

Former Senator Takes On the Devil; Dares Christians to Do the Same

Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., has been a successful businessman, congressman, senator, head of the Heritage Foundation, chairman of the Conservative Partnership Institute and somewhere in between it all, an author.

While he has written nonfiction policy and faith books in the past, his newest release, *Satan's Dare*, takes on the devil himself in a day and age when it seems out of fashion to even speak of evil.

The novel is based essentially on the first chapter of Job where Satan "dares" God and says, "Has Job feared God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face" (Job 1:9-11).

"I have spent my life in business and politics, but now see our greatest need is not political reform or new leadership or new political strategies, but a return to the foundations of an America that was dedicated to Judeo-Christian values," says DeMint.

DeMint says the two forces of politics and faith go together. "All of Western civilization is based on the Bible, and no matter how much we may try to cancel the past, the problem we are facing today is simply trying to move forward without God."

Satan's Dare traces the story of two Christian men who suffer

great tragedies. One abandons his faith and becomes a world-famous atheist. The other man wrestles with God but clings to his faith.

DeMint cleverly uses the format of a novel to explain in simple terms the fundamentals of Scripture, faith and the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The characters conclude the death and resurrection of Jesus are not only the basis for faith but the foundation for civilization itself.

"This is a great book to take to the beach this summer, give to a son or daughter going off to college, a friend at work asking questions and searching for the Lord, a politician you know who has gotten away from his or her faith," DeMint believes. "But most of all, [it is] a book for all to read to realize the mercy of God and His love are the key to our faith."

In the end, the world-famous atheist experiences the love of a believer and comes back to God.

Josh McDowell, the famous Christian apologist says in his review of the book, "There is more truth in this novel than just about any nonfiction book I've read. I recommend *Satan's Dare* to every person who wants to strengthen their faith in God and to every person who is searching for truth."

Sounding much more like a preacher than a well-known former senator and high-profile Washington figure, DeMint says, "I am concerned the church, in particular church leaders, have lost their courage. This is a time when we need men and women of courage to be fighting for our country and for our faith. It is my prayer that *Satan's Dare* will give Christians more confidence in their faith and help restore the courage we so desperately need at this critical moment for our country. If we can defend the fundamentals of our faith, we will give Christians more confidence to stand strong for the values that make America great." {eo}

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