

Satan's Strategies

JOHN 8:42-47



We who follow Jesus Christ have an enemy, and his name is Satan (**Mark 1:13**). A created being, Satan is loose in the world but limited in what he can carry out against us (**Job 1:12**). Many people consider no more than a figment of the imagination, which allows him to work undetected. While he is a defeated foe (**John 16:11**), he pretends otherwise.

Satan's Objectives/Strategies:

- To draw us away from God—whether through blatant attacks or subtle deception (**Revelation 12:9**).
- To thwart God's purpose for our lives by pulling us out of alignment with His will (**Jeremiah 33:3**).
- To rob God of the glory and honor He deserves by tempting us into disobedience (**Malachi 2:2**).
- To destroy us in this world as he prowls like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour (**1 Peter 5:8–9**).

The Father of Lies (**John 8:44**) uses falsehood, deceit, and temptation as tools for achieving his goals—and he has chosen our minds as a battleground. Why? Because faulty thinking leads to disobedient behavior, which impedes God's purposes for us. Erroneous ideas and thoughts produce vulnerabilities like worry or fearfulness, which Satan uses to exploit and hinder our spiritual growth.

When engaging in spiritual warfare against Satan, setbacks may occur. However, believers will not be overcome, because "greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world" (**1 John 4:4**). Offering a prayer of surrender will also assist us in the battle: Lord, I offer You total and complete control over my mind. Reveal anything that does not agree with Your Word and teach me Your truth. In Jesus Name, Amen!