



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## ANNUAL FASTING AND PRAYER SATAN'S SPIRITUAL ATTACK ON THE BELIEVERS.

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Though the Devil may attack at any time, he will always do it when he thinks it is to his advantage. We see this method, time and time again, in the Scriptures.

### 1. After A Great Spiritual Experience

We find that Jesus was attacked by Satan right after His empowerment.

Matthew 4:2-3

[2]And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

[3]Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

This should teach us a lesson that after a great spiritual experience we should be ready for spiritual attacks from the enemy.

### 2. At The Beginning Of A New Spiritual Endeavor

Satan also will attack when someone is beginning a new spiritual quest.

Right after Jesus was attacked by the Devil, He began His public ministry.

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17).

Knowing Jesus was about to begin His ministry, Satan attacked Him.

### 3. When Believers Are Physically Vulnerable

We also find Satan coming when believers are in a weak position - either physically or emotionally.

Jesus was attacked after He had fasted for forty days.

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was famished.

### 4. When A Believer Is Alone

We also find Satan attacking when people are alone.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil.

### 5. From An Unexpected Source.

Often times Satan will attack us from an unexpected source - someone from whom we do not think.

After Jesus had told His disciples that He was going to Jerusalem to die and then be raised the third day, He was rebuked from an unexpected source.

And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

Matthew 16:22-23

[22]Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

[23]But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

This is an unfortunate occurrence, but it happens too often. Satan comes to the believer through the sin of another believer.



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These are the attacks that hurt the most.

## 6. Always Comes Back And Attacks Again

After Satan attacks a believer and then leaves, he always returns again.

When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from Him until an opportune time, Luke 4:13

[13]Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

Though the believer may win a temporary victory over the Devil in their spiritual battle, Satan will return to fight at another time.

What to do to be Victorious?

Luke 4:14

[14]Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Though Satan does attack, and sometimes entices believers to fall into sin, ultimately we are victorious through Christ when we wait upon the Lord for renewal of strengths.

This is the promise of God! The Apostle Paul declared.

2 Timothy 4:18 "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.