

# THE SATANIC ATTACK OF DISAPPOINTMENT

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*Scripture Reading:*

Job 1:6-12, 2:1-8

# INTRODUCTION

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- Scripture is not written as a systematic theology.
- II Cor 2:11 states that Satan has a repertoire of mental attacks against the thought processes of believers. But there is no chapter(s) in the Bible that clearly catalogue Satan's "fiery darts" – i.e., thought attacks.
  - Isa 14:14 and Ezek 28:16 reveal the reason for Lucifer's fall – his desire to be independent from God in thought and action.

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- After his fall, Satan appealed to Eve and Adam to think and act independently from God (Gen 3:6)
- From these two passages, we conclude that one of Satan's fiery thought darts is the lust to think and act independently from God
  - cf James 4:17
    - Knowing to do good (act according to God's will)
    - But not doing it

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- Now we come to the book of Job, where we discover several thought-darts of Satan
  - The background of Satan's thought attacks on Job
    - Job 1:9-12
    - Job 2:3-6

# Satanic Lust to Think and Act Independently from God

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- Job's wife used by Satan
  - Job 2:9
- Job's response demonstrates his focus on God's character
  - Job 2:10

# Satanic Lust of Disappointment

## Job 2:11-3:13

- Job's disappointment

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  - Job's "comforters" (2:11). They came to:
    - Mourn with him
    - Comfort him
    - 'Fix' his dilemma (19:1-4)
  - The severity of Job's condition realized (2:12-13)
  - The depth of Job's disappointment finally expressed (3:1-13)

# Satanic Lust of Disappointment

Job 2:11-3:13

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- **Disappointment defined:**
  - The failure of personal desires and expectations to be realized or to continue.
    - “I was expecting \_\_\_\_\_”
    - “I wasn’t expecting \_\_\_\_\_”
    - cf Matt 16:21-23

# Satanic Lust of Disappointment

Job 2:11-3:13

- **Expectations of the grace Believer:**

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  - His promised presence (Heb 13:5)
  - His promised peace (Phil 4:7)
  - His promised strength (Phil 4:13)
  - His promised works (Eph 2:10)
  - His promised immutability (Heb 13:8)
    - changelessness in character and promises
  - His promised difficulties (Phil 1:29)
    - Contentedness based on food and clothing (I Tim 6:6-8)

# Satanic Lust of Disappointment

Job 2:11-3:13

- Expectations not promised:

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  - Health
    - Known length of physical life, housing, transportation
  - Material goods
    - wealth or poverty
    - housing, transportation
  - Friends and family (cf Lk 12:51-53)

# CONCLUSION

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- When allowed by God, Satan can inflict thoughts of disappointment, based on failed expectations
  - **BELIEVER:** Look not on personal expectations, but on God's promises
    - In this life now, and
    - In the life to come

# CONCLUSION

II Corinthians 4:17-18

- <sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
- <sup>18</sup> While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.