

THE SATANIC ATTACK OF DISCOURAGEMENT

Scripture Reading:

Job 19:1-19

INTRODUCTION

- Review of the Satanic thought attack of **'disappointment'**
 - *Failed expectations*
- Disappointment leads to **'discouragement'**
 - *Failure to understand why or how*



Job's Discouragement Based on His Failure to Understand "Why?" (Job 19:1-9)

Why do my friends accuse me of wrong-doing?

- **Vs 1-6**

Why does God allow this calamity to exist and persist?

- **Vs 7-12**

Why do my relatives and friends avoid me and not provide comfort?

- **Vs 13-19**

Peter's Discouragement Based on His Failure to Understand "What?" and "How?"

Foretold failure and victory

- Luke 22:31-32

Peter's discouragement of himself

- Jn 21:15-17

Peter's victory over discouragement provided

- Jn 21:22 "...follow Me... (to Pentecost)"
 - CF Phil 4:13 "I can do all things by Christ..."

Discouraging Trials for the Grace Believer

- The reality of trials for the grace believer
 - *Phil 1:29*
- Trials (leading to temptations) work **patience**
 - *James 1:2-4*
- Trials (leading to temptations) produce **praise, honor, and glory** (from Christ) at His appearing
 - *1 Pet 1:6-7*
- The grace believer is enabled to **rejoice and give thanks** in and for discouraging circumstances
 - *1 Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20; Phil 4:4*

CONCLUSION

- When we come to understand the mental armor from God in Ephesians 6, we will find the mental adjustment provided to enable us to endure the trials that lead to Satanic temptations coming from his fiery mental though-darts.