

THE
SATANIC
ATTACK OF
DOUBT:
CAUSED
TO
QUESTION
GOD

Scripture Reading:

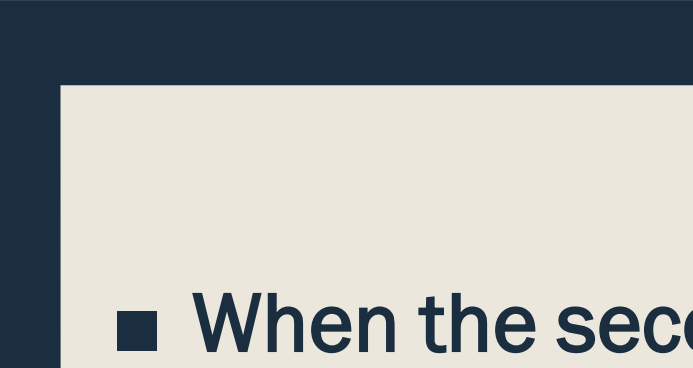

Romans 14:14-23

REVIEW

- Today, NT Grace believers are saved in the realm of their spirit (new mind – John 3:6)
- Therefore, we now have the ability to think critically (i.e., to make accurate judgments of anything as examined from God's revelation of truth)

INTRODUCTION

- Two NT words express this ability to think accurately
 - *ανακρινο* *anakrino*
 - I Cor 2:14-15
 - *To judge again, repeatedly*
 - *Examine, analyze*
 - *διακρινο* *diakrino*
 - I Cor 6:5
 - *To judge between two or more possibilities or variables*

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- When the second word, διακρίνω (diakrino) is used in relation to an outside source that causes or promotes the questioning of known facts and truths, the result is “DOUBT”
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INTRODUCTION



DEFINITION OF DOUBT

- “The inability to make decisions because of the lack of capacity to make distinctions between good and evil. Doubt is the opposite of faith.” HLS
 - *cf Heb 5:14*

DISPLAYS OF DOUBT?

- Gideon

- *Judges 6: 36-40*

- Peter

- *Acts 10: 20*

- cf 11: 12

- Believers who need wisdom for facing temptation

- *James 1: 2-6*

SATANIC THOUGHT-DARTS OF DOUBT

- Satan's attempt to cause Michael, the archangel, to doubt (Jude 9)
 - *cf Jn 12-16* (3x "prince of this world")
 - *Eph 2: 2* (the "prince of the authority of the atmosphere")
 - *Cf Dan 10: 12-13, 20*
- Satan's temptation of Eve to doubt God
 - *Gen 3: 1, 4-5*

DOUBT CAN LEAD TO AN ACT OF SIN

■ Rom 12:23

- “And he that doubts is damned if he eat, because he eats not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

CONCLUSION

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 - *Is God powerful enough?*
 - Isa 46:10 “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure”
 - *Is God here with me right now?*
 - Heb 13:5 “...for He hath said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you”
 - *Does God care for me?*
 - I Pet 5:7 “Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.”
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