

John 13:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Analysis

After the sop Satan entered into him (εἰσῆλθεν εἰς ἐκεῖνον ὁ Σατανᾶς, eisēlthen eis ekeinon ho Satanas)—not mere external temptation but demonic possession. John 13:2 says Satan had already "put into" Judas's heart to betray Jesus; now Satan personally indwells him. This progression shows how entertaining sin opens the door to Satan's dominion. The aorist tense marks a definitive moment of satanic control.

That thou doest, do quickly (ὁ ποιεῖς ποίησον τάχιον)—Jesus sovereignly commands the timing of His own betrayal. Not passivity but active submission to the Father's will. He is not victim but victor, orchestrating even evil toward redemptive purposes (Acts 2:23). The imperative mood shows Christ's authority even over His betrayer.

Historical Context

First-century Judaism recognized demonic possession as real spiritual danger. Jesus's command to Judas reflects His sovereign control over the Passion timeline—He would die at Passover, fulfilling typology as the Lamb of God (Exodus 12). Judas's departure initiated the final hours before crucifixion.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the progression from temptation (v.2) to possession (v.27) warn against 'small' compromises with sin?
2. What does Jesus's sovereign command over His betrayal teach about God's control over evil?
3. Are there areas where you're giving Satan a foothold through unrepented sin?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	μετὰ	τὸ	ψωμίον	τότε	εἰσῆλθεν	εἰς	ἐκεῖνον	ό
And	after	G3588	the sop	G5119	entered	into	him	G3588
G2532	G3326		G5596		G1525	G1519	G1565	
Σατανᾶς	λέγει	οὖν	αὐτῷ	ό	Ἰησοῦς	὾	ποίησον	
Satan	said	Then	unto him	G3588	Jesus	G3739	That thou doest	
G4567	G3004	G3767	G846		G2424		G4160	
ποίησον	τάχιον							
That thou doest	quickly							
G4160	G5032							

Additional Cross-References

Luke 22:3 (Parallel theme): Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Acts 5:3 (Parallel theme): But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

John 13:2 (Parallel theme): And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

Proverbs 1:16 (Parallel theme): For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (Parallel theme): This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

Matthew 12:45 (Parallel theme): Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

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