

Trials: Understanding the Unseen Realities

Part Three: April 15, 2020

Understanding the Enemy's Tactics

13. What are the enemy's tactics against us?

- _____ God's Word (Gen. 3:1)
 - "Yea, hath God said?"
 - "Hath God said it to _____?"

- Outright _____ (Gen. 3:4-5)
 - He will directly _____ God.
 - He will will mix some _____ with his lie to make the lie more appealing.

- _____ (Eph. 6:16; 2 Tim. 1:7-8, 4:16-17; 1 Pet. 5:8)
 - Eph. 6:16: His fiery darts can include fears.
 - 1 Tim. 1:7-8: He will do all he can to scare us out of our faith, frighten us out of serving God, or make us timid or _____.
 - 1 Pet. 5:8: He will try to intimidate us by his _____.

- _____ (2 Cor. 2:7, 11)
 - He will try to "swallow us up" with "overmuch _____."

- _____-driving between believers (2 Cor. 2:8-11)
 - He will exploit any lack of forgiveness or full reconciliation by trying to drive a wedge between believers.

- _____ (Job 2:9-10)
 - Doubt spirals downward to discouragement and then to despair, which is a deep pit of much sorrow mixed with much _____.
 - In trials, Satan may try to get us to give in to despair as he tried to do with Job through his despairing _____—"curse God and die" (1:11, 2:5).
 - Important application: We must be extremely careful what we say to people when we are living in _____. If we allow the devil to use our mind for a playground, we may become his instrument for taking someone else down (Matt. 16:22-23).

- Guilt and _____ (Job 4:12-21)
 - Satan may suggest untrue thoughts to our minds or attempt to amplify guilt (as he did with Eliphaz) by telling us that:
 - “God isn’t _____” (vs. 18).
 - “You’re too big a _____ for God to help you” (vs. 17, 19).
 - “God doesn’t _____” (vs. 19-20).
 - Insight 1: Satan may try to use guilt to compound our doubts.
 - Insight 2: Just a little suggestion can go a long way. Satan will start with any suggestion that works (against ourselves or others), but ultimately, he will accuse _____ of being unfair.
 - Insight 3: Satan probably can’t read our thoughts, but he can whisper suggestions to our _____ without words.