

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Sunday School
Winter, 2020
Spiritual Warfare

Week 3: January 26th: Paul's References to Satan in His Letters (Continued)

A. Ephesians 4:25-27; (and v. 14)

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to **the devil**.”

B. 1 Corinthians 5:4-5 (and vv. 1-10)

“When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to **Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 7:5 (and vv. 1-5)

“Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that **Satan** may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

C. 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (and vv. 5-17)

“Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by **Satan**; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 (and vv. 1-6)

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (and 6:14-7:1)

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with **Belial**? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?”

10:3-5 (and vv. 1-5; cf. 6:7)

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy **strongholds**. We destroy **arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God**, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...”

11:3 (and vv. 1-6)

“But I am afraid that as **the serpent** deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

11:12-15

“And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even **Satan** disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”

12:7

“So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of **Satan** to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.”

D. 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18; 3:5 (and 2:17-3:5)

“But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but **Satan** hindered us... For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow **the tempter** had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.”

E. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (and vv. 1-12)

“The coming of **the lawless one** is by the activity of **Satan** with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

F. 1 Timothy 1:18-20

“This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to **Satan** that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

2:14 (and vv. 11-15); 5:15 (and verses 11-16); cf. 2 Timothy 3:6-7

“and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was **deceived** and became a transgressor.”

“So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. For some have already strayed after **Satan**.”

3:6-7 (and vv. 1-7)

“He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit [**PRIDE!!**] and fall into the condemnation of **the devil**. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of **the devil**.”

4:1 (and vv. 1-5)

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to **deceitful spirits and teachings of demons...**”

G. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

“And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of **the devil**, after being captured by **him** to do his will.”

Conclusion

1. Do you believe in Satan and his dark power?
2. Do you believe you are susceptible to his schemes?
3. Where do you see spiritual warfare in your life, family, our church? How are you responding?