

SATAN'S 3 STEP PLAN TO BEAT GOD (STEP 2)

GET PEOPLE BACK OUT OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:

L.S. - SATAN TRIES TO GET US BACK BY . . .

I. USING ALL THE TOOLS HE USED TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT.

- A. SEDUCING US WITH SINFUL ENTICEMENTS.
- B. BOMBARDING US WITH WORLDLY PLEASURES.
- C. PRODUCING AN ABUNDANCE OF COUNTERFEITS.
- D. MAGNIFYING OUR FAULTS AND SINS.
- E. LYING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH.
- F. DECEPTIVELY DISTORTING GOD'S TRUTHS.
- G. TOUTING TOLERANCE IN PLACE OF OBEDIENCE.
- H. EXCHANGING GOOD FOR GOD.
- I. PROMOTING PROCRASTINATION.
- J. SUPPORTING SELF-RELIANCE AND EGOTISM.

II. CAUSING FRUSTRATION, DISCOURAGEMENT, AND

DEPRESSION. - 1 KINGS 19:9-14 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? (10) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. (11) And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: (12) And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. (13) And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? (14) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

III. CAUSING STRIFE, ENVY, AND DIVISION. - 1 Cor. 3:3-4 For

ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (4) For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

IV. CAUSING JUDGMENTALISM AND NEGATIVITY. - Rom 2:1-

3 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. (2) But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. (3) And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

V. CHANGING THE CHURCH INTO A DENOMINATION. - 1Co

1:10-13 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (11) For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. (12) Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. (13) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

VI. TRIALS, TRIBULATION, AND PERSECUTION. - Rev 2:9-10 I

know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. (10) Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

VII. CREATING DOUBTS. - Mat 14:29-31 And he said, Come. And

when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. (30) But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

VIII. ENCOURAGING ECUMENICALISM. - Rom 16:17-19 Now I

beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (18)

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (19) For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

IX. DEVELOPING PRIDE AND ARROGANCE. - 1Pe 5:5-6

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (6) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

X. KEEPING US ISOLATED. - Rom 11:3-5 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. (4) But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. (5) Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

1Pe 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

XI. HINDERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH. - Gal 5:7-10 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? (8) This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. (9) A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. (10) I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

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