



Recognizing Satan's Tactics

Lesson 2

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Subject: Recognizing Satan's Tactics

Lesson Text: Genesis 3:1, Genesis 3:4-5, Revelation 12:10, Proverbs 6:16–19, John 10:10-15

Lesson 2 - Genesis 3:1

¹“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.”

Genesis 3:4-5

⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Revelation 12:10

¹⁰“For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

Proverbs 6:16–19

¹⁶These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

John 10:10-15

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

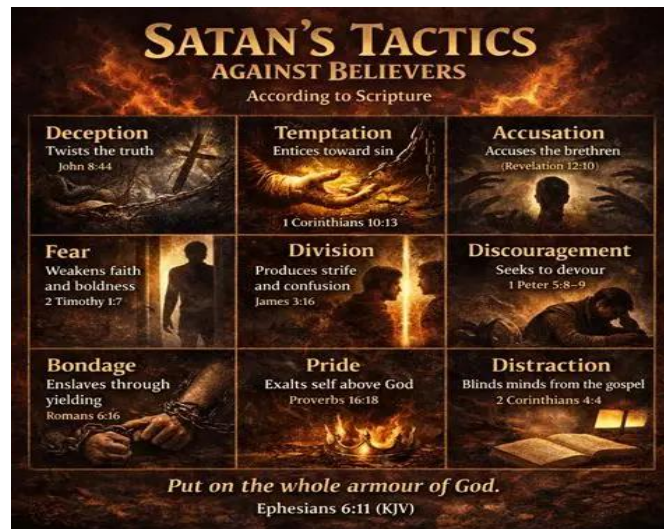
¹² But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

¹³ The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

¹⁵ As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Lesson 2: Commentary Recognizing Satan's Tactics



Lesson Commentary: Satan is called the accuser. He wants people not only to sin but, after they fall, to believe they are beyond God's mercy. Satan questioned God's Word, contradicted God's warning, and offered something that appealed to human desire.

Key Thought- Satan's methods may change, but his basic strategy remains remarkably consistent: deceive, tempt, accuse, divide, discourage, and distract.

Notice the progression:

Question → contradiction → temptation → disobedience.

Illustration — The Baited Hook

A fisherman does not advertise the hook. He advertises the bait.

The fish sees something attractive but doesn't see what is hidden underneath.

Temptation works the same way. Satan rarely presents sin by saying, "This will destroy you." Instead, temptation may appear attractive, convenient, harmless, or deserved.

The bait is visible. The hook is hidden.

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Three Questions to Ask When Facing Temptation

1. What does God's Word say?
2. What is this temptation hiding from me?
3. Where will this choice ultimately lead?

Discussion Questions

1. How did Satan approach Eve?
2. Why is knowing Scripture important when we are tempted?
3. What is the difference between temptation and sin?
4. How can accusation cause a person to give up after failure?

Takeaway - Don't judge temptation by the bait. Judge it by the hook.