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I. The Premise (vv. 37-47)

The Devil is Real

Historical figure (like Abraham)

Person (he, not it; him, not that)

Fallen (murderer, liar)

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Belief that the devil is a myth

Gallup poll 70% believe in a "devil"

Everyone Has a Relationship

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Either the devil is your father
or the devil is your enemy

The devil gives you the lie you are your own
master –

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The Fight, John White

We don't struggle against flesh and blood -

Ephesians 6:12

Irreducible minimum

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Born again or not

Light or darkness

Saved or lost

Sons of God or sons of the devil

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For Me or against Me

You want the devil as your enemy

Greater is he who is in you than

he who is in the world –

1 John 4:4

II. The Pretenders

Their Physical Birthright (v. 39)

Abraham's descendents

These pretenders

Don't believe Christ

Don't receive Christ

Their Spiritual Boast (v. 41)

II. The Pretenders

Related physically, miles apart spiritually

Manasseh wicked king, son of one of the best
kings, Hezekiah – 2 Kings 21:11

We are not born of fornication (alluding to
rumor that Jesus was illegitimate)

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Because we are physical descendants of
Abraham, we'll be in heaven

Rabbis taught that Abraham forbids Israelites
from entering hell

Believe all Jews will be in heaven

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Israel is my firstborn – Exodus 4:22

Not all who descended from Israel are Israel –
Romans 9:6-7

God has no grandchildren

III. The Paternity Test

Who Do You Love? (v. 42)

What Do You Understand? (v. 43)

What Are You Doing? (v. 44)

When Do You Listen? (vv. 45-47)