

Rock Solid Faith

The Attacks of Satan: What Will You Do?

- Satan is not **stupid**
 - Ephesians 6:10-12

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Hebrews 11:1

Satan has a plan, and he knows what he is doing.

Satan's Mission Statement

- Satan is trying to make you unsure and uncertain of your faith. He does not have to destroy your faith to win. He just wants to get you to compromise. He works through media, school, music, friends and even family to plant seeds of doubt in your mind. Satan's goal is for you to have stagnant faith; no growth, no reaching out. It pleases him to see very little church attendance.

Satan attacks faith by:

- 1) Providing **temptation**
 - Matthew 4:1-11 5:27 -30

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4 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 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.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Matthew 5:27-30

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Sin spells victory for Satan.

2) Providing **hardship**.

3) Providing **affluence**.

- We are more inclined to seek God when we are hungry.

-Proverbs 30:7-9

7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

4) Providing **propaganda** which discredits the Bible.

Lies the Enemy has said:

"Marriage doesn't have to be for a lifetime."

"Sexual purity and virginity is boring. Get out and live it up."

"No one needs to be the head of the household."

"The Bible is contaminated. It was great during its time but doesn't apply today."

"The earth was not created by God."

"Homeosexuality is an acceptable alternative lifestyle."

"You don't have to accept your God-given gender."

"The destiny of the world is in human hands."

These thoughts do NOT come from God!

Don't listen to the Devil, listen to the voice of God!

5) Convincing us that we can talk and take the place of action.

- James 2:15-16

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Stop **talk**ing and start **do**ing!

This is spiritual warfare! Satan is out to tear down your **Faith**!

It's up to you and I to figure out where he is attacking! He is coming after what interests you, what makes you happy. He's coming after your family, kids, jobs, peace, **EVERYTHING** that makes you happy.

Resist and he must flee!

- James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.