

Day 3

- We are still standing on the same premise laid out on Day 1 and added to on Day 2.
- So, how does Satan have access to us? Well, if we, after coming to Salvation in Jesus Christ, continue to knowingly sin, Satan has a legal right to come in and torment us. We have opened the door to him.
- If we expose our eyes to things of the flesh on TV, movies, books, other forms of entertainment that is full of sex, violence, hate, murder, and things of that nature, we, once again, are opening a door for Satan to come in. And believe me, he is not going to politely stay out side and ask if he can come in through the opening. He will burst into the opening and immediately take up residence.
- If we expose our ears to hearing continually negative things, foul language, pornographic jokes, words that tear others down, etc. Again, it is an open door for the enemy to come in and torment us.
- That's why scripture tells us to "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8
 - Now, a roaring lion in nature is an old lion, not truly capable for real combat, so he uses his roar to scare his prey in hopes of causing them to make a mistake, so he can easily devour them. He uses a ruse, a bluff.
 - How does he torment us? Oppression, depression, fear, doubt, confusion, strife, a feeling of complete failure...and so much more. Remember, God is Absolutely Good! So, if sickness, pain, anguish of any kind, including tormenting thoughts of jealousy and mistrust, rage and hatred, are coming at us or from within us, these are ALL from Satan. And he is tormenting us because we have open doors that have allowed him legal access to us. Meaning, we did not take every thought captive through the obedience to Christ. We didn't resist the devil somewhere, and we came into agreement with what he was saying, and WOOSH! He came right in.
 - This is not said for condemnation but for us to realize the Truth, because "if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31
 - "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6
 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:34-36
 - "Stand fast therefore in the liberty (freedom) by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1
 - "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty (freedom); only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13
- When we accept Salvation through Christ Jesus, we are made free from sin and iniquity. But if we continue to knowingly sin, we are using our freedom for our own fleshly desires. It is like choosing to live in a prison cell, with all the doors open. Satan whispers to us words of compromise, usually mixed with some truth. "If Jesus really forgave your sins and your free, then you can do whatever you want. He won't take salvation from you. If you are really a son or daughter to the King of kings, then live it up." Or, "If you sin or enjoy yourself, it isn't going to harm you at all." Now, let me clarify, that the pleasures and "joys" of this world are like ash in our mouths when we truly yield to God and experience His joys and His pure purposes in our lives. Freedom is truly amazing!!
- Yet, the legal devil knows the Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest, and he is hoping we don't. If we plant seeds of sin back into our once sin free life, given to us through the blood of the Lamb on the cross, we are now giving "the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:27. And we are

separating ourselves from God, “your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2.

- It is never God who pulls away from us, but as I said before, God set all laws in motion from the beginning. Sin separating us from God is a law, a fact. Satan knows it; he is living the consequences of that law for eternity; no one knows it better than Satan and his demons. So, sin separating us from God is not a condemnation on us, although Satan loves to make us feel condemned. It is a Law that was set in motion, just like gravity. That’s why scripture says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:1

GREAT NEWS!! There is repentance from sin! “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1

- We all have the right to continue doing everything our own way. We do. And because God is always faithful, He will continue to love us unconditionally. For nothing can separate us from the love of God. (Romans 8:38-39).
- But choosing to deny the truths of God is like continuing to fish in a leaky boat, aware of the leak, knowing we are capable of fixing it, but getting angry that it keeps filling with water, and we have to continually bail the water out, and because the water is distracting us, we are not able to catch the fish we need to eat, and we are tired, exhausted, and irritated in the process. What should be enjoyable and relaxing is the complete opposite.
- BUT, there is so much hope and truth! We can fix the hole in the boat, become well equipped, be alert for any sharp rocks that would like to puncture our boat yet again. We can be wise with God’s wisdom, God’s strategy, and then we can tie up the strongman (Satan), and he can no longer manipulate us with his lies because we KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH HAS SET US FREE!!

WORD Weapons to memorize —

1. “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3
 - Why is this scripture a Word Weapon? Because there is nothing Satan fears more than us growing closer to our God. He knows the scripture, “you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13. Satan absolutely doesn’t want us to seek God!
2. “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

If we are open to God searching our hearts, Satan will have a very hard time manipulating us... because a yielded heart to God is a place of great power and understanding.

Be blessed and encouraged as you meditate on today’s post. Don’t be afraid to jump in with both feet...remember, God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7). If you have fear, it is the enemy’s fear you are feeling, afraid you will fully yield to God, and then Satan will lose you! Go for it! Dance in the freedom!!