

The Second Fall
Matthew 4:1-11, Revelation 12
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- Tactics of the enemy:

1. Erode the believer's trust in God's providence.
2. Erode the believer's trust in God's love and goodness.
3. Twist the word of God and make it unrecognizable to the believer.
4. Cause a believer to presume that God recklessly uses his power.
5. Attain worship or redirect the worship of God elsewhere.
6. Produce ungodly compromise and self-ambition in the believer.

“All He would have to do is give Satan what he has been longing for ever since he fell from glorious to profane: worship and recognition from God Himself. This is a revealing insight into Satan's heart; worship and recognition are far more precious to him than the possession of the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He is still the one who said I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.” (Isaiah 14:13-14) - David Guzik

- Even at his weakest point, the devil could still not defeat Christ.
- The second fall of Satan occurred when he was forcibly expelled from heaven.

“Satan doth not tempt God's children because they have sin in them, but because they have grace in them. Had they no grace, the devil would not disturb them... Though to be tempted is a trouble, yet to think why you are tempted is a comfort.” – Thomas Watson