

## **Defence and Attack**

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We are born in enemy territory  
We live all our lives in enemy territory  
We die in enemy territory  
All our life the enemy is trying to persuade us to join his kingdom.

The enemy, of course is Satan who rules this earth so that everything he place around us is focused on getting us to reject God and follow Him!

The only real treatise on defending ourselves against him is the so called 'Armour of God' which is a set of attitudes and relationships designed to help the Christian defeat all the attacks of Satan against them.

The only real weapon we have it the Authority Jesus has delegated to us which if not used places the Christian at the mercy of Satan to the extent that Jesus is not Lord of their life.

We have a secret weapon. A spy who knows everything about the enemy. When and how He attacks us as well as how to defeat Him. He is The Holy Spirit. This is why we need to have a correct relationship with Him and talk to and listen to Him constantly so He an guide us how to live and fight this war we are in.

So, we deal with the Armour of God and other defences first.

## **The Armour of God**

The armour is not physical so it must be spiritual which means it is a result of our attitudes towards certain things and it is based on our understanding of whom Jesus is (v10)

Every attitude must be in its correct place if the armour is to be complete and able to defend us against Satan and his attacks (v11).

It has to be fought in our minds as it is a spiritual battle for control of our mind (v12).

We must want to desire to have these attitudes if we are to defeat Satan (v13).

We must know the truths we need to know and be in a correct relationship with God (v14)

We must be able to tell everyone how to have peace with God and by this remove them from Satan's kingdom (v15).

We must have sufficient faith to have these attitudes and apply them (v16).

We must have salvation and know God's Bible to be able to use it to defeat Satan (v17).

We must always be guided by The Holy Spirit examining all that we see and accept (v18).

So, we need to learn how to have these attitudes, develop them and express them correctly so that our armour grows stronger and we can stand against Satan.

### **Now to deal with each verse**

I use the King James and the Syriac Peshitta versions of the verses.

*Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*Eph 6:10 Therefore, my brethren, be strengthened in Our Lord and in the force of his power.*

Our strength for defending against Satan comes from Our Lord as in our own strength we cannot resist the spiritual power of Satan a former ark angel so one of the most powerful personages in the universe.

*Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*Eph 6:11 And put on all the armor of God, so that you can stand against the strategies of The Devil.*

All the armour must be in place to successfully defend against Satan as it involves every area of our attitudes and relationship to God if we desire to know how Satan is attacking us and be able to defend against it.

*Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,*

*against the rulers of the darkness of this world,  
against spiritual wickedness in high places*

*Eph 6:12 Because your fight has not been with  
flesh and blood, but with Principalities and The  
Rulers and The Powers of this dark world and  
with wicked spirits which are under\* Heaven.*

We really are fighting the plans of the rulers of the enemy and the demons are just carrying out their orders. So, we need to attack the rulers and their plans as the casting out demons does not stop the attacks as the rulers just replace them with other demons.

*Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole  
armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand  
in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*6:13 Because of this, put on all the armor of God  
that you shall be able to confront The Evil One,  
and when and when you are ready in all things,  
you shall stand.*

Because you are fighting such strong spiritual forces the armour must be complete so that you will usefully defend against them.

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt  
about with truth, and having on the breastplate of  
righteousness;*

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore and gird your waist  
with the truth and put on the breastplate of  
righteousness,*

Salvation is to do with relationships and so the first thing in place needs to be our relationship with Jesus as our Lord so that He is behind us in the battle and protects us in it.

We need to know the truths of The Bible to be able to discern the half-truths or lies Satan is telling us in our mind or through people.

The breast plate covers the heart so our spiritual heart must be protected as that is where all our attitudes come from. As we think in our heart so we are, The Bible says.

*Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*Eph 6:15 And shoe your feet with the readiness of The Gospel of peace,*

The Gospel of peace seems a storage defence but it really is a form of attack.

Shoes are the contact with the earth and in a sense are the foundation we stand on. The Gospel lived by us is our contact with the earth and the basis of all we are.

The Gospel of peace is the gospel of salvation. The reconciliation of God and man so the relationship is what it was originally like in The Garden. If they accept salvation they no longer are an enemy so you will not have to defend against them.

The Gospel of peace is really an attack against the kingdom of Satan. This is why evangelism is so important as it removes the enemy who is fighting against you.

*Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*Eph 6:16 And with these, take to you the shield of faith, that with it you may have the power to quench all of the blazing bolts of The Evil One.*

Faith in whom God is and that He is greater than Satan is required or we will have doubts about God being able to win the battle. It is also faith in God's Love and care for you that He will help you win the battle.

*Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

*Eph 6:17 Put on the helmet of salvation and grasp the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

Salvation is our covering as it places us in the correct relationship with God, we need to be protected by Him. Salvation is all about relationships and we need to be in the correct relationship with God, which holiness and Lordship keeps us in, so we are covered by Jesus and Satan has to get the permission of Jess to attack us.

(Satan needed permission form God to attack Job because God was defending Job from Satan)

The helmet covers the head like salvation covers us.

The Sword of The Spirit is a weapon The Spirit guides us and is to do with discerning the spirit behind things and the motives for what they do which is why it can discern the thoughts behind something and what they are trying to do with them.

Discernment of Spirits is a part of this

It is of course, The Bible

*Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

*Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

*Eph 6:18 Pray with all prayers and with all desires always in The Spirit and be watching with him in prayer every moment as you pray constantly and make supplication for the sake of all The Holy Ones,*

The prayer is for guidance and direction and is guided by The Holy Spirit as it is a spiritual battle and He is out 'spy' to help us against Satan.

To maintain the armour you need to maintain your Christiana life correctly which means you need to



develop the relationship you have with God and learn to be guided by The Holy Spirit to do this and be guided by Him on what you need to do to live your Christian life in the way God desires it lived as well as know when Satan is attacking, either directly or indirectly through people or the media He has surrounded you with..

you also need to pursue holiness so that you reject all Satan offers you in any way. The degree you pursue holiness will be according to the degree Jesus is Lord of your life. This is why Lordship is the key to the Christian life as in is the basis for faith, holiness and all the other correct attitudes a Christian has.

### **Other defences**

*2 Cor 10:5 (OANT PsPv) The weapons of our warfare are not according to the flesh, but of the power of God, and by it we subdue rebellious fortresses, and we pull down reasonings and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and we take all minds prisoner to the obedience of The Messiah.*

If we keep our mind focused on the things of God Satan cannot interfere with it and persuade us to do what he desires us to do. Satan can only have us sin if we agree to what he is suggesting we do (which is what a temptation is). So, the first defence is to fill our mind with the things of God which is one reason for meditating on the things of God and not letting the world control what we think about.

Meditating means to think about something and examine it from various aspects and does not require a place or position but can be done as we walk and talk to The Holy Spirit in our daily journey. By promoting eastern meditation practices, he trained people as being the way to meditate and so he has persuaded Christians to sit still and do it instead of making it part of the daily walk we have as we talk to and listen to The Holy Spirit and discuss it with Him.

**The Sword of The Spirit, which is the Word of God.** The truths of The Bible (The Word God) set you free from the mental assaults of the kingdom of the enemy as well as protect your mind (John 8:32). The truths of God are used to attack the lies of Satan and free people from these lies as well as guide you to know what your King requires of you.

**The Holy Spirit to guide you** in what you do as well as authorising you to do it. The Holy Spirit knows the strategies of your King and His enemy and can guide you to fulfil your part in these. He also will show you areas you need to deal with so that there are no weaknesses or wrong attitudes for the enemy to attack.

**The truths of God** to fight and expose the lies and half-truths the devil is using to try and trap you to sin.

**The angels** to minister to your needs and protect you expressing the Love of the Father to you in this.

**The committing of all** problems, circumstances and needs to Jesus to be lord of is important in an attack. This removes the area from Satan's attack and is usually the first step in a battle. (The framework of the five steps is designed to do this).

There are other things like praise, worship and prayer, but these only hinder demons and remove them temporarily and helps you focus on God and His things making it harder for demons to place their thoughts in your mind.. It is the word of Command that removes them and stops any demon attacking.

The secret is found in James 4:7-8a

*Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*

**Focus on Jesus and His things so Satan cannot influence your mind and hinder your defence against Him**

The only real weapon of attack is the delegated authority Jesus has given over Satan and his kingdom.

**The Battle has already been won**

*Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

A King's seat is the place of their power and authority.

Jesus rules The Kingdom of God and we are with Him so our seat of authority is The Kingdom. This is where our delegated authority comes from. When we use delegated authority, it is as if the King is speaking through us and what we command has the same authority as if The King is saying it. The requirement being that it is The King's Will which is actually being commanded.

The kingdom is above creation so all creation must obey The King's Will and the commands of those who have His delegated authority and use it to command The King's Will.

The delegated authority of Jesus is to be used according to His Will (Mark 16:17, John 14:13). When you command anything in Jesus' Name you are declaring (you say) you are doing so in accordance with His Will as you are commanding the event in His Name (Authority

Jesus expects us to use it which is why He gave it to us.

It is no use having delegated authority if you are just going to stand there and not attack. Authority and power are given us to attack the enemy. They are used to destroy the works of Satan and attack his possessions so that his plans are thwarted or prevented and people are released from his captivity.

Kenneth Hagen was once talking to Jesus and a demon got in between them. Kenneth asked Jesus to remove the

demon. Jesus told Him too because He had been given the delegated authority to use and Jesus expected him to use it.

If we Love Jesus and His things, we will use the authority delegated to us by Him to protect them as well as advance them. The problem with, most churches is that they do not do this and are victims of Satan if only by not being able to do all Jesus expects them to do because they do not use their authority the delegation gives over Satan and his works.

### **How Satan attacks**

There six main ways Satan attacks. All other ways are usually a combination of these six:

He has to make you believe something is real when it is not

He has to make you believe something is not real when it is

He misquotes things to you so that you see them incorrectly

He has to distract you from what God desires you to do so that you know you have to do it but never get around to doing it

He has to divert you from what God desires you to do so that you will take a different path and miss the one God desires you to take

He hides from you the truth that will set you free from his attacks and control.

Through all these attacks he tried to have you:

Doubt God's Love and care for you so that you will not go to Jesus for the help you need to defeat the attack and its consequences.

Become isolated from other Christians that would help you defeat the attack and tell you the truths that would set you free

Have you believe you are so bad God cannot or will not help you

In all these he uses:

Lies

Fear and

Hiding the truth from you

All these methods of attack are designed to place your mind in a way of thinking that He can control and use for his purposes.

He uses daydreams, idle thoughts, imagination, feeling and emotions to try and have you think a certain way by building in your mind a way of thinking we call a stronghold.

Five steps attack and defend what we are a steward of.

### **Background to the Five Steps**

For years I practised deliverance the traditional way: finding out background information on the person (often intrusive and very personal) and fighting the demons, either individually or in family groups both on and off the Internet. I saw much deliverance and some healing. But the deliverance on the net exhausted me from all the typing. So, I asked Jesus why it was not as easy as when He did it.

The Holy Spirit gave me understanding of why Jesus was able to deliver as He did and I started to apply this to the Internet ministry that I had been given at that time. Overnight the ministry changed. I no longer needed to know anything about the person, either their name, their history or sins; Jesus knew them already. Deliverance was more complete with little energy needing to be expended. What used to take weeks could be done in an hour or less at times.

There is still follow-up deliverance on these people, but nothing as intensive as it used to be. Full deliverance may still require a few sessions, but I do not need to get life histories or work through all the sins of a person, saving hours and lots of embarrassment, especially where sexual sins are involved.

You may need to discuss areas of sin at times but not individual sins. So you may need to discuss sexual

problems but not the details. You may need to know they were unfaithful or had premarital sex so you can pray properly for them but not every time they slept with someone or committed adultery. The weakness and its cause is to be dealt with and not the sins as these have already been forgiven at Calvary and all the person needs to do is to repent.

I was shown five principles which I use constantly and which I teach the people whom Jesus uses me to deliver. They are taught to use these principles to do deliverance themselves and to fight the devil when he attacks them, as well as to help others to obtain deliverance. There is no need for the person seeking deliverance to know anything except Jesus as Lord, to give Him their problems and weaknesses, repent of any wrong attitudes or actions (sins) and to forgive all who have offended them.

A new Christian can lead people in these five steps. All they need to understand is their delegated authority and even then, it is The Lord and their confession of Him that delivers not the person ministering so even then a proper understanding of this is not necessary as Jesus honours His Word and the heart of the person seeking deliverance and not the person saying the prayers for another.

The five steps are a framework (principles) on which to base prayers used for deliverance and to fight Satan. They are not a rote prayer or magic formula so should



not be treated that way but are an expression of the lordship of Christ over all things that the person gives to Him.

Jesus gave us authority over demons (Mark 16:17), but we must live the lifestyle that allows that authority to rest on us in order to be used in this ministry. Jesus also gave us authority over sickness in Mark 16:17 as sickness is part of the works of the kingdom of darkness that occurs after sin has happened. Satan can only do his evil to us if we allow him too (or in the case of children the parent or guardian allows him too) by allowing him to take control of a part of us thus placing it under the authority of his kingdom.

Satan can only get you to sin if you accept what he is suggesting you do. It is not thinking about what he suggests that is the sin. The sin is actually deciding embrace it or to do something about it even if nothing actually happens in the physical realm. You have accepted the thought in your heart so that Jesus is no longer Lord of that area. The fact you desire in your heart to do it is all that is needed for sin to occur.

*But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

### **The Five Steps to Victory and the reasons for them**

These steps are not to be said as a magic formula as they are not one. They are only a framework of principles to use. They are a giving in your heart of these areas to

Jesus for Him to be Lord of repenting of any wrong done in these areas, removing Satan from them and all the damage he did in these areas.

Firstly I give the step and then the reason for the step.

Step 1. Give the area, weakness, circumstance, event, oppression, sin or temptation to Jesus to be Lord over it, along with all the events leading to these things the consequences resulting from these things as well as any areas associated with what you are giving to Jesus to be Lord of.

What Jesus is Lord over, He can help you with and protect, so that Satan can not use it against you. When Jesus is Lord of an area of your life Satan cannot use it to try and convince you to sin as you do not want to accept what he offers. To control any area Satan needs to deceive you so you will accept his control over it.

Step 2. Repent of any wrong sin in you, either known or unknown to you, or any wrong thing done by you. Forgive all those who have offended you and yourself as well as repent of any bitterness, root of bitterness anger and wrong attitudes in your heart (whether you know of them or not) towards anyone (including yourself).

Any sins you have problems dealing with give to Jesus as part of step 1.

Repentance is a turning away from the things of Satan to the things of God and is a confirmation of

your decision to give Jesus Lordship in that area repented of. Repentance is usually of a blanket type when using The Five Steps and does not need to be specific (unless specific things are being given to Jesus or The Holy Spirit calls specific things to your remembrance). It is the heart attitude that is important not the words.

It is necessary to forgive others or The Father in heaven cannot forgive your sins and you do not go to heaven. If you keep bitterness, root of bitterness, anger or any other wrong attitudes in your heart you are in unforgiveness.

Unforgiveness also stops deliverance as the Father cannot hear your prayer until you are in a correct relationship with Him to prove you desire Jesus to be Lord of your life.

Not wanting to reconcile to another who has offended you can be a sign of unforgiveness.

You may have to pray "*Lord forgive. Help me to forgive please*".

Step 3. Command Satan in Jesus' Name to leave the areas or things given to Jesus and to go to The Throne of God and be judged and to take all he did to the person with him.

It is a battle of kings, so you address the enemy king and tell him to leave control of the territory (in your soul) that has just been given to Jesus, otherwise he

will not go. That is why prayer alone is ineffective, as it still leaves the demons around since you have not commanded them to leave. As the area is delivered from the control of the kingdom of Satan all that is in there of Satan (demons, illness caused by them) must go.

Because Jesus now has the area Satan no longer has it to hold onto so must go when commanded to do so from that area. Jesus has the prerogative to heal illness when it is best for the purposes of His Kingdom so if healing does not occur ask why and you may find it is a timing issue (for the purposes of The Kingdom) or more repentance needs to be done.

Step 4. Command healing and restoration in Jesus' Name and in accordance with His Will and if necessary, the healing of the sound mind, the wounded spirit, the soul and the 'heart of flesh given to you by Jesus as well as any integration that is needed of the personality because areas of the mind and personality were previously blocked off and controlled or badly influenced by demons that have now been removed from these areas.

This removes damage demons have done to you.

I just command healing and restoration and this seems to cover all that Jesus wants to do in these areas.

Step 5. Ask The Holy Spirit to fill you and to take the place of any demon(s) that have left.

This replaces demons that left your soul (house) with The Holy Spirit. Our spirit is filled by The Holy Spirit, so demons cannot get into it, and they complain about this bitterly. Our soul (house) is where demons live, so as they leave, you need to replace them with The Holy Spirit. If you do not do this, seven worse demons will replace them very quickly and the person will be more worse off than before.

### **The Five Steps are all based on Worship**

Step 1. We give these things to Jesus because He is worthy and can deal with them in a worthy fashion. We love Him and thus worship Him by trusting Him with the things we give him. We also declare He is Lord of all as we do this and that He is greater than Satan.

Step 2. We repent (admit we have fallen short of His standards) and by this worship Him showing that we consider His values more worthy to follow than our own values and purposes and that we desire to live according to His standards.

Step 3. He is more worthy than Satan having defeated him by His sinless life as well as His death at Calvary, so Satan must do what is commanded in the authority of Jesus (as he and his demons are now 'spoils of war' and the prisoner of Jesus). By using the authority Jesus has delegated to us over Satan, we show we consider Jesus to be more worthy of worship than Satan.

Step 4. Jesus is worthy to be worshipped as He has authority over all the natural world as well as the spiritual world so He can command healing of body, soul and spirit. We use His authority delegated to us as an act of worship to Him as we command these healings in His Name in accordance with His Will.

Step 5. We desire to be Like Jesus (as He is the most desirable person we know) and as an act of worship ask for His Spirit to take the place of the enemy that has been evicted from us so that His Spirit can guide us and mature into the image of Jesus.

The basis of what to cast out in the framework of the five steps is giving an area of your life to The Lord rather than fighting individual demons. For example, a person may have a problem with various areas of pornography. The person does not have to declare each area he has problems with but gives the whole area of pornography in his life to Jesus to deal with and be lord of. He will do a general repentance for the area of pornography in his life and not each specific thing unless told to by The Holy Spirit.

When a demon enters, they invites others in so that there may be many demons. If you fight individual demons you need to remove them one at a time. If you give the area to The Lord then they all have to go when cast out from that area.

This is why you give areas, events, weaknesses, circumstances, agreements etc to The Lord so everything

in that area is dealt with at once. You do not need to ask for forgiveness of individual sins as they were forgiven at Calvary so a general repentance only for the area is required. Such as:

*Lord, I am sorry for all the things I did in this area (name the area and will try to not do them again.*

Remember the area can be named in your heart so no one knows as Jesus knows and that is what is important and also that you are to give what you know you have wrong and not what others say you have. But just in case they are right it is probably a good idea to give these things to Jesus also.

It may be necessary to examine types of sins to determine the root cause so you know which area(s) to give to Jesus but usually it is not necessary to examine individual sins of a person to determine what the area is that is to be given to Jesus.

Jesus knows all our sins so we do not need to confess them individually but just the area of weakness they are in. All he asks is that we try not to sin in that area and if we do then we give it back to Him to be Lord of using the framework of the five steps (unless it is an external attack in which case we use steps one, three, four and possibly five if it is a person being protected.) and keep on trying not to sin.

**Note**

The five steps are not a litany or magic formula you recite by rote but are a framework of five principles to use like a ladder. Each rung lead to the next rung and on each rung, you place what is appropriate to that rung. The first rung is the one that varies according to the situation, and is based on giving the situation to Jesus to be Lord of. The next four rungs really do not change as they really do not need to change to meet the requirements of the situation being prayed about. The fourth rung (healing) may change a little according to the situation so next is listed some guidelines as to what to pray for when commanding healing.

Also, they are used for persons, events or happenings that you are steward of. Otherwise you use steps one, three and four and five if The Holy Spirit prompts you too.

## **Christ versus Satan**

### **How Satan attacked Jesus**

Satan knew Jesus was going to be born. After all, in some areas he knows The Bible better than we do and so was waiting for Him to be born. If he could not stop Jesus being born, he had to either kill Him before He reached the age at which He could minister or, while He was ministering. Satan needed to kill Him before Jesus could cause too much truth being taught to the masses.

Jesus was conceived and was being carried by Mary to the chagrin of Satan.



Satan's first attempt to kill Jesus was to have her treated as an adulteress, which punishment was to have her stoned to death which would also have killed Jesus.

Joseph loved Mary so was just going to divorce her and not kill her. This divorce would have been sufficient to invalidate the ministry of Jesus in the eyes of the Jewish leaders because Mary being considered an adulterous would have made Jesus illegitimate so that any claim He made as the Messiah would not have been recognised.

So then Satan tried to have Jesus die in child birth by being born in a stable with no sterile conditions or midwife to help if anything went wrong. God looked after Jesus and Mary apparently had no problems delivering Jesus.

Next Satan organised for all children under 2 years old to be killed. But Joseph was warned in a dream and escaped to Egypt. On this trip there would have been many dangers, but God protected them and they arrived safely. He also protected them on the return trip home.

God provided for the trip with the three gifts of the wise men.

They were going to a strange land so God had organised money for them – the three wise men brought them gifts that were valuable and would have sustained them until they were established in Nazareth- but they still had the problems and dangers of being strangers in a foreign land.

In preparation for His ministry Jesus went into the wilderness to be with His Father for a period of 40 days and nights. Hungry and physically weak Satan thought it would be a good time to attack Him. We read about this in Matthew chapter 4.

The first attack against Jesus was for Him to doubt God's provision for Him. In other words that God did not Love Him sufficiently to completely provide His needs so that He had to do some of it Himself.

The second attack was for Jesus to believe Satan was greater than God and worship Him instead of God.

The third attack was for Jesus to doubt God's protection of Him, that God did not Love Him sufficiently to completely protect Him and Jesus had to test God to prove this. This would mean doubting God's Love for Jesus.

Jesus used the truths of The Bible to defeat the lies in these statements of Satan!

All attacks failed. If any had succeeded Jesus would have sinned and not been able to redeem us and could not be The Messiah.

Having failed here Satan then tried to stop Jesus ministering by Killing Him.

Jesus had gone around the local area demonstrating He was The Messiah and then went into the Synagogue of His home town and announced He was the Messiah

(Luke 4:18). Satan stirred them up to not believe Jesus and they went to take him out and kill Him. But God delivered Him and He went on His way.

If Satan could not kill Jesus or make Jesus sin then Satan would try and destroy the credibility of Jesus.

He was raised in Nazareth which the Jewish leaders believed could not be the place The Messiah would be born and raised as according to them nothing of any good had come out of Nazareth. They expected The Messiah to be raised in far grander places.

He was accused by the leaders of relating to the lower classes and sinners; people the leaders would not mix with in case they got defiled or because they were lower than their exalted rank in society. This was not something The Messiah would do according to them.

Jesus even related to Samaritans which would really have upset the Jewish leaders and also healed people on the Sabbath which did not help His cause as the leaders reasoned no good Jew would do that so Jesus could not be the Messiah. Social convention did not concern Jesus if He needed to minister.

He was also not afraid to show the Jewish leaders how they had corrupted The Law. This alone would have made them want to get rid of Jesus and Satan would gladly help them in any way he could to do this.

In fact, it was after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead that the leaders were so concerned that what Jesus was

doing would lose them their political position and benefits that they really started to try and find ways to remove Him.

He stopped them stoning an adulterous woman. The Messiah would have upheld the Mosaic Law and had her stoned. This meant He could not be The Messiah as He would have broken the Mosaic Law.

He raised people from The Dead. He did things The Messiah was not stated as doing in their Bible so He could not be The Messiah.

He was accused of working for the devil when He cast out demons so could not be from God.

All of these things destroyed His credibility amongst the Jewish leaders.

But there were still a few who believed in Him but had to do it secretly because of His rejection by the Jewish leadership of that day.

### **Why did Jesus pick twelve men?**

Twelve is the number of God's Kingdom so it symbolised that The Kingdom of God had come with Jesus.

The group was also large enough to deter thieves and robbers from robbing them as they travelled around the countryside.

Jesus had to be protected from assassination as He was a real threat to Satan. He had so many followers that Satan was able to use the religious leaders against Him.

Satan raised a fear in them that Jesus had so many followers He could lead a revolt against Rome and they would lose their prestigious roles in Jewry. They could not find anything in Him that was immoral or against the laws of Rome so they manufactured charges against Him with lying witnesses that would result in His death under Jewish Law.

They could not kill Jesus themselves so went to the Roman Governor for Him to do it.

In the interrogation of Jesus by The Roman Governor Jesus told Him that He (Jesus) was a king but that His Kingdom was not of this earth. The kingship of Jesus had not been set up by Rome so that He was possibly a threat to the authority of Rome which is why Pontius Pilate had over the cross in three languages so that all would be able to read it, that Jesus had said He was the king of the Jews mocking Jesus for saying this and by having Jesus killed, showing Rome was greater than Jesus. While the Jews took Jesus to the crucifixion site Rome alone could crucify Him and the title placed on the cross of Jesus was justification for Rome to crucify Him.

The Jews could not get Jesus on moral grounds so they used the law of the land to remove Him.

Satan is doing this today by having agendas such as Gay and Lesbian marriage and making it illegal for people to speak to against it, jailing or punishing people in other ways who do. By this he is able to persecute Christians and stifle the expression of Christianity.

This is why it is such a vocal thing and such aggression is being shown towards those that oppose its implementation by those controlled by Satan. No Christian could promote it successfully so that we have only Satan as the reason for its successful implementation.

Satan was eventually allowed to kill Jesus in a way God approved of.

The Jews expected a victorious Messiah who would free them from Rome and anyone who died on a cross to them could not be the Messiah. By this manner of death, the Jews were stopped by believing in Jesus as The Messiah, except for those who understood the Kingdom of Jesus was not on earth.

His death served two purposes for the Jews:

- It maintained the religious status quo

- It kept the Jewish leaders in their comfortable positions.

If Satan had understood what the cross stood for – the redemption of all so that he no longer would have them – he would have Jesus live a long happy life. But Satan

did not realise the significance of Calvary and was horrified when he found out.

Satan does not fully understand God's plans in The Bible.

Jesus had not sinned but still died as if he had sinned. So, God restored His life to the horror of Satan!

God allowed Satan to kill Jesus because He knew the good that would occur and that it would defeat Satan and allow the followers of Jesus to fight Satan successfully, have a personal relationship with God and go to heaven as well as having all that went with those things.

Satan had the tomb sealed by the Roman Authorities. Jesus had said that He would rise on the third day and neither Rome nor the Jews could have this. So, to stop the body of Jesus being stolen by His followers and have them claim Jesus had been raised Satan had the tomb sealed by The Roman authorities.

To Satan's horror Jesus rose from the dead. So Satan had the Jewish authorities and the Roman government spread a lie that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body.

### **Satan's Parody of Jesus.**

In the first century Jesus was not the only one believed to have a virgin birth with a 'god' being the father and who were declared a 'god' after their death. There were a few people who were credited with doing similar miracles that Jesus did and teaching how to live a good life acceptable to God. However, their gods were pagan

and not Christian and the way to their god was through sacrifice.

By these people Satan tried to show Jesus was just another human who became God. Unfortunately, this is what many modern theologians believe and have altered the Bible to show this which is why Jesus is portrayed as a human and not divine when he was on earth and is said to be made a God by what He did and suffered.

### **How is Satan attacking Jesus these days?**

Jesus said:

*Mat 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me.*

In otherwords, whatever you do to the followers of Jesus or to His Kingdom you are doing to Him. So, Satan is attacking the followers of Jesus and their work for Jesus as He can no longer attack Jesus directly.

In these latter days, Satan has attacked the foundation of Christianity with a Greek text based on two forged codices and another Greek text based on them which is not worth using for translation purposes and has managed to make a bible that declares Jesus was born as a result of normal sex, so was not divine at birth, but became divine after death by what He had done. In otherwords He was no different to the heroes of Greek mythology and because He was not divine, He could not redeem us or save us.



This means salvation is not just by faith in Jesus and His redemption, but now it is faith in what He taught as interpreted by religious leaders and that we need to personally do things to pay the penalty of our sins based on the religious acts the ministers of our religion say we need to do.

In other words Jesus was not able to redeem us so we need to do works to obtain salvation and redemption.

This means the secret knowledge (Gnosis) of how to do these religious acts and satisfy God's requirements of you becomes more important than faith and that people have to go to these ministers to learn what to do and are controlled by them.

Cults are very good at this type of control and secret knowledge.

### **How did Satan attack Jesus?**

Satan tried to stop Him being born.

How many people, who could have been great ministers for Christ, have been aborted? They were going to heaven anyway so Satan was not concerned about them dying in the womb. You wonder if Satan is selective in who is aborted as he does not want those who would not go to heaven to be aborted as they would go there if they died in the womb.

Satan tried to kill the baby Jesus.

How many children have been killed in terrorism, war, disease and famine all things that are of his doing?

He is glad to kill those who would not have gone to heaven and those who would have he is glad to stop them ministering.

Satan tried to raise him without accepted teaching

They marvelled at Jesus in the temple when He was 12 because He had not been to any acceptable religious school.

Satan uses the public-school system to lead children away from Christianity and if they still follow Jesus he has them hindered from ministering if they do not study theology at acceptable schools and learn it the way he wants the church to know it.

If you do not believe Satan influences theological teaching places look at all the errors in the modern church beliefs.

Satan tried to stop the ministry of Jesus because He was not teaching what was acceptable to him

How many revivals and searching for holiness has been stopped by ministers who consider these people troublemaker and had them stifled or thrown out of the church because they were doing things not considered acceptable to the orthodox religion of the time.

Satan tried to have Jesus sin and disqualify Himself from ministry.

How many ministries have fallen because the leader indulged in a sin of some sort and the resulting scandal that followed destroyed their ministries?

Satan tried to remove the credibility of Jesus and have His sanity questioned.

He was not from an orthodox theological school so was not accepted as a teacher. The leaders tried to find error in His beliefs but were unable too. So modern churches question the theology of people even though it is Biblical because they are not doing it as they have not been taught to do it in their theological training. By this they call truth into disrepute and stop people following the truth. Or they question the theology of the person saying that no sane theologian would believe what they teach or look at the person's lifestyle and point out things that would imply the person was unbalanced so could not be relied upon to think correctly over a theological matter.

## **Judas**

We are not told why or how Jesus chose him to be a follower of His. Jesus would have known Judas was money hungry (which is why he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver) but Jesus still made Judas Iscariot treasurer. He knew Judas was using the money for his own purposes but said nothing.

Why was Jesus silent?

He needed Judas so prophecy could be fulfilled.

Satan was happy having Judas as a follower of Jesus for various reasons:

He controlled the money of Jesus to use and he could use Judas to try and disrupt or sidetrack the plans of Jesus

He had someone in the disciples who could speak out against the plans of Jesus to try and thwart them

He had someone he could use against Jesus and discredit Jesus by having Him organise the capture and killed by the high priests implying that Jesus was not really worth following.

Satan did not realise Judas would be used to fulfil prophecy and prove the Bible was from God.

Judas represents those in ministry who are in it for the money and change their views to reflect current theology, no matter how wrong it is, as long as they have their position they can abuse financially and keep the authority they have over others.

If Jesus is not whole heartedly your Lord then in some way you are helping Satan attack Jesus and will need to explain to Jesus why you did this when you die.