

WILES OF THE DEVIL

THE TACTICS OF OUR ENEMY

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ”

– Ephesians 6:11-12

1. Satan’s strategy – Doubt and Confusion

- a. We are not ignorant of his devices - 2 Cor 2:17
- b. The beguilement of Eve - 2 Cor 11:3-4, Genesis 3:1-5
- c. In the beginning (of sin) - Romans 5:12
- d. “Your father the devil” - John 8:44

2. Tactic: God’s Perfectly Preserved Words

- a. Sword of the spirit – Eph 6:17 – Where is it?
- b. Original Manuscripts – Original Languages – Minds of scholars?
- c. Perfectly Preserved through translation – Exodus 9:13-16; Romans 9:17
- d. The word of the Lord endureth forever – 1 Peter 1:25
- e. **Stand:** Believe the Bible God gave you

3. Tactic: Preaching by Agenda

- a. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools - Romans 1:21-25
- b. Handling the word of God deceitfully - 2 Cor 4:2-5
- c. We preach not ourselves – 2 Cor 4:5
- d. Another Jesus, another gospel – 2 Cor 11:3-4
 - i. Lord’s Prayer Forgiveness – Matt 6:14-15 – Eph 4:32. Rom 5:8
 - ii. Tithing – Mal 3:7-10; Luke 12:33; Acts 4:34; 2 Cor 9:6-7
 - iii. Baptism - 1 Cor 1:17 – Matthew 28:19
- e. **Stand:** Set aside your own agenda, follow God’s

4. Tactic: Doctrines of Devils

- a. Commanding to abstain from meats – 1 Tim 4:1-5
- b. God taught to abstain from meat - Leviticus 11:1-12
- c. Jesus was a Sabbath observing Jew – (Lord of the Sabbath) – Matt 26:17
 - i. Sabbath Day importance (Exodus 20:8, 31:15; Col 2:16; Gal 4:9-10)
 - ii. Peace on earth? (Compare: Luke 2:14; Luke 12:51 – Joel 3:10; Micah 4:3)
 - iii. Circumcision (Compare: Genesis 17:11; Galatians 6:15)
 - iv. Salvation (Compare: Deut 6:25; James 2:24; Romans 4:5)
- d. **Stand:** Jesus Christ according to Paul’s Gospel – Rom 16:25