



Title: Satan Attacks Our Minds

Main Scripture: Mark 9:17-29

Satan attacks our minds.

(Gen 3:1-13)

Satan attacks our minds with lies.

(2 Cor 10:3-5)

We can fight back with God's truth.

(2 Cor 10:3-5, Is 26:3, Phil 4:8, Is 55:8-9)

Practice Now

1. Help and protect: Lord Jesus, please help me and protect me.
2. Expose: Lord Jesus, please shine Your light on a lie I've been believing.
3. Renounce: Lord Jesus, I give You this lie and I renounce this lie in Jesus' name.
4. Cut off and cast out: Lord Jesus, cut off the lie and its power in my life. I cast out any forces of darkness connected to this lie, in Jesus' name.
5. Be filled again: Lord Jesus, please fill me now with Your Holy Spirit.
6. Receive truth: Lord Jesus, I receive any truth the You have for me, in place of this lie, in Jesus' name.

My Identity in Christ

1. I am chosen by God before the foundation of the world.
2. I am God's friend and His child.
3. In Jesus, I have a hope and a future.
4. All things are possible with God and I live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

I Am Accepted in Christ

John 1:12	<i>I am God's child.</i>
John 15:15	<i>I am Christ's friend.</i>
Romans 5:1	<i>I have been justified.</i>
1 Corinthians 6:17	<i>I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit.</i>
1 Corinthians 6:20	<i>I have been bought with a price; I belong to God.</i>
1 Corinthians 12:27	<i>I am a member of Christ's body.</i>
Ephesians 1:1	<i>I am a saint.</i>
Ephesians 1:5	<i>I have been adopted as God's child.</i>
Ephesians 2:18	<i>I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.</i>
Colossians 1:14	<i>I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.</i>
Colossians 2:10	<i>I am complete in Christ.</i>

I Am Secure in Christ

Romans 8:1-2	<i>I am free forever from condemnation.</i>
Romans 8:28	<i>I am assured that all things work together for good.</i>
Romans 8:33-34	<i>I am free from any condemning charges against me.</i>
Romans 8:35	<i>I cannot be separated from the love of God.</i>
2 Corinthians 1:21	<i>I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.</i>
Colossians 3:3	<i>I am hidden with Christ in God.</i>
Philippians 1:6	<i>I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected.</i>
Philippians 3:20	<i>I am a citizen of heaven.</i>
2 Timothy 1:7	<i>I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.</i>
Hebrews 4:16	<i>I can find grace and mercy in time of need.</i>
1 John 5:18	<i>I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.</i>

I Am Significant in Christ

Matthew 5:13-14	<i>I am the salt and light of the earth.</i>
John 15:1, 5	<i>I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.</i>
John 15:16	<i>I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.</i>
Acts 1:8	<i>I am a personal witness of Christ.</i>
1 Corinthians 3:16	<i>I am God's temple.</i>
2 Corinthians 5:17-20	<i>I am a minister of reconciliation.</i>
2 Corinthians 6:1	<i>I am God's coworker.</i>
Ephesians 2:6	<i>I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.</i>
Ephesians 2:10	<i>I am God's workmanship.</i>
Ephesians 3:12	<i>I may approach God with freedom and confidence.</i>
Philippians 4:13	<i>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.</i>

I Am Accepted in Christ

John 1:12	<i>I am God's child.</i>
John 15:15	<i>I am Christ's friend.</i>
Romans 5:1	<i>I have been justified.</i>
1 Corinthians 6:17	<i>I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit.</i>
1 Corinthians 6:20	<i>I have been bought with a price; I belong to God.</i>
1 Corinthians 12:27	<i>I am a member of Christ's body.</i>
Ephesians 1:1	<i>I am a saint.</i>
Ephesians 1:5	<i>I have been adopted as God's child.</i>
Ephesians 2:18	<i>I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.</i>
Colossians 1:14	<i>I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.</i>
Colossians 2:10	<i>I am complete in Christ.</i>

I Am Secure in Christ

Romans 8:1-2	<i>I am free forever from condemnation.</i>
Romans 8:28	<i>I am assured that all things work together for good.</i>
Romans 8:33-34	<i>I am free from any condemning charges against me.</i>
Romans 8:35	<i>I cannot be separated from the love of God.</i>
2 Corinthians 1:21	<i>I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.</i>
Colossians 3:3	<i>I am hidden with Christ in God.</i>
Philippians 1:6	<i>I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected.</i>
Philippians 3:20	<i>I am a citizen of heaven.</i>
2 Timothy 1:7	<i>I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.</i>
Hebrews 4:16	<i>I can find grace and mercy in time of need.</i>
1 John 5:18	<i>I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.</i>

I Am Significant in Christ

Matthew 5:13-14	<i>I am the salt and light of the earth.</i>
John 15:1, 5	<i>I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.</i>
John 15:16	<i>I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.</i>
Acts 1:8	<i>I am a personal witness of Christ.</i>
1 Corinthians 3:16	<i>I am God's temple.</i>
2 Corinthians 5:17-20	<i>I am a minister of reconciliation.</i>
2 Corinthians 6:1	<i>I am God's coworker.</i>
Ephesians 2:6	<i>I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.</i>
Ephesians 2:10	<i>I am God's workmanship.</i>
Ephesians 3:12	<i>I may approach God with freedom and confidence.</i>
Philippians 4:13	<i>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.</i>

“Satan Attacks Our Minds”

January 21/22, 2023

The Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 9:17-29

Opening Prayer: *Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, we invite You to come now. Speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your Word. Amen.*

Icebreaker:

Have you ever had an exhilarating or adrenaline-inducing experience? What was it?

Read Mark 9:17-29 together. From this Scripture and notes from the sermon, discuss the following:

- Take a minute and then share any words, thoughts or pictures that these verses bring to mind. How do you think Satan is attempting to attack your mind, or other people’s minds, today?
- In Genesis 3:1-13 we see a progression from “Did God actually say ...?” (v 1) to then contradicting God and questioning His good command to Adam and Eve (v 4). Can you think of ways that Satan uses this same pattern of deceit today?

Personal Reflection:

- Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 together.
 - A stronghold is a mindset, value system or thought process that hinders your growth. Can you think of strongholds in your life that need to be demolished by Jesus (i.e., the father in Mark 9 had a stronghold of doubt which hindered his faith)?
 - We have “divine power to demolish strongholds ... destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” through “weapons of our warfare,” which are the Word of God and prayer. Share some practical ways that you can grow in being able to wield these weapons well when Satan is attempting to attack your mind to trap you or cause doubt.
- Craig mentions that one key weapon we have is knowing and reminding ourselves of truth, and specifically the promises God has given us. What are promises God has given you that you need to hold on to (i.e., Isaiah 26:3)?
- Craig mentions that another key weapon we have is meditating on the goodness of God (Philippians 4:8), reminding ourselves of His activity in our lives. What are ways in which you have seen God’s provision, encouragement and love evident in your life?

Prayer: *Jesus, we ask you to protect our minds through reminding us of our identity in You. Expose the lies we have believed so that we may renounce them and submit them to You to cast away from us and replace those lies with Your truth. Holy Spirit, remind us of Your faithfulness; fill us afresh, and pour Your peace and joy into our hearts. Amen.*