

THE SATANIC ATTACK OF ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

James 4:13-17

INTRODUCTION

- Remember!
 - Satan's children are easily and subtly influenced by him
 - Christians cannot be touched by Satan
 - Christians can be attacked in their mind's ability to form correct conclusions
 - The Christian is therefore to be sober and vigilant (I Pet 5:8) as to
 - As to where Satan can mentally attack the believer (II Cor 2:11)
 - Of what his 'fiery darts' consist (Eph 6:11)
 - The foundational attack by Satan: TO ACT INDEPENDENDLY OF GOD

The Foundational Fallacy of Independent Thought and Action Apart from God

- Lucifer's independence in thought and action
 - Isa 14:14, Ezek 28:16
- Adam and Eve's independence from God in thought and action
 - Gen 3:6
- All mankind's inherited sin nature expresses independence from God in thought and action
 - Gal 5:19-21

Dependence on the Knowledge from God

- All Decisions of the believer should be based on a correct understanding of Scripture (what God has said about any subject).
 - I Cor 10:31 “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”
 - What should I eat?
 - **Under law:** a specified and limited diet
 - **Under grace:** anything generally edible that doesn't harm my body

Dependence on the Knowledge from God (continued)

- **What should I eat under grace:** anything generally edible that doesn't harm my body. I Tim 4:1-5 (cf Acts 10:9-16)
 - Can I afford this?
 - How does God want me to use the money he gives me? (cf Prov 22:7)
 - Will this offend anyone?

Dependence on the Knowledge from God (continued)

- **What should I drink under grace?**
 - **Nothing to excess**
 - **Eph 5:18**
 - **Nothing that stumbles others**
 - **Rom 14:19-22**


Dependence on the Knowledge from God (continued)

- **Whom should I marry?** II Cor 6:14, I Cor 7:39
 - Are they a believer?
 - Are they living lives separated from the world?
- **Where shall I live?** James 4:13-17
 - Is there a local church to join and fellowship?
 - What is my motive for moving?

Dependence
on the
Knowledge
from God
(continued)

- Satan can interrupt our knowledge of God's will and attempt to cause us to act independently from His will.

Adam and Eve fell into sin and rebellion by acting independently from God



The resulting sin natures of all mankind continue to express independence from God



God's two-fold remedy from this kind of independent living:

Make Christ the Lord of your life
(Rom 12:1)

Allow God's will to control all
your activities (I Cor 10:31)

CONCLUSION