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Unmasking Satan: Caution (Part 3 of 8)

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Caution means to warn a person, and to tell someone to be careful. In the Bible, it also means forewarned, advise and admonish; and in 1 Peter 5:8, we read that we have to be alert and sober for the devil is on a look out searching for us like preys to be devoured. Taking the advice of our Lord Jesus Christ to the apostles, we should keep watching and praying that we may not enter into temptation for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak (Mt. 26:41).

Works of Satan (7 D's)

- 1. Destruction.** 1Tim 6:9, "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap, and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge people into ruin".
 - 1.1. John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and destroy..."
- 2. Distraction.** The servants of God are always being distracted to prevent working for the Lord.
 - 2.1. Gal 5:7, "You were running well, who hindered you from the truth?"
- 3. Discouragement.** The famous prophet Elijah was discouraged from the challenges he faced (1Kgs 19:5). If we feel discouraged, we should be with the believing community that prays for one another.
- 4. Depression.** Israel was brought very low by the Mid'ianites, and they cried for the Lord's help (1Kgs. 6:6).
- 5. Disillusionment.** It is the feeling of unworthiness to serve the Lord; however, Mother Mary responded beautifully, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk. 1:38).
- 6. Division.** Jude 1:19, "These are the ones who cause divisions; they live on the natural plane,

devoid of the Spirit." St. Paul faces division of the church: quarrels, breakups and gossips (1 Cor. 1:10).

- 7. Despair.** 2Cor. 4:8, "we are afflicted in any way, but not crushed; perplexed but not despairing". It is a feeling of despondency that blocks you to go where the Lord leads you (Exodus 14:15).

In the Book of Job, we learned how Satan attacked Job:

1. He attacked Job through his faith.
2. He attacked Job through his funds.
3. He attacked Job through his family.
4. He attacked Job through his flesh.
5. He attacked Job through his friends.
6. He attacked with pressure.

Conclusion:

In this part 3 of the 8-part series, we learn the different works of Satan and how he attacked Job. Satan will continue to prowl like a lion and cunningly enter in our lives, slowly disarming us for defeat if we are not alert and sober enough to notice. God allows these temptations to come so that we could be strong in God's glory. God wants us to be victorious and only by being cautious to Satan's works and attacks will our spiritual battle be successful.

Reflection:

1. How do you practice caution on Satan's attacks to you and your family?
2. What can you do to prevent Satan from coming/entering into your household?
3. Is there a community that supports your spiritual battle? How do they help you?

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