

Christian Life—A Battle Ground

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I. Introduction.

- A. We are seeing a tremendous Satanic revival.
- B. The Christian must know how to handle this battle against the Devil.

II. Eve. (Genesis 3, 2 Corinthians 11:3)

- A. Satan targets the mind because God communicates truth to the mind. The Bible's truth is written to the mind.
- B. Satan's weapon is the lie. Satan always comes in disguise. Satan questions God's Word, denies God's Word and he substitutes his lie. (John 8:44, Romans 1, Isaiah 14)
- C. Eve adds, takes away and changes God's Word as a result.
- D. God's purpose was to make Eve ignorant of God's will. If we do not know the will of God, we are sunk.
- E. Our defense is the Bible.

III. Job. (Job 1-2)

- A. Satan targets the body because it is God's temple, God's treasury (2 Corinthians 4) and God's tool (Romans 6).
- B. Satan's weapon is suffering. There is correcting suffering (Hebrews 12) and perfecting suffering (James 5).
- C. Satan's goal is impatience. Impatience is evidence of unbelief and immaturity. (Isaiah 28:16, James 1)
- D. Our defense is the grace of God. We are saved by grace and we are to live by it.

IV. David. (1 Chronicles 21)

- A. Satan attacked David's will.
- B. Satan's weapon was pride.
- C. Satan's goal was to make David independent of God.
- D. Our defense is the indwelling Spirit of God. (Philippians 2:12-13, Romans 7)
- E. We must present our minds, bodies and wills in order to resist Satan. (James 4:7, Romans 12:1-2)

V. Joshua, the high priest. (Zechariah 3)

- A. Satan attacks our hearts.
- B. Satan's weapon is accusation. Satan accuses believers before God and it affects us on earth. (Revelation 12:10)
- C. Satan's purpose is to bring an indictment against us before God.
- D. Our weapon Jesus the advocate.

Application questions:

1. Which of Satan's weapons affect you the most?

2. Which defense against Satan stood out to you the most? What strikes you about it?

3. Why does our culture tend to shy away from Satan's involvement in our lives? How can we encourage other believers to be more aware of Satan's activity today? Explain.
