

Satan's Attacks

EPHESIANS 6:10-12



The enemy's attacks against our minds are skillful. By watching how we live, he can determine when and where we are defenseless. While he is NOT omniscient, he does know enough to work against us.

Attack #1: Satan directs our attention to something we want.

This causes us to get so wrapped up in perceived needs that we forget the many wonderful things God has already provided for us. Once we have narrowed our focus to a desire for satisfaction, Satan then steps in to meet our craving with what he wants us to choose. Something that will ultimately draw us away from God. **2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 4:4**

Attack #2: Satan watches for certain times and situations to tempt us.

Satan will do anything in his power to draw our minds away from the Lord, even distracting us in the middle of prayer. His goal is to undermine what God is doing in us and through us. But God has not left us defenseless. He has given us a powerful weapon against temptation and accusation: His Word. The Bible reminds us of who He is, who we are in Him, and what is eternally true. **1 Corinthians 10:13; Revelation 12:10**

Attack #3: Satan uses our emotional climate against us.

Satan understands that our emotions can at times make us weak and vulnerable. He waits until fatigue and loneliness set in our lives so that he can exploit those vulnerabilities. He tempts us with "I want it now" thinking, often hiding the potential consequences from our view. **John 10:10; James 4:7**

Attack #4: Satan works to create doubt in our minds.

Satan desires us to question the truth of God's Word, and even to feel unsure or doubtful about our salvation. Once disbelief sets in, as it did for Adam and Eve, our minds will begin to twist scripture to justify our actions. **1 Peter 5:8-9; Genesis 3:1-6**

Though we may be susceptible to Satan's schemes at times, we are not helpless against him. Our Father protects us, our Savior intercedes for us and the Holy Spirit guides us into His truth of His Word. **2 Timothy 1:7**