

What Satan Does About The Word Of God

Psalms 119:57-64

Introduction

- Jeremiah 10:23 – “I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.”
- Without God's Word it is as though we are lost without a compass, drowning without a lifeline.

We Are To Be Prepared For Warfare

- Ephesians 6:17 – “... take up the whole armor of God”
- II Corinthians 10:3-5 – “... the weapons of our warfare ...”
- Hebrews 4:12 – “sharper than any two-edged sword”
- Satan is faced with the problem of what to do about the Word of God
 - cf. II Corinthians 2:11 – “... we are not ignorant of his designs”

Satan Will:

- Tempt us to doubt and/or deny God's Word
 - Genesis 3:1-6 – “... you will be like God”
- Deny the warnings of sin, the plan of salvation, rebukes of error
 - Acts 13:44-45 – “... filled with jealousy and began to contradict ...”
 - Hebrews 4:1-2 – “... they were not united by faith ...”
 - II Timothy 3:16-17 – “equipped for every good work”

Satan Will:

- Try to get us to lose the Word
 - II Kings 22:8-13 – “... our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book”
 - cf. I Kings 21:8-9 – “... Manasseh led them astray ...”
- Tempt us through:
 - Worldliness
 - Galatians 5:19-21 – “... will not inherit the kingdom of God”
 - John 3:19-21 – “their deeds were evil”

Satan Will:

- Tempt us through:
 - Compromise
 - Revelation 21:14-16 – “... some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans”
 - Neglect
 - Hebrews 5:11-12 – “... you have become dull of hearing”
 - II Peter 3:15-18 – “... the ignorant and unstable twist ...”
 - II Timothy 2:15 – “rightly handling the word of truth”

Satan Will:

- Make the Word void through the traditions of men
 - Matthew 15:1-9 – "... you have made void the word of God"
- Convincing us that our opinions are equal to God's Word
 - Colossians 2:8, 20-23 – "according to human tradition"
 - Galatians 1:8-9 – "let him be accursed"
- By false teachers
 - II Peter 2:1-3 – "... many will follow their sensuality"

Satan Will:

- Make the Word void through the traditions of men
 - By hypocrisy
 - Matthew 23:2-3 – "... they preach, but do not practice"
 - Luke 6:46 – "not do what I tell you"
 - James 2:14 – "Can that faith save him?"
- Crowd the Word out of our lives
 - Luke 8:5-8, 14 – "... choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life"
 - Mark 4:19 – "... choke the word"

We Must:

- Ensure our lives revolve around God's Word
 - Compare:
 - Matthew 13:13-15 – "... this people's heart has grown dull"
 - Matthew 13:19 – "the evil one comes and snatches away ..."
 - With:
 - Deuteronomy 6:5-9 – "... these words that I command you today shall be on your heart"
 - Matthew 6:33 – "... seek first the kingdom of God ..."

We Must:

- Help others to know that the Word of God is not a dead letter
 - Hebrews 4:12 – "... the word of God is living and active"
 - I Peter 1:22-25 – "... the living and abiding word of God"
- Test everything
 - I John 4:1, 5 – "... test the spirits ..."
 - I Thessalonians 5:21-22 – "hold fast what is good"

We Must:

- Test everything
 - Acts 17:11 – "... to see if these things were so"
- Accept truth and reject error
 - I Thessalonians 2:13 – "the word of God"
 - II Timothy 1:13 – "Follow the pattern of the sound words ..."

We Must:

- Understand that false teachers leave out what ought to be taught
 - II Timothy 4:3-4 – "... teachers to suit their own passions"
- Acts 20:20 – "... I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable"
- Acts 20:27 – "... I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God"

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- ▶ James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- ▶ I John 3:23-24 – "... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

Repent of your sins

- ▶ Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Obeying The Gospel

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- ▶ Matthew 10:32 – "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven."

Be immersed in water

- ▶ Mark 16:15-16 – "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved ..."

Remain faithful

- ▶ Matthew 7:21 – "... the one who does the will of my Father ..."