

Defeating Satan, part 10

I. Satan attempts to disrupt Christians' logical thinking regarding spiritual matters (Eph. 6:11; 1 Cor. 2:11; 4:4).

1. Supplies alternate premise—disrupts the workings of the mind.
2. Satan cannot create a lust from the flesh, but he certainly can use circumstances to spot a weakness and attack (1 Cor. 7:5; Job).
3. List of Satan's lusts:
 - 1) Independence from God (Gen. 3:4-5).
 - 2) Disappointment, discouragement, bitterness (Job).
 - 3) Doubt (Job cf. Shield of Faith Eph. 6:16).
 - 4) Spiritual cowardness (Lu. 22:31-33; Jn. 18:15-17).
 - 5) Lying regarding spiritual matters (Acts 5:1-4).
 - i. Gossip (1 Tim. 5:13-15).
 - ii. Busybody (1 Tim. 5:13-15).
 - 6) Pride (Ezk. 28:11; 1 Tim. 3:6; 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:4).
 - 7) Unforgiving spirit (2 Cor. 2:6-11).
 - 8) Stealing (Eph. 4:27-28).
 - 9) Corrupt communication (Eph. 4:27-29).
 - 10) Spiritual laziness (1 Tim. 5:11-15).

II. Seeming anomalies:

1. Pride from Satan— '*smoke*', an illusion (Ezk. 28:11; 1 Tim. 3:6; 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:4) contrasted to pride from the flesh— '*puffed up*' (1 Cor. 4:6, 18,19; 5:2; 8:1; 13:4; Col. 2:18).
2. Lying from Satan (Acts 5:1-4) contrasted to lying from the flesh as instinctual preservation.
3. Satan the murderer (Jn. 8:44) contrasted to a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:21).

III. Be sober, be vigilant, ... stand by The Faith (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

1. Faith a facet of the fruit from the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).
2. Faith in God's promise that the enemies can and should be defeated (e.g. Jam. 4:7).

3. The Faith a body of doctrine instructing saints in how to overcome the three spiritual enemies.
- 1) Spiritually settled, not moved (Col. 1:23); Gospel for stabilization—maturity (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 4:14-15 cf. Gal. 1:6).
 - 2) Overcomes both Satan and the world (1 Pet. 5:8-9).
 - 3) List of fleshly lusts and Satanic lust opposed by healthy doctrine (Tit. 1:11-13).