Satan, Part 12

I. Satan is attempting to be like God and continually tries to oppose God's plan for His people.

1. He implants lusts into minds (Jn. 8:44).
2. His lusts are based on false logic, usually a faulty premise.
3. "*The results of the workings of the mind*" (2 Cor. 2:11, 4:4; 11:3; cf. Phil. 4:7).
4. In spiritual matters, God has provided counter thoughts as a logical basis for our conclusion when attacked by Satan—The Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17).
5. The prebattle requirements:
   1) Be spiritual, correct family relationship (Eph. 6:10).
   2) Be sober, take the attack seriously (1 Pet. 5:8-9).
   3) Be vigilant, be alert, watchful (1 Pet. 5:8-9).
   4) Identify the unrighteous thought as coming from Satan.
   5) Use the faith to know that Satan can be defeated (1 Pet. 5:8-9; Jam. 4:7).
   6) Be prepared to stand with the armor (Eph. 6:11, 13(2), 14; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9). "resist" KJV.
6. The loins consisting of truth (Eph. 6:14).
   1) The absolute truth is only from Scripture.
   2) Not from emotions—loins.

II. "… the breastplate consisting of righteousness" (Eph. 6:14).

1. Practical verses Positional righteousness.
   1) "Practical" righteousness is a term used to describe the righteous acts that Christians can do (2 Tim. 3:16).
   2) "Positional" righteousness is a term used to describe the righteousness that the Father inputs to Christians.
      i. Christians imputed into Christ by spiritual baptism (1 Cor. 12:13); this is called "*in Christ truth*."
      ii. This righteousness is imputed by Father to all those in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:17, 19; 6:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; Phil. 1:11). God's omniscience.
2. Understanding our imputed righteousness:
   1) "My righteousness is completely dependent on God."
   2) Since the righteousness to stand against Satan is completely dependent on God—no self-effort (Isa. 64:6).