

## **V. SATAN'S MAIN TARGET => THE MIND**

### **A. Why is the mind so important ?**

1. (Prov 23.7) Mind controls what a person becomes
  - a. We are shaped by ideas, perceptions, mental goal images
  - b. You can control a person by inserting your ideas into him
  
2. All politicians know the value of propaganda
  - a. Nazi's, communists worked it
  
3. (2 Cor 11.3) Satan knows its value !
  - a. Paul's warning: Satan will attempt to pull us from Christ  
THRU OUR MINDS !

### **B. The value of a disciplined mind**

1. Look at problems of an **undisciplined** mind
  - a. Problems memorizing Scripture ?  
Fall asleep in prayer ?  
Mind wander in devotions ?
  
  - b. Satan USES any looseness to control our thoughts  
=> straying from concentrating on Christ  
-- Satan also makes it APPEAR that WE are doing the straying
  
2. (2 Cor 10.4-5) God expects EVERY thought to be controlled
  - a. "...weapons of our warfare .... taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."
  
  - b. We'll learn later what the believer's weapons are

### **C. (Eph 6.12) We are warned we are in a THOUGHT war**

1. Note Satan's hierarchy set at EVERY LEVEL to control our thoughts
  - a. Intent = take us away from thinking about Christ
  - b. Elaboration of Satan's hierarchy ...
    - "**rulers**" = government & political control through liberal doctrines
    - "**powers**" = violent evil spirits, riots, rebellions  
.. Instigates fear to turn us away from perceiving truth
    - "**darkness**" = Astrology, spiritism, could our belief in God
    - "**spiritual wickedness**" = Religions, leaders speaking false doctrines
  
  - c. ALL are waging a WAR for control of the MIND !

2. Our attitude should be ...
  - a. (Heb 12.3)
    - Remember Christ & His endurance before you give in to assault
  - b. (Philp 2.5-8)
    - Remember Christ submitted to the trial to the ultimate sacrifice
  - c. Christ kept His mind disciplined BY the Father
    - (Rom 8.35-39)
    - (2 Cor 4.8-10, 17-18)

## **D. Satan's mind-attack methods**

### 1. Main steps

- a. (Matt 13.19) Satan has access to the mind & thoughts
  - Note "...does not understand it..."
  - Satan must be at the heart & mind of the person to know when he can snatch the truth away
- b. Satan has access & limited control
  - Can take away what the Spirit has sown
  - Means we must pray for understanding & conviction from Holy Spirit to withstand this
- c. Since Satan can see & influence our thought life ...
  - Likely knows our ambitions, motives, desires, concerns
    - .. Knows what to use on us to turn us from the faith
    - .. (Jam 1.14) Picks what will be MOST useful against God
- d. (Acts 5.3) Satan replaces the message IN OUR MIND
  - Why should we "...bring every thought into captivity..."?
    - =. Because many of them aren't ours !**
  - How do we allow Satan's thoughts to replace the Spirit's ?
    - .. Failure to see see that Satan can & will do it => Defenseless
    - .. Failure to examine thoughts against God's Word
      - + (1 Tim 3.6-7) E.g. of even a pastor falling to this (art involvement)
    - .. Failure to study, memorize, meditate on God's Word
      - + Intrusion detection / protection system
      - + God's Word gives ...
        - \_ Awareness
        - \_ Holy Spirit sounding the alarm
        - \_ Depth to kill Satan's subtle lies
    - .. (2 Tim 2.26) End result of this subtlety...
      - "...captive by him **to do his will ...**"

## 2. Why does his strategy work !

### a. Understand the nature of our minds

- It's always running, like the North Sea windmills
- Mill stones keep grinding, whether there's grain to grind or not
- So mind will work on what it is fed, continuously
  - .. God's thoughts will produce Christ-like character
  - .. Satan's thoughts will detour the believer

### b. Satan's "suggestion plan"

- Can't touch our will
  - .. Must make suggestions to influence our will  
"As a man thinks, so is he..."
- Objectives of the plan
  - .. **ISOLATION** from God's Word  
"You're too tired to read from Bible tonight"  
"Tomorrow's Saturday - read a whole chapter"
  - .. **DOUBTS** about God's standards  
"Is that realistic in today's world ?"  
"What's really wrong with one little ...?"  
"Well, it won't hurt anyone !"
  - .. **DEFEAT** for you & your family  
"Look at those bills ! God doesn't want you to be happy"  
"No one has the problems you have !"
- End goal of the plan
  - .. Assure that the believer has an UNCHANGING life
  - .. Satan doesn't mind a moral life
    - + God wants a changing life => Growth toward Christlikeness
    - + Satan prevents life-changing thinking

c. Overview of the plan working

- Real-life examples of it working
  - .. Friend drives up in a new car
    - + Possible negative reactions
      - \_ Envy over his good fortune
      - \_ Judgementally feel he doesn't deserve it
      - \_ Hatred toward him & God because you don't have it
    - + Probably you don't think this way
    - + But Satan WILL plant some of those thoughts
      - \_ Work on what you are most likely to lean toward
      - \_ **Your responsibility** is for what happens to the thoughts after he plants them
      - \_ **You are free** to accept or reject the suggestion  
"resist the devil and he will flee"

d. Satan's plan works by targeting the subconscious

- Sigmund Freud studied it
  - .. Likened it to "...turning over a rock & seeing vermin scattering in all directions..."
  - .. Exposed it as site of man's evil, deprived nature
  
- Satan uses this hidden, ever-turning aspect of the mind...
  - .. Uses what has been stored there against our desire to become Christlike
  - .. Adds suggestions to what is already there from our ungodly actions
  - .. Molds a trend
  - .. Whispers appropriate trigger suggestions
  
- His victory is gained in two ways
  - .. We don't see the ideas as his => Feel we can't combat them
  - .. We think they are ours => Feel we're helpless

e. Believer's responsibility is to deal with it

- BE AWARE
  - .. It IS going on
  - .. Use the Word to discern which suggestions are Satan's & which are God's
  
- RESIST Satan's attack
  - .. Drive suggestions out
  - .. Substitute God's will (from His Word) instead  
=> Reorients life's direction

## **E. Two examples of Satan's mind method**

### **1. The Eden Attack (Gen 3.1-6)**

- a. (2 Cor 11.3) "craftiness" = his method
- b. Note his successful SETUP
  - Approached Eve when she was alone
    - .. Without support of husband
    - .. Temptation works best on an alone person
  
  - Used an acceptable form for the approach
    - .. Repulsive form would drive her to God
    - .. Selected attractive animal
  
  - Didn't suggest blatant blasphemy
    - .. Didn't attack God directly
    - .. Eating..normal desire to be harmlessly satisfied
    - .. He masks fact suggestion is out of God's will
    - + ..... (vs 4) Note he is suggesting
  
  - Gave no impression he was God's enemy
    - .. He masked the danger
    - .. References to God are patronizing, questioning, "nit picking"
- c. Note the ELEMENTS of the temptation
  - (1 Jn 2.16) Key three attack areas on believers
    - .. Desires of the body ("...lust of the flesh...")
    - .. Desire for what we see ("...lust of the eyes...")
    - .. Ego ("...boastful pride of life ...")
  
  - All three present in the Eden attack
    - .. (Gen 3.6) "...the woman saw...good for food"  
=> desire for what body wants
    - .. "...pleasant to the eyes..."  
=> desire for what pleases the eye
    - .. "...desirable to make one wise..."  
=> ego
  
  - Results: Rebellion, disobedience to God's will

d. MO for the attack

- (vs 1) "...Indeed has God said ....?" > Subtle question
- (vs 4) "...You surely will not die !"
  - .. Incredulous insinuation (offered gently)
  - .. Eve now curious
- (vs 5) "For God knows ..."
  - .. Casts suspicion on God's love & goodness
  - .. Plants suggestion God isn't totally honest/good => Doubt
  - .. Along way, has denied God's Word for Eve

e. Note Eve's failure under attack

- Note transition vs 5 => vs 6
  - .. She didn't immediately reject slander against God or His Word
  - .. She allowed "thought room" for suggestion's growth [the MIND ATTACK worked !]
  - .. She saw it "desirable to make one wise"
    - + God didn't say that explicitly (2.16-17)
    - ± *Eve* carried it from knowledge to wisdom**, began doubting God's goodness
    - + (3.3) Eve questioned God's goodness by the way she misrepresented God's command in her explanation (2.17) "...surely die" => "... will die" = minimized God's penalty
- Result
  - .. Longed for what God prohibited
  - .. Defied God's will
  - .. Enticed her husband to do the same

f. Attack summary

- Subtle, craftily arranged approached
- Played on human weaknesses
  - .. Lust of body & eyes, ego
- Planted suggestions in mind
- Misused God's Word

## **2. The Wilderness Attack (Matt 4.1-11)**

- a. An EVIDENT Satan is PERSONALLY tempting Christ
  - (vs 3) "...tempter came..."
  - (vs 5) "... the devil took him into ..."
  - (vs 7) "... Jesus said to him ..."
  - (vs 11) "... then the devil left him ..."
  
- b. Reason for the conflict
  - (vs 1) The Spirit initiated the challenge
  - (1 Jn 3.8) Jesus now starting the purpose for His coming ... destroying the works of the devil
  
- c. Note Satan's approach & methods same as in Eden
  - Subtle & logical suggestions
    - .. Hungry ? Why not eat ?
    - .. Son of God ? Why not miraculously prove it ?
    - .. To be King ? Why not take a short cut & rule with me ?
  
  - Carefully concealed bait
    - .. If Jesus took any suggestion => Acts independent of God
    - .. Jesus stayed in obedience by RESISTing Satan
  
- d. (Heb 4.15) Jesus was tempted in the same basic three ways
  - (Matt 4.2-4) The desire to enjoy things => **Body**
    - .. Satan appears as benefactor, ready to satisfy a need  
=> **PHYSICAL** assault
    - .. Satan masked the issue
      - + Jesus was hungry while FASTING in the desert
        - \_ Led by the Spirit through God's will
      - + Satan suggested He break that fast => DISOBEDIENCE
      - + Satan was attempting to get Jesus to stop depending on God

- (Matt 4.5-6) The desire to achieve things => **Ego**
    - .. Satan pushed Jesus' confidence in God
    - .. Note misquote of Scripture
      - + (Ps 91.11-12)
        - "11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you,  
To guard you in all your ways.
        - 12 They will bear you up in their hands,  
That you do not strike your foot against a stone"
    - + (Matt 4.6)
      - "He will command His angels concerning You;  
On their hands they will bear You up,  
So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone. "
    - + Big differences...
      - \_ Satan left out the angels guarding Him, not rescuing Him if He jumped
      - \_ They were to guard Him in all His ways, => those God directed Him to do as obedient servant
    - + This is a **MENTAL** assault
- (Matt 4.8-11) The desire to get satisfying things => **LUST**
  - .. Wanted Jesus to acknowledge him in God's place  
=> **SPIRITUAL** assault
  - .. Jesus didn't challenge Satan's boast that he had control of the world
  - .. For Jesus, the cross lay on the path to the crown
    - + Satan was tempting Him to get the crown without the cross

- e. Note implications for the believer in withstanding the mind attack by Satan
  - Jesus defeated Satan PERSONALLY by using God's Word
    - .. Overcame Satan's subtle suggestions
    - .. **Used no more than what we have**
      - + God's Word
      - + Depended on the Spirit re. how to use it
      - + Had faith in His Father
    - .. Didn't sin, even though tempted
  - Satan was defeated completely and left
    - ".... then the devil left Him..."
    - .. Craftiness was exposed
    - .. Could do no harm
    - .. Had to leave

## **F. SUMMARY ON SATAN'S ATTACK METHODS**

1. What we covered so far seems to focus on only one area
  - a. That of temptation to commit a sin
2. But it's critical to see other areas that Satan attacks using the same techniques
  - a. Some affliction we may have
    - Illness
    - Job situation
    - Family difficulties
  - b. Satan will attack in the same way
    - Appeal to the three areas
      - .. BODY => safety, health, appearance, et al
      - .. EGO => Career danger, desire to achieve
      - .. LUST => want things to go our way
    - Satan gets us thinking against God
      - .. Not seeing it is Satan playing mind tricks
      - .. Don't PERSONALLY resist him
    - We are responsible to fend off these as well

## **VI. OUR PERSONAL CONFLICT**

### **A. A Mechanism We Live With (Rom 7.15-23)**

1. Conflict between...
  - a. What you know theologically (doctrine)
    - But you don't do what you KNOW to do
  - b. What you experience (practice)
    - You do what you know NOT to do instead
  
2. Satan has power to keep your mind stirred up
  - a. I assent to a promise of God
    - Satan goes to work stirring doubt, modification
  - b. I gain some direction from God
    - Satan begins to modify, rather than down, it
  
3. Having FAITH in Jesus doesn't stop this !
  - a. He never said it would
  - b. Without proper action, the stirring continues to Satan's victory !
  
4. Perfect personal COMMITMENT won't stop this
  - a. (vs 15,17-18) Paul said he tried it unsuccessfully
  - b. Something must be done to be RID of Satan's attack
  
5. CONCLUSION - Action needed to get Satan out of your mind !
  - a. Allows faith to have continuity
  - b. Faith PLEASES God ==> Empowers the believer
    - Faith is the light switch
    - "Grieving" the Holy Spirit => lost power

### **B. "HANDLING" The Mechanism**

1. (vs 24) The key question !
  - a. The answer is not me, but who else
  - b. (vs 25) Christ is the power
  - c. Reasons why
    - (8.1-2) We are free from the influence of sin if we act on that freedom (= want to be free)
    - (8.3) Jesus conquered the influence of sin
  
2. Where is this power ?
  - a. (Gal 2.20) He's IN us
  - b. (1 Jn 4.4) Enough power to be truly free

3. Why doesn't this just keep Satan away ?
  - a. Consider example of garage door opener
    - Electrical power ready to activate motor
    - What has to be done to put door in motion ?  
**PUSH THE BUTTON !**
  - b. Christ has already defeated Satan
    - Paid price on Cross
    - Rose from the grave to defeat death, Satan's hold
    - He now wants us to "push the button" to activate His power against Satan for us

4. How do I "push the button" ?
  - a. Indicated in Scripture ...
    - (Eph 4.26-27) " ...do not give the devil an opportunity"
    - (Eph 6.11) "...stand against the schemes..."
    - (6.12) "...struggle...against ..."
    - (6.13) "...resist..."
    - (1 Pet 5.9) "But resist him..."
    - (Jam 4.7) "...Resist the devil .."

All say YOU resist, not Jesus !

- b. Note Christ's pattern (Matt 4.10)
  - "...Jesus said to him..." => Talked to Satan
  - "... Go, Satan..." => Commanded him
  - "...For it is written ..."
  - => Acted on the authority of God's Word

### **C. Satan's Success at Working the Mechanism**

1. A pause - Why should I be concerned ?
  - a. I'm a good Christian
    - Read my Bible, pray, meditate
    - Attend every time the doors are open
    - Engage in good works
    - Witness to my neighbors
  - b. Satan doesn't control me !
2. Remember Satan's MO
  - a. Crucial truth - he operates in disguise !
    - Stays hidden
    - Doesn't attack boldly
    - Makes subtle changes to God's Word and guidance

b. His key goal is outdoing God

- "I will ascend", "I will be like", "I will sit on my throne"
- His spirit is self-spirit

c. Man inherited this spirit at the Fall

- Adam was perfect at creation, BUT so was Satan
- (Rom 5.19) We all inherited the "spirit of self"
- Typical expressions of this inheritance...
  - .. "I can't see how anybody would want to ..."
  - .. "I don't understand why they behave that way ..."
  - .. "You ought to see what I did yesterday"
  - .. Well ! Let me tell you what I would do..."

d. Satan's disguise is perfect

- (Matt 16.22-23) Jesus knew Satan was behind Peter's comment
- If Satan can control our thoughts, W/O GIVING HIMSELF AWAY  
==> VICTORY !!

3. Modern day Christians under Satan's control

a. (Phil 1.21) All-consuming passion to follow Christ in all points of his life

- A Christian filled with, & controlled by the Spirit, will show this consistently in his/her life = Standard to measure life by

b. Go back & review the modern Christian (HINT: Satan in disguise)

-- Typical Man

.. Gets up

- + Smells coffee - Hungry, no time for prayer
- + Get dressed - Wears what he wants  
(how about something Christ can use instead ??)
- + Looks in mirror - Great face ! (Thank God for it ?)
- + Says good bye to HIS wife (God preserves her as helpmate)

.. At his job

- + Must keep working (No time for prayer now & then)
- + Don't witness to George (he'll think you're a pain)
- + No devotions at lunch (have to keep employee relations up)

.. Returns home

- + Eats what he wants
- + Watches what he wants
- + Ooops - Too late for prayer, hit it tomorrow

.. SAY - who thought up all those excuses ??

- + WHO is in control, didya say ??

- Typical Woman (if she doesn't work outside home)
  - .. Cleans her house (To use for Jesus ? Pray for others meantime ?)
  - .. Pays bills (Worry about what they don't have ?)
  - .. Someone comes to the door  
(Is it "Who's there ?" or "Who has Jesus sent ?")
  - .. Make sure the kids get to school (To grow resourceful for Jesus ?)
  - .. Goes to beauty shop (To look nice so Jesus can use her ?)

c. The net result

- Satan has us preoccupied with ...
  - .. Work
  - .. Buying things
  - .. Putting/taking money in/out of the bank
  - .. Getting gas for car, food for home
  - .. Preoccupied/worrying about personal issues
- This blinds us to OPPORTUNITIES for Christ !
  - .. We are satisfied with...
    - + 1 day out of 7 for God
    - + 1/10th of material goods to God
  - .. So we think we are dedicated
  - .. BUT Satan has us living MOSTLY for ourselves !
    - + Because he's in DISGUISE
    - + Because we don't RESIST it
- CAUTION in adjusting your focus
  - .. This isn't saying to give more time & more money
  - .. This does say...
    - + Let the Spirit control the purpose of it, how you do it
    - + Don't let Satan make you ineffective !

d. But wait...there's more to Satan's attacks

- He will use other people on you
  - .. E.g. Peter rebuking Christ about not dying
  - .. Satan will use your family & friends to cause you to ...
    - + to assert yourself
    - + to worry
    - + to give up on God
  - .. This is all focused on living for SELF

- He will also use circumstances on you
  - .. Satan arranges negative circumstances out of the world system
  - .. God wants to use them to cause the Christian to grow
    - + The mature attitude toward these is to let God grow you
    - + The selfish attitude toward these = "Why me ?"
      - \_ Resist growth
      - \_ Avoid the circumstances

4. Clearly we have two choices under Satan's attacks

- a. Let them negate our effectiveness & "Be ashamed at His appearing"  
OR
- b. RESIST HIM & hear  
"Well done, thou good and faithful servant"

**VII. PREPARING TO RESIST SATAN (JAM 4.7)**

**A. Why must we WORK at resisting ?**

- 1. Christian is unlike any other animal
  - a. Gazelle - Hears well, hears lion, runs fast
  - b. Zebra - Protective coloration
  - c. Skunk - no problems !
- 2. Christian has no "natural" defenses against Satan
  - a. In fact, we have shown Satan triggers our "natural" characteristics against us (eye, lust,ego)
    - Wanting to get ahead
    - Sticking up for your rights
    - Protecting yourself (defensiveness)
    - Wanting the best
    - Wanting self & family ahead of others
    - Wanting a good time
    - Excessive concerns, worry
  - b. So we must WORK at resisting Satan from the start

**B. CAUTION - Concept of actively resisting foreign to most believers**

- 1. Satan strikes with speed of thought - gives no warning
- 2. Must have PREPLANNED ACTION to resist
  - a. *Principles of War* by Christian author James I. Wilson
    - Necessary intelligence re. the enemy includes...
      - .. Knowing WHO he is
      - .. What his intentions are
      - .. His methods of operation
    - Must study the enemy to gain this (we have )
    - Must have plans ready to resist & overturn the attack

3. The plan to resist must include ....
  - a. Believe what GOD has said about the enemy
  - b. Learn how he operates
  - c. Know his strengths and weaknesses
  - d. Have a definite plan for resisting
  - e. Know how to use your resources in Christ
  - f. Act on 1st hint satanic suggestion

**C. Must follow Jesus' priorities in this**

1. (Matt 26.41) Watching comes BEFORE praying
  - a. Watching also comes before temptation hits
  
2. Two kinds of WATCHING
  - a. One is obvious - watch for Satan's suggestion
  - b. Second watching is ... watch YOURSELF !
    - Ignoring Satan's existence, power, methods
    - (Eph 4.26-27) Uncontrolled anger
      - .. Opens opportunity for defeat
  
    - (2 Cor 2.10-11) Resentful, unforgiving spirit
    - (Jude 9) Flippant jesting about Satan
    - (2 Cor 6.15) Mismatching with unbelievers
    - (1 Tim 3.6) Care in appointing to office
      - .. Not just church leaders
      - .. E.g. "Peter Principaling" young people to premature responsibilities
    - (Deut 18.10-12) Unholy curiosities
      - .. Fortune telling, astrology columns, Ouija boards
      - .. Pornographic peeking
  - c. ALL of these give Satan an opportunity
  
3. Another priority of Jesus = YOU resist, not Him
  - a. Jesus is a resource, not an automatic deterrent to Satan (otherwise no Wilderness Temptation would have occurred)

## **D. CONDITIONS for successfully resisting**

### **1. (James 4.7) 1st SUBMIT to GOD**

- a. "Submit" is Godward
  - THEN "Resist" is Satan-ward via God's authority & power
  
- b. Why ? Christian must resist "in the Spirit"
  - If your approach is on your own, Satan won't flee
  - He controls your flesh, so no worry for him then
  - You must be under God's control 1st
    - .. Be filled with the Spirit
      - + Must continually ask for this
    - .. Then Satan fears the believer as God's weapon in God's hand !

### **2. (1 Pet 5.6a) 2nd "Humble yourselves ..."**

- a. God mandates that the humble will be victorious
- b. TRULY submitting to God IS humbling
  - If God doesn't have total control of you, then you're not humbled, ready to successfully resist

### **3. (1 Pet 5.9a) 3rd "...resist...firm in the faith ..."**

- a. Faith in what ?
  - (Heb 2.14-15) (1 Jn 3.8b)  
Faith that Jesus has destroyed Satan's ability to control us

## **E. Our attitude should be .....**

1. Our commander said "YOU resist Satan !"
2. He has pre-guaranteed the victory, if carried out properly
3. So I will do it !

## **VIII. THE SYSTEM FOR RESISTING**

### **A. An overview**

#### **1. Note Christ's example (Matt 4.10)**

- a. Three steps
  - Recognized and called Satan by name
  - Commanded him to leave
  - Quoted Scripture appropriate to the evil suggestion

2. WE must broaden the example because of our imperfection
  - a. Regard Satan as a prowler trying to get in
  - b. Need a "burglar prevention system" > Dr. C.S. Lovett
    - => Basic Satan Defense Plan
    - Lights on => Prevention
    - Detectors => Become aware of the prowler
    - Alarm => Expose presence of the prowler
    - Weapon => Resist & drive away prowler

## **B. More detailed view of the analogy**

### 1. "Lights on" = Knowledge

- a. Study Satan's methods
- b. Think about how he attacks you (Mind, specifics)
- c. Share knowledge about Satan with others
- d. Speak against Satan
  - Satan's trying to hide behind our "self"
  - Satan's attempts to actually control us

### 2. "Detectors"

- a. WATCH yourself !
- b. Watch for these weaknesses which Satan will target  
(Gal 5.19-21)
  - Immorality, impurity, sensuality = Lust
  - Idolatry
    - Anything which comes between you and the Lord
  - Anger, touchiness, resentment
  - Jealousy, envying, judgmentalism
    - Measuring others by yourself
  - Gossip, disputes, dissension
  - Doubt, worry
  - Satan wants to blame you for thinking of them !
- c. Set a TRAP for Satan on these
  - Pick one of your weakest areas
  - Ask Holy Spirit to put a continuous watch over it
    - .. Toughest part is detecting Satan
    - .. Must depend on Spirit to detect Satan's attempts
  - Springing the trap
    - .. Make up a card of Scripture covering the area  
e.g. WEAKNESS => Isa 41.10
    - .. Carry the card with you, look at it frequently
    - .. Makes you aware of GOD's answer to this when Satan makes the suggestion => Trap sprung !

- Now you can deal with him
  - .. You tied the "weakness" suggestion to Satan, NOT you
  - .. You defined the true Cause behind the Effect
  - .. Satan's disguise is over with
  
- Why does it work ?
  - .. We are imperfect, blind to Satan's suggestion
  - .. Complete dependence on Spirit to watch says He will sound the warning
  - .. We must CONDITION ourselves to do this

### **3. Alarm**

- a. Speak to Satan by calling his name
  - Just as Jesus did
  - Shatter his disguise & MO of making you think it was you
  
- b. Command him to "go" from you in the Name of Jesus
  - Just as Jesus did
  - (Col 3.17)
    - .. You are NOT using your power to do this
    - .. You ARE speaking in the authority given you by Jesus as a child of God

### **4. Weapon**

- a. (Jer 23.29) God's WORD is the weapon
  - It is the ONLY offensive weapon in Eph 6.10-17
  - "Satan says" is thereby countered by "God says"
  
- b. (Jam 2.19) Is the EFFECT
  - God's Word is AIMED at Satan
  - He is reminded of God's TRUTH & he flees !
  
- c. Quoting Scripture to yourself when tempted isn't the method, quoting it to Satan to ward him off is

- d. Typical responses from God re. what Satan says
  - WORRY => "Be anxious for nothing"
  - GOSSIP => "Love one another, bear one another's burdens"
  - COVETING => "Set your affections on things above"
  - LUST => "Be ye holy for I am holy"
  - DISSATISFACTION => "Be content with such things as ye have"
  - DEFEAT => "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"
  
- e. Get them ready to speak before Satan strikes
  - Prepare => Study => Memorize

## **C. Summary**

### 1. Four elements in resisting Satan's mind attacks

- a. Light => Keep aware that he is real, disguised, stalking
- b. Detection => Watch YOUR weaknesses
- c. Alarm => Speak to Satan, command him to go
- d. Weapon => Use God's Word appropriate to the challenge

### 2. Final warning

- a. The more dedicated to living for God that you are ...
  - the more you will be attacked
  - Satan is desperate to attack serious believers
  
- b. Remember how he attacked Jesus
  
- c. This is SERIOUS business !