

Sermon: Victory Over Temptation Part III

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Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8-9

I. Satan is _____ in temptation strategy. 1 Peter 5:8

1. He attacks when we are _____

2. He often tempts us on the heels of great _____. Matthew 16:15-17; 21-23

3. The devil often tempts us during a _____. 2 Samuel 11:1-4

4. The devil leads us to doubt our _____. Genesis 3:1-5

A. He begins by causing doubt in the _____ word.

B. He wants us to doubt the _____ of God's word.

C. Satan implies God is trying to _____ from knowing the truth.

5. Satan is _____ and _____. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Thought for the day Satan uses many tools to tempt us to sin. At times we are most vulnerable when we are physically weak. There is an acronym which we have used HALT. The h is for hungry, a-angry, l-lonely, and t-tired. If we are in anyone of those states our focus is on what we are lacking. Satan will do his best to make sure we satisfy our desires the wrong way. For food it can be gluttony or have us eat something we know is harmful to us such as sugar or pasta for a diabetic. Angry leads us say hurtful things to folks we love. Lonely often leads to sexual promiscuity to fulfill the need for companionship or depression because you feel no one cares. When we are tired our ability to resist is down. We are not alert making us susceptible to attack. Another area we are often tempted in is in areas of strength.. Peter was strong in his faith but he denied Jesus three times because he put himself in a situation where he was disconnected to Jesus meaning he had to rely on his own strength. The key to overcoming temptation is abiding with Jesus. This means we realize he is walking with us. He keeps us from attempting to fight temptation in our own strength. Peter fell because his source of power like ours is Jesus. Never underestimate the deceptive power of Satan but don't tremble with fear because of him. Remember greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. That works for temptation as well as for any other times of need. **Pastor Bruce**