

TACTICS OF SATAN

I am convinced sin was in the world before man. Satan is the originator of sin. There are at least seven ways in which Satan tempts man.

Acts 5:3

- But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part of the price of the land?*
- Why have you allowed satan to deceive you?
1Peter 5:8-9
- ***He puts evil into the hearts of men***
- Prov 4:23 “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are the issues of life.*”

Zec 3:1

- And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him
- ***He endeavours to keep men from that which is of God***
- Job 1:6 “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.”

Matthew 13:19

- When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*
- ***He catches away the seed of God's truth, lest man should be benefited***
- 2 Thess 2:11-12

2 Cor 4:4

- In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them
- ***He blinds men to their true condition and the beauty of Christ***
- Gal 3:1 “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?”

1 Thess 2:18

- Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.
- ***He hinders the servants of Christ in the work of the Gospel***
- Phil 3:14 “ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 4:1-11

- Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil
- ***He tries to lead men into sin, as is portrayed in the temptation of Christ***
- Luke 22:31 “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:”
- To show Peter to be chaff and not wheat

Gen 3:1-5

- And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 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.
- ***His aim is to get men to discredit the word of God, as may be gathered from the temptation of Eve***
- Psalms 50:21 “thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one as thyself*”

Eph 5:17

- “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding **what the will of the Lord is.**”
- 1 Tim 2:3-4 “ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”