

When Satan Attacks!

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The Lord led me to write this sermon in order to help bring hope and deliverance to those in the body of Christ who struggle with sin, the flesh, and the devil. To expose the tricks of the enemy, to let every saint of GOD know that they have power over the devil, and that they can defeat satan and his strategies.

This sermon was written in the Spirit and should be prayerfully read. Now to every Holy Ghost filled believer, and to those who hope to be filled, I have dedicated this sermon.

May GOD bless you and prosper your way.

Respectfully,

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The devil's Strategy

The scriptures tell us that our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Therefore, we are told to be both sober and vigilant.

Further, to resist steadfast, that is, the devil, in the faith (1 Peter 5:8-9). When afflictions come we are to stand the devil down in the name of Jesus. Saints of GOD, all Satan needs is a little crack. The devil is persistent, so must we! If he never takes a break, we must never take a break! If he is always on the job, then we must always be on the job! For it is "he that endures unto the end, the same shall be saved". (Matthew 24:13). This is why the Bible tells us to be vigilant, to pray without ceasing, to watch, to fast, and pray that we enter not into temptation. The way to GOD is a race, and the devil wants to block your path with obstacles. Only he who crosses the finish line gets the victory! The prize does not go to the one who quits in the middle of the race. This is why we must stand fast, and be persistent in the things of the Kingdom of GOD.

Minding The Things Of The Flesh

The devil wants us to mind the things of the flesh. If we mind the things of the flesh then the devil can have his way with us. He wants us to avoid GOD and Christ, and the things of the Spirit. The devil tries to capture our minds and our thoughts. If he can do this, our focus will switch from spiritual things to carnal and worldly things. Here is the snare that he lays and many are taken therein. We must instead bring our minds and thoughts into the captivity of GOD and Christ. Let the Holy Ghost be your guide. The Bible tells us to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against GOD: for it is not subject to the law of GOD, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please GOD (Romans 8:6-8). When we mind the things of the flesh it is instant DEATH. We make ourselves the enemies of GOD. This is exactly where the enemy wants you to be -- in disobedience to GOD, the Father.

Satan knows that if you are fulfilling the lust of the flesh and eyes then you cannot walk in GOD's Spirit nor do the will of GOD. Your eye is no longer single, but is divided, it is on the flesh and the satisfaction of the flesh. The lust of the eye is an insatiable pit. Once you find yourself in it it is hard to get out. Your sins separate you from GOD. He will not bless you in this state. Of course, this is exactly where the devil wants you to be. The devil wants to hedge you in so that there is no way of escape. So that he can close in for the kill. We must do all to avoid being put into that position. Pray every day "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil.” (Matthew 6:13). “If thy right eye offend thee pluck it out, and cast it from thee.” “And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee.” (Matthew 5:29, 30). Remember GOD cannot bless you while you are in sin and in the flesh. To do so is to go against what He said in His word.

The devil Wants To Steal Your Joy

The devil also wants you to be full of sorrow and unhappiness. If he can steal your joy he has you exactly where he wants you. Beloved, in the presence of GOD there is joy and happiness forever more, and Satan does not want you to be full of joy and happiness. We must learn to be full of joy regardless of our condition or circumstance. The devil’s strategy is to have you at the place where you no longer feel the move of GOD’s Spirit. If you are not in the Spirit then you are in the flesh, and if you are in the flesh GOD cannot move and operate in your life. The devil has just won again because he holds you captive. You are a servant of sin, the flesh and the devil.

Unforgiveness: The Root Of Bitterness

Many fall into and are snared by the devil when they allow unforgiveness to form a root of bitterness in their souls. This sin damns the soul and leads to destruction.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:14-15, “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Beware! Satan has read the Bible and is aware of this. Nothing would please him more than to trap you in this area.

He knows that if you do not forgive others GOD will not forgive you. Paul was fully aware of this when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 2:10-11, “To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” Beloved, if you forgive you will be forgiven, if you show mercy you will receive mercy.

The demon spirit Of Fear

That old demon of fear has many bound and trapped by the devil. Fear can bound a believer to the point that they become ineffective for the Lord. That fear is of the devil can be seen from 2 Timothy 1:7. It reads, “For GOD hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”. The scripture says, “GOD hath not given...” If GOD did not give us the spirit of fear then who did? No

one else but the devil who moves and operates in fear. Instead GOD hath given us the (spirit) of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Fear can paralyze, fear can torment, fear can afflict, fear can terrorize. Fear is of the devil and we don't want to have anything to do with the devil. Beloved, a believer should fear nothing in this world but GOD only. The only fear a believer should have is the FEAR OF THE LORD. Read Luke 12:5 and Isaiah 8:12-13.

satan Wants To Challenge Your Faith

Another thing the devil wants to do is challenge your faith. When Jesus left off from the baptism of John, the Bible tells us that he was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. If Satan challenged the faith of Jesus, then how much more the heirs of salvation, you and me? It is the strategy of the devil to defeat and discourage GOD's people. He wants you at the place where you no longer desire the things of GOD. The devil wants your faith to fail so that you forsake GOD. So that you turn the back on GOD. Only if we continually abide in that secret place of prayer can we defeat the enemy. For prayer is your defense against the devil.

satan Wants To Make You Sick

That old serpent likes to attack the body. The Bible tells us that demon spirits are sometimes responsible for sickness. Sin, too, can bring on sickness. Read 1 Corinthians 11:26-32. Now demon spirits have been known to be responsible for a person being dumb or mute (see Matthew 9:32-22; Luke 11:14), also blind and dumb (see Matthew 12:22). These devils are just as much in operation today as they were in Bible times. All we have to do is cast them out by the Spirit of the living GOD. The power of the living GOD has not diminished. Only the faith of the people (see Luke 18:8).

satan Is A Lying Wonder

The devil is a lying wonder. Those who reject the truth of GOD's word open themselves up for this type of an attack. The devil will even come as an angel of light in order to make you believe a lie. See 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. In these last days more than ever has the devil launched an attack on the church concerning lies. For he is a lying wonder. The scriptures tell us that those who refuse the truth of GOD's word are opened to strong delusion. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12. Look around and see that the church has opened herself up to these seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. See 1 Timothy 4:1. The doctrines and commandments of men

are part of this lie to seduce, too. See Matthew 7:15; 15:7-9; 23:15, 27-33, and 2 Corinthians 11:14-15. For they have received a lying spirit. Read the story of Ahab in 1 Kings 22:1-40. Only those who do not belong to Jesus will hear and obey the voice of a stranger (satan). See John 10:1-5. Beloved, search your heart and ask GOD if what you are taught and believe is the truth? If you are truly sincere He will answer, but if you are determined to go about things your own way then He will cast you off forever.

satan Wants To Attack Your Finances

Watch out for the devil in the area of finances. He is very hungry in this area. As in the case of our brother Job, the enemy wants to spoil the believer of his goods and blessings. We read in Job 1:3, that “His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.” Job’s blessings from the LORD were an enticing target for the enemy. Read (Job 1:13-18). Yet through it all Job maintained his integrity and did not sin, nor charge GOD foolishly. Neither did he murmur against GOD as the children of Israel did in the wilderness. In fact, Job had an attitude of worship. See (Job 1:20-22). If Satan can turn your focus to the concerns and cares of your finances then he can destroy your faith in GOD, and in His promises, and in His word. The Lord Jesus implores us not to take thought for tomorrow. For GOD knows what we have need of before we even think it. Rest assure that GOD is in control of everything. Only be concerned about doing His will and pleasing Him. For this is honorable in His sight. Read (Matthew 6:24-34).

Rebuking The devil By Fasting In The Spirit

In Matthew 4:1-11 we see how to handle the devil when he comes to us. When we fast it allows us to get closer to GOD. By denying the wants and desires of the flesh we can get deeper into the Spirit. Fasting also allows us to do the works of GOD. See Isaiah 56:6-12 and Matthew 17:21. But the enemy does not want you to do the works of GOD. You see he knows that these things will bring you closer to GOD and His Kingdom. Notice when Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. He went forty days and forty nights without food, and was afterwards an hungered. Then that old devil, called the tempter, came to him and said, “if thou be the Son of GOD, command that these stones be made bread.” You see a trick of the serpent is to get you focused on the flesh and

its needs and desires -- Not on the Spirit of GOD and His kingdom! Jesus was in the Spirit and the devil tried to bring him out of the Spirit and into the flesh. Jesus was not having it and he told that old devil where to go. Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of GOD." GOD's word and GOD's will should be our food. (See John 4:31-34). And to walk in His Spirit our desire.

The Key To The devil's Strength

The devil's strength lies in his persistence, and he was not through tempting our Lord. The scripture goes on to tell us that the devil took Jesus up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of GOD, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. The devil wants you to tempt the LORD thy GOD, by putting Him to the test. Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. (John 4:48). Jesus rebukes the devil by saying, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy GOD". Satan loves to wrest and twist the word of GOD to your's and his destruction. He will also oppose GOD's word so that it may not prosper in the ears of the hearer. The devil wants you to doubt GOD's word. Jesus used the word to rebuke the devourer. We should do likewise.

That relentless devil again taketh Jesus up into an exceeding high mountain and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Jesus, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. For Satan wants you to eye what you can see, with all of the lust and glory thereof, not what you cannot see. For we walk by faith, and not by sight. The devil wants you bound and subservient to him. He wants you to worship him and the things of this world. He wants you to strive for that bigger house, bonus, job or car while you slowly lose your soul. Let us no longer strive for positions or things, but let us strive to enter into GOD's kingdom. (See Luke 13:24). Let us not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (See 2 Corinthians 4:18). For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (See James 4:14). To strive for the possessions of this world is to strive for things that promote death, seeing it will all be destroyed and done away with. But to strive for the kingdom of GOD and His righteousness is to strive for LIFE, and that eternal. After you live your life, few of days, and full of pleasure, the devil wants you to be with him forever in a hellish torment of fire,

where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. We are not to fall down at the feet of a defeated enemy, but tell that old serpent to Get thee hence, satan! For it is written, Thou shalt worship the LORD thy GOD, and Him only shalt thou serve. We are not to serve unrighteous mammon (that is, unrighteous money or gain), jobs, worldly promotions or things, nor the master of them -- satan! But serve GOD, and Him alone. For the blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it. See proverbs 10:22.

Overcoming The devil's Strategy By The Power Of GOD

Jesus tells us in Luke 10:19. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." The key to defeating the devil's strategy is to recognize that you have been given power and authority over the devil. According to Matthew 18:18 we have been given power to BIND and LOOSE whatsoever belongs to the devil. You, too, can bind and loose the works of the devil. When you pray, exercise this power and authority by faith in the name of Jesus, and the devil must flee from you. The scripture says, "the just shall live by his faith." (see Habakkuk 2:4). Live a life that is holy, pleasing, and acceptable before GOD. For without it you cannot see GOD. Exercise your faith in those things that are both fit and proper, that line up with the word of GOD. Speak the word of GOD out loud with authority, and command those things which be not, to be. Give no place to the devil neither yield to the flesh or its ungodly desires. Have the mind of Christ, and pray always, not forgetting the saints in the earth. Do these things and thou shalt have good success. But overall the best defense against the devil is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

See Ephesians 5:18. For the devil can only occupy that which is empty and garnished. See Matthew 12:43-45. If you are filled with the Spirit of the living GOD the devil cannot possess you because you are GOD's possession. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. The Holy Ghost is given to those who ask. Read Luke 11:13. He is a witness of GOD's word and truth. See 1 John 5:5-12; Luke 12:12, of GOD's power, too. See Acts 1:8. He is also a comforter to the believer, and a teacher of all things concerning GOD. See John 14:15-18,26.

However, first, every believer must be willing to cast all things earthly aside in order to receive the Lord and the Holy Ghost, Read Matthew 13:45-46; Luke 14:33; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5. Why not experience the fullness of GOD and ask Him to baptize you with His Holy Spirit today. See Acts 13:52 and Ephesians 3:19. Amen!

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