

Satan's Temptations

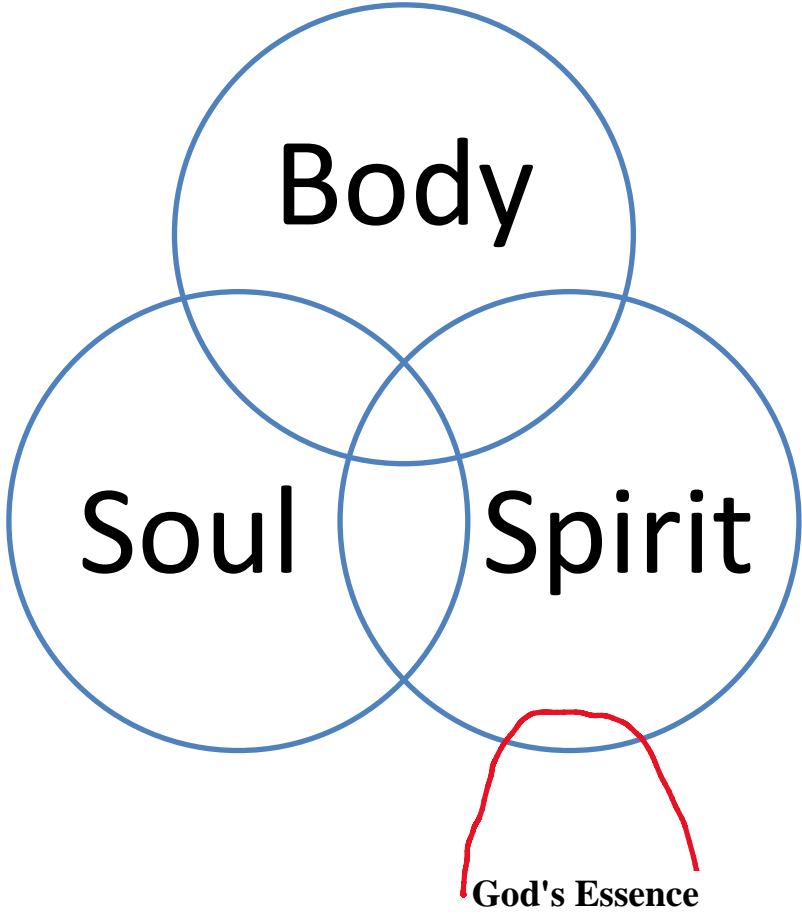
The lusts of Disappointment and Discouragement

- I.** The differences between attacks from the flesh and those from Satan.
 1. The flesh attacks through the soul, primarily the emotions (1 Pet. 2:11).
 2. Satan attacks the Christian's rationale or logic.
 3. The components of mankind:
 - 1) Body: material, unsaved (1 Cor. 15:53).
 - 2) Soul: immaterial, unsaved (1 Pet. 1:8-9).
 - 3) Spirit: immaterial, we are saved in the realm of our human spirit (1 Cor. 6:17; Jn. 3:6 *cf.* 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:14).

- II.** Satan's lust to be disappointed (Job 3:1-13).
 1. Job wished he had never been born.
 2. Job's behavior is as a pre-Old Testament saint, no indwelling Holy Spirit, not fruit from the Spirit.
 3. Disappointment is: "Why me?" When one counts themselves to be defeated spiritually.

- III.** Satan's lust to be discouraged (Job 19:1-10).
 1. Job begins to lose hope that God fully understands his difficult condition.
 2. Discouragement is: "God does not care about me!" a lack of courage to continue; loss of spiritual confidence.

- IV.** The spiritual Christian is in contrast to one succumbing to Satan attacks.
 1. The spiritual Christian is thankful for trials; "What should I learn from this situation?" (Gal. 5:25).
 2. The spiritual Christian will have joy in untoward circumstances (Phil. 4:4).
 3. The spiritual Christian realizes that God is always in charge; He knows what is happening (1 Thes. 5:18).



God's Essence