

## Katy First Ward Spiritual Message #36

### WHY DID SATAN REALLY WANT TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREE AGENCY?

One of our sons started dating a non-member. He asked us if he could bring her to our house once a week so we could help him teach her about the gospel. Each week when she came we took one of the lessons from the missionary Preach My Gospel book and discussed those principles with her. Even though she was a very staunch Born Again Christian, we could tell right away she was no ordinary investigator. Some of the searching questions she asked us were simply profound. It wasn't long before she was teaching us as much as we were teaching her as we answered her inquiring questions. We also notice that each time she had a question like that, she would stop and write down the question and the answer in a little notebook she brought with her each time.

There is one such discussion we had with her that I will never forget. When we got to the lesson on Free Agency, she was so interested in it we actually gave it to her over again two more times. On the third time, she got one of those looks on her face like "I GOT IT" and started writing in her notebook. We just waited as we always did when she was writing. Then when she had finished writing we asked her what she just had learned. She then told us something I had never thought about before. She said, "I can see now why Satan wanted to take away our free agency. He wanted to make us be good. If he did that then there would be no sin in the world. If there was no sin in the world THEN THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE ATONEMENT. He was too selfish to go to the garden of Gethsemane and suffer for our sins. If there was no sin in the world there would be no need for that". I was just astonished at her wisdom and insight. That thought had never occurred to me before. I had always thought he was just seeking to have all of God's powers for himself and by making us be good he would always be in charge of us.

After we taught her the rest of the lessons, we called the missionaries and she taught them for 5 or 6 weeks just like she had us. Then she was baptized. We encouraged our son to hurry and marry her before she got away. Which he did. They have now been married in the temple and the rest is a wonderful story of joy and happiness that she has brought not just to our son's life but to our whole family.

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