



# SANTA CLAUSE: A Mockery Of God

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## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was the night before Christmas, sometime back in the late seventies, and my whole family was gathered together at my grandparent's house in Keurbooms Strand, a small village on the coast of South Africa. When I was a child, Santa Clause was called by his Afrikaans name "*Kersvader*" which means "*Father of Lights*." The house had no electricity, nor did the rest of the village, so the living room was illuminated by an old paraffin lantern and candles. It almost goes without saying there was no television, cell phones or any electronic distractions.

We were in the living room when Grandfather made the important announcement, he had invited a very special guest for the evening. To our surprise, Kersvader emerged out of the back bedroom carrying a big bag of gifts, shouting "*Ho, Ho, Ho!*" and began to pass out presents. Amid all the excitement, my little sister suddenly asked a question, "*Where is uncle Reynold?*" She was gifted with a double dose of common sense and was sharp as a razor blade when it came to noticing obvious details. She pointed to Santa's feet and proclaimed, "*Kersvader has stolen uncle Reynold's slippers!*" I was struck with amazement as I looked at Santa's feet, it was true! He was wearing uncle Reynold's grey and black checkered slippers. Not only that, he was wearing uncle Reynold's pants, and his voice matched my uncles. Come to think of it, his white beard looked suspiciously like cotton wool. At that moment, I realized Santa wasn't real!

Any believer who has read through their bible just once, would have spotted several similarities between the character of Santa Clause and the Lord. Most professing Christians today are unaware Santa Clause is a blasphemous imitation of the person and character of God Almighty.

The purpose of this article is to show the reader a few examples of how this fictional character mocks not only the word of God, but also the Lord Himself! Perhaps one or two resemblances would have just been a coincidence, but considering how many similitudes there are is too difficult to ignore. Grab your bibles and get ready for an interesting study as we unravel the truth behind Satan's Santa Clause, or shall we say, Satan Clause.

## GOD'S WARNINGS AGAINST FABLES

Let's begin this study by taking a look at what God has to say about fables, since Santa Clause is a fable. God commands "**neither give heed to fables**" (1 Timothy 1:4). We are warned "**in the**

**latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”** (1 Timothy 4:1) and instructed to **“refuse profane and old wives' fables”** (1 Timothy 4:7). The bible says they are **“cunningly devised fables”** (2 Peter 1:16). God warns us in the last days there will be teachers who will justify fables (2 Timothy 4:3-4) **“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be TURNED UNTO FABLES.”** (emphasis mine) Read this passage carefully, one is either turned to the truth or to fables. You cannot be facing both at the same time! The devil knows this, and he will be quick to try and silence anyone who sheds light on the subject as another Grinch trying to spoil the fun of Christmas.

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### SANTA'S GENDER

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Santa adds to gender confusion. The name Santa Clause is a male name with a female pronoun. The word “Santa” is a feminine pronoun, as used in Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Monica. The masculine pronoun is “*San*”, as in San Juan, San Hose, San Antonio and San Francisco. Ask yourself, Why is it Santa Clause and not San Clause? Is it any wonder then, that today we have so much gender confusion in society? For decades Satan has brainwashed the world into thinking a feminine pronoun with a male name is normal! Many parents took part in this hoax by telling their children all about Santa Clause.

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### GOD SAYS, “HO HO!”

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Santa’s famous entry line is *“Ho, Ho, Ho!”* Now, ask yourself, where in the world did Satan come up with such a catchy phrase? Well, the answer is in the word of God. Carefully consider the following passage, **“Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD”** (Zechariah 2:6). The Devil simply stole the phrase from God, and in doing so Santa mocks the words of the true and living God!

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### GOD LIVES IN THE NORTH

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Have you ever wondered why Santa Clause lives at the North Pole? Satan is again mocking scripture. The bible says, **“the LORD'S house which was toward the north”** (Ezekiel 8:14) and, **“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King”** (Psalm 48:2).

Satan mocks the dwelling place of God because he covets it. Scripture says, **“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High”** (Isaiah 14:12-14). God lives in the north, so Satan has Santa Clause living in the North Pole. When someone tells their children Santa lives in the North Pole, they are simply repeating a lie and partaking in the mockery!

## GOD RIDES THROUGH THE SKY

The bible tells us, **“There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.”** (Deuteronomy 33:26). The Lord rides on the sky, so Santa Clause does too, in a flying sleigh pulled by reindeer. The reader may want to study out Ezekiel 1 for more on this topic.

## GOD HAS WHITE HAIR

Have you ever wondered why Santa Clause has white hair? Well, it is because the Lord has white hair! The bible tells us, **“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow”** (Revelation 1:14) and hair is like **“pure wool”** (Daniel 7:9).

## GOD’S GARMENT IS RED AND WHITE

Ever wondered why Santa wears a red and white suit? The answer is simple, he mocks the Lord’s appearance at His second coming. In Heaven, the Lord wears a white garment, **“the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow”** (Daniel 7:9) and **“his raiment was white as the light”** (Matthew 17:2). At His second coming He will destroy the armies of the antichrist with His sword (Revelation 19:15-21 and Isaiah 66:16). His white garment will become soaked with the blood of His enemies, and as such He will be **“clothed with a vesture dipped in blood”** (Revelation 19:11-13).

This event is described in Isaiah 63:3-4, **“I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.”**

## GOD HAS A GOLDEN BELT

We are told the Lord is **“clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle”** (Revelation 1:13). This golden girdle (or belt) is described as being of **“fine gold of Uphaz”** (Daniel 10:5). Many of the historical images of Santa Clause portray him wearing a golden belt or sash around his belly.

## GOD’S FEET APPEAR AS IF THEY WERE BURNED IN A FURNACE

The bible describes the Lord’s feet as, **“fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace”** (Revelation 1:15). There is another interesting passage in the bible relating to this, when the Lord comes down on mount Sinai it is described as follows: **“And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly”** (Exodus 19:18). God comes down and the scene is compared with a furnace. Satan again mocks scripture by dressing Santa Clause in darkened boots, black from all the soot, and have him come down a chimney. Santa Clause does not come in through a door, he comes in another way... through the chimney! The Lord states, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber”** (John 10:1-2).

## GOD LOVES THE CHILDREN

God’s love of children is evident throughout scripture. The Lord said, **“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God”** (Mark 10:14). He also said, **“whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me”** (Matthew 18:5). Santa Clause is known for his love of children. Many parents are so blinded, they place their young child on the lap of a complete stranger dressed in a Santa suit. They allow him to hold their child on his lap, lay his hands on them, and whisper words into their little ears. This despicable act teaches children it is acceptable for strangers to hold them, touch them and talk to them!

## GOD GIVES GIFTS

God is the giver of the perfect gift, His own Son, and He gave us this gift freely, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16). There is no greater gift than this! The bible

says, **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning”** (James 1:17). Santa Clause is best loved for the gifts he brings. God warns us that the gifts of the world do **“blind the eyes of the wise”** (Deuteronomy 16:19). How many Christians refuse to see the truth behind this fable because of their love of the things of this world?

## THE LORD WAS A CARPENTER

The bible tells us the Lord was a carpenter in Mark 6:3, **“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.”** Santa Clause is also a carpenter who makes toys in the North Pole. He has many elves helping him make toys for kids. When you put an elf on your shelf, consider what an elf is. According to Webster’s Dictionary 1828 “elf” is defined as (1) A wandering spirit; a fairy; a hobgoblin; an imaginary being which our rude ancestors supposed to inhabit unfrequented places, and in various ways to affect mankind. . . (2) An evil spirit; **a devil**.

## GOD IS OMNISCIENT

God **“knoweth all things”** (1 John 3:20), He is omniscient. Psalm 139:2-3 says, **“Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.”** The bible says, **“the eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”** (Proverbs 15:3). God is the perfect recordkeeper, and He keeps track of every word and every thought we have. **“I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works”** (Revelation 20:11-12). Children are taught Santa Clause is the same, for he knows when they are sleeping and awake, and he also keeps a list of who is naughty and nice!

## STOCKINGS, CHRISTMAS TREES AND ORNAMENTS

The bible says, **“it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks”** (Jeremiah 3:9). Stockings, referred to as **“woven hangings”** in the bible, are associated with idolatry. This whoredom angers God. The Lord tells us, **“But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities”** (Jeremiah 10:8).

Regarding the Christmas tree we are told, **“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not”** (Jeremiah 10:2-4). The Lord clearly defines for us what it means to deck something with gold and silver, **“I decked thee also with ornaments.... Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver”** (Ezekiel 16:11-13). The custom of the heathen was to take a tree out of the forest, fasten it with a hammer and nails to stand upright, then it was decorated by hanging gold and silver ornaments on it! It is clearly referring to what we call a Christmas tree today.

It is noteworthy that the first Christmas tree in England was put up by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in Windsor Castle in 1841, some 230 years after the warning was first printed in the King James Version of 1611. Further note that the Lord had the following to say regarding the Christmas tree, **“under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot”** (Jeremiah 2:20). It is also even more disturbing when we consider it is often connected with child sacrificing, such as in **“Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks”** (Isaiah 57:5). It is no wonder then that Santa Clause is associated with stockings, Christmas trees, and ornaments.

When King Josiah cleansed the land from its whoredoms he commanded his servants, **“...to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron.... And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder.... And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove”** (2 Kings 23:4-7). Take note the grove had hangings!

Today Christians will decorate their Christmas trees and living rooms with hangings, such as ornaments and stockings! The Lord tells us the following about King Josiah, after he cleaned the land from these abominations, **“And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him”** (2 Kings 23:25). The bible instructs us, **“And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might”** (Deuteronomy 5:6), and the Lord Jesus tells us the very same thing in Matthew 22:37. God shows us how king Josiah obeyed this commandment when he burned the decorated tree and stamped it into powder! Many Christians will claim they love the Lord with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their might, and yet they will disobey the Lord’s

commandment, not to learn the way of the heathen, when they place the very same abominations in their living rooms!

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## CONCLUSION

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It is clear Santa Clause is a fable which mocks and blasphemes God. The purpose of this fable is best described as follows: **“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them”** (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). Satan has used this fable to turn the world away from the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many professing Christians use their **“liberty for an occasion to the flesh”** (Galatians 5:13) when they participate in Santa Clause and Christmas. The Lord warns us, **“the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication”** (Revelation 17:2).

Lastly, it is worth noting we are commanded not to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather that we are to reprove them (Ephesians 5:11). Those who love the Lord will hate evil (Psalm 97:10), and all Christians are commanded to abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”** (2 Corinthians 5:10).

May the grace of our Lord be with you!

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