond to the Holy Spirit's warnings when we face those temptations. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

When people respond to Jesus in faith and become His followers, God gives them “his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us” (1 John 4:13, NLT). The Spirit reminds the Christian of God's love, which ought to naturally flow from their lives, and He helps them walk in that love. When a Christian makes a selfish decision, the Holy Spirit will point that out. As Christians live in and practice God's love, they can rest in the assurance of their salvation (verses 16–17).

We may struggle to have love for every person, but as we live for God, our love for Him and for others “grows more perfect” (verse 17, NLT; note that “perfect” carries a sense of being “complete”). We know that growing in God's love is one of the greatest joys of living for Him. Just as a child is excited about progress on the growth chart, we can take joy in our spiritual growth as we practice love for others.

God's love also delivers the believer from fear (verses 17–18). Perhaps the most common, fundamental human fear is death and the day of judgment. **Thankfully, we as Christians can experience freedom from fear. For us, death is the entrance into everlasting life. This does not mean that we can live or act recklessly, tempting death—and thereby tempting God. But our hope does provide confidence when we face God “because we live like Jesus in this world” (verse 17, NLT).**

In verses 19–21, John ended this passage by reminding readers that the true test of a Christian's faith is how they treat others. If believers hold grudges, cause quarrels, or gossip about others, for example, they are not living as followers of God, and they risk wandering away from God in pursuit of their unloving desires.

A lack of love is inconsistent with what it means to be a servant of our supremely loving God. But love for all—including those we'd rather not love—bears evidence that our love for God, and commitment to Him, is indeed real.

Discuss

- ? What is your biggest fear, and how can God's love help you overcome that fear?
? How can loving others change their lives as well as your own life?

What Is God Saying to Us?

Say: While our behavior matters to God, He does not expect us to live godly in our own strength. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and to find victory over temptation. God desires that we love others so that, when they see His followers, they will have an accurate picture of Him. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our behavior should reflect our Father. If not, we need to cultivate our relationship with Him. The fruit of a godly life will follow.

Living It Out

Ministry in Action

- Spend time listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit and purpose to obey and follow as you grow in the Lord.
- Commit to a deeper study of Scripture, praying that God will use His Word to help you overcome temptation.
- Find a practical way to demonstrate God's love to someone in your church or community this week.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday:

Sin Begins.
Genesis 3:1–13

[Gen 3:1-13 KJV] 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of 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 hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to

be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Tuesday:

Sin Punished.

Genesis 3:14–19

[Gen 3:14-19 KJV] 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.

Wednesday:

Sin Passed On.

Genesis 4:1–12

[Gen 4:1-12 KJV] 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where [is] Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: [Am] I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now [art] thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Thursday:

Sin Covered in Christ.

Romans 5:12–21

[Rom 5:12-21 KJV] 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also [is] the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, [which is] by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as [it was] by one that sinned, [so is] the gift: for the judgment [was] by one to condemnation, but the free gift [is] of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday:

Love Covers Sin.

1 Peter 4:7–11

[1Pe 4:7-11 KJV] 7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 10 As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday:

The Serpent Bound.

Revelation 20:1–3

[Rev 20:1-3 KJV] 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the

dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.