



Satan Goes Fishing

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin: and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death (James 1:13-15).

When Satan goes fishing for souls, he knows the right places to go, the right bait to use, he does not give up easily, and he has lots of patient. He always has an assortment of bait, such as doubt, lies, procrastination, “putting off or delaying to do something”, lust “an uncontrollable desire for something that is immoral, illegal or sinful, etc.



The Bible said, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed”. This is a picture of a hunter or fisherman luring their prey away from its safe habitation to be captured or kill. The fisherman takes that bait jingle it on the line making it irresistible to the fish. The fish goes for the bait, not knowing that there is a hook in the bait.

Satan does the same thing; he takes that thing that you are not supposed to do have and dangle it in front of you; until you can't hold out any longer. When you give in to temptation, you give birth to sin; and sin has its consequences.

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Look at the progression: First there is the temptation, then lust, "that strong uncontrollable desire", then sin follows, and it all ends in death. Death, sometimes means separation from God as it was with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:24).

How did Jesus deal with temptation, after he had fasted forty days in the wilderness? When the devil came to Jesus, He showed His dependency on God by quoting Scripture (Luke 4:1-13). We do well to follow Jesus, example.

The Bible teaches, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13 NKJV).

Will you pray now! Confess your sins before God and repent of them. Repent means to be sorry enough for your sins to stop sinning. Ask God forgiveness for your sins, then ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and be your Savior and Lord. Even though you did not choose to be born a sinner, it is solely your choice to remain one!

The hand of time is wound but once, and no one has the power; to tell just when the clock will stop at a late or early hour. To lose one's wealth is sad indeed, but to lose one's health is more; but to lose one's soul is such a loss that no one can restore.

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