

**The Genesis Of
All Mankind's Problems**

**The Attack on The Gates Of Man
Our 5 Senses**

I. DISTRACTION

**(NKJV) Ge 3:6 So when the woman saw that
the tree was good for food,
that it was pleasant to the eyes, and
a tree desirable to make one wise,
she took of its fruit and ate.
She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

- A. Satan perfected techniques that work on us today. We fall for the oldest tricks in the book! Unfortunately we don't take the time to learn from the mistakes of our ancestors. A wise man learns from the mistakes of others, but a fool chooses to learn from his own.

**A WISE MAN LEARNS FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS, BUT A FOOL
CHOOSES TO LEARN FROM HIS OWN.**

- B. How satan gets in: Think of the Gates to a fort or castle. The walls are there to protect the inhabitants. They are in the fort but there are gates that people go through to receive goods and services from the outside.

They are the way of entry. Beneficial things can enter through the gates well as the enemy.

Once the enemy gets in he can take control and defeat the people.

**(NKJV) Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the
issues of life.**

- C. The Way Satan Gets into the heart of man: The five gates to the Soul – The 5 Senses

***DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE BODY
Using the Flesh***

- D. *Distracting by getting us to* **Focusing on the Body - good for food,**
1. His first attack – Things attractive and appealing to our bodies
 2. biological drives; urges of our bodies.
 3. Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sex
- (NKJV) Mt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the
wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted
forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when**

the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE SOUL
Using the World

- E. *Distracting by getting us to Focusing on the Soul - pleasant to the eyes*
1. *Mind, will, emotions, intellect*
 2. the world's charms; stuff of the world; things that affect our intellect
(NKJV) Mt 4:5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up(Pride), Lest you dash your foot against a stone.”
- 7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE PHYSICAL AND IGNORING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY
Using Demons

- F. *Distracting by getting us to Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity - desirable to make one wise*
1. to get you to turn away from serving God
 2. moving you away from spiritual things
(NKJV) Mt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”
- 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

- a. Note Importantly: Serving god is worshiping him!

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DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR BODY With The Flesh

G. DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR FLESH – Our Bodily Desires
(NKJV) Ga 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR SOUL with the World's enticements

H. DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR SOUL

By the things of the world to get at our minds - Use the things of this world to cause us to sin

(NKJV) Jn 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

(NKJV) 1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

(NKJV) Jn 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

(NKJV) Mt 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

1. Soul - Our thinking selves, our self-consciousness, our pride
2. Most things are not illegal or immoral but they slowly and surely destroy our spiritual relationship with God

(NKJV) Mt 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

3. Most things are not problems until they become more important than our relationship and worship of God and his Church!

(NKJV) Mt 22:37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and great commandment.

- a. Job
- b. Homes
- c. Family
- d. Husbands, wives, children
- e. Relationships
- f. Money

(NKJV) 1 Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- g. Material things

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE PHYSICAL AND IGNORING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY WITH DEMONS

- I. **DISTRACTING BY WEAKENING THE SPIRIT** By spiritual forces to break our spirit - Attacks our relationship with God Mat 4:5
(NKJV) Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
1. Spirit - Our God Consciousness
 - a. a. Man is the only creature with this ability
 2. Attempts to pull you away from the power of your rights in God - makes you doubt God's word
 3. Astrology, Familiar spirits, dream interpreters
 4. Keep you away from the word of god, and fellowshiping with other saints

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II. **WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE LEFT YOUR GATES OPEN. When the enemy gets in!**

- B. Satan attacks in 3 ways against the body, soul and spirit
1. With the flesh against the body
 2. With the world against the soul
 3. With the demons against the spirit
- C. **Flesh attacks the appetites of the Body.** Wants you to choose to satisfy the desires of the flesh. All around in the media, enjoy life, Go for all the Gusto! Sex Appeal

WITH APPEALS TO THE BODY - RUN FROM THE FLESH

(NKJV) 2 Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

(NKJV) 1 Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1. Don't try to fight this, Flee from it
 - a. Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife
 - (1) Did he try to pray about it?
 - (2) Talk her out of it
2. **RUN!, RUN!, RUN! Gen 39:1-12**
 - a. Don't Get into a situation or if in, Get out.
 - b. Sin is easy to get in but hard to get out
3. Over eating, smoking, Drinking, Drugs
 - a. Stay away from places where you have to face your temptations
 - (1) You are not smarter than Satan!

- b. Doctor says overweight, don't stand around watching them make Doughnuts
- c. Don't stare at that person with lust knocking at the door
 - (1) Get out! Close your gates eyes

D. The world attacks the soul –

WITH APPEALS TO THE SOUL - STUDY GOD'S WORD MORE!

- 1. Wants to make you crave the things of the world more than God
 - a. Clothes, Status, Cars, Security
- 2. He will offer substitutes to obeying God.
 - a. If we don't listen to God, we will yield to our own desires and develop those of the enemy that will destroy us.
 - b. Growing in the Lord is a product of devotion and focus
 - (1) Devotion: we must have a discipline prayer life
 - (2) Focus: we must spend time in the word with the purpose and intent to renew our minds to the proper way of thinking
- 3. Don't fight the craving, Grow closer to God
 - a. You cannot love god and the world, if the love for God grows the world's charm will decrease **ROM12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. JAM 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**
- 4. Keep the right relationship with God **KEEP HIM LORD OF YOUR LIFE!**
 - a. Fellowship with others in Christ - Our Church!
 - b. Study with us, Grow with us
 - c. Worship Him!

(NKJV) Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

E. Devil attacks the Spirit

WITH APPEALS TO WEAKING YOUR SPIRIT – WORSHIP GOD!

- 1. Be more than just an attender of church
 - a. Be a participator. Serve!
- 2. Resist with the power of the spirit - **THE WORD**

(NKJV) Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that

you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

3. Use God's word, Jesus did
 - a. As a soldier becomes knowledgeable of his weapon, we too must be knowledgeable of God's Word
 - b. Memorize the word to have it when we need it
(NKJV) Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.
 - c. The more the word is in the heart the more powerful you are to resist Satan's ways
(NKJV) Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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