

Satan's Temptations

The lust to use filthy language

- I.** God is Holy; He is separated unto Himself: self-contained perfection (1 Pet. 1:14-16).
 1. Thus, He detests that which is unlike Himself, since nothing else is perfect.
 2. God is separate and abhors all unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18).
 3. God desires us to be separate from unrighteousness.

- II.** The devil brings “legal charges” against saints (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-8; Rev. 12:10).
 1. Satan’s title “devil” means slanderer, treacherous informer, traitor; he is traitor to God’s rule.
 2. As the devil he is the father of a godless family (Jn. 8:44).
 3. When we are unrighteous, we become ceremonially unclean within our spiritual family relationship (1 Jn. 1:9).
 4. Our unclean behavior causes ramifications clear into the Third Heaven and the Throne of God.

- III.** The struggle between the two families, the family of God and the family of the devil, is observed by many, like the games in the Roman arena (1 Cor. 4:9).
 1. Angels: unfallen (1 Tim. 5:21).
 2. Man: mankind—humans.
 3. World: those fallen angels ruling the world system (Eph. 6:12).

- IV.** The lust to use corrupt communication, which is unrighteousness (Eph. 4:27-29).
 1. The term for corrupt is used for rotten fruit (Mt. 7:17-18; 12:33; Lu. 6:43) and for rotten fish (Mt. 13:48).
 2. Filthy language, rotten to the core words, are non-edifying and damage one’s Christian testimony (1 Pet. 3:15).