

## Overcoming Satanic Attacks

⇒ **Text:** Job 1:1-12

⇒ **Introduction:**

- You often hear it said, "It seems I am having more problems with the devil now than I did before I go SAVED."
- When there is so many promises of being victorious in Christ, why is it there is so much defeat among God's people?
  - Were these promises only for those People recorded in the Bible?
- Some basic knowledge we need is:
  - (1) The devil does not need to attack you when you belong to him - UNSAVED!
  - (2) But when you get SAVED and decide that you are going to live for God, the spiritual battle begins in earnest.
- One should not be surprised when they have problems with the devil.
- Even Job the man that God said - "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." (Job 1:1)
- The question is not, "Will I be attacked by the devil?"
  - It rather is, "How can I gain the victory when I am attacked?"
- Notice with me in this message the answer to "How Can I Gain the Victory When I Am Attacked by the Devil?"

⇒ **I. REMEMBER, SATAN ATTACKS THE PUREST PEOPLE**

- **See Job 1:8**
- A. Temptation is not a sign that you are a wicked person.
- B. It is no sin to be TEMPTED.
- C. The SIN is when we yield to TEMPTATION.
- D. Was Job contaminated when he was tempted by the devil to curse God?
  - 1. Not at all look again in **Job 1:8**
  - 2. Now notice what God says after the temptation passes in:
    - **See Job 2:3**
- E. God says the same thing about Job when the TEMPTATION had PASTED.
- F. Someone has rightly said: "Life is a grindstone, and whether it wears you down or polishes you up depends on what you are made of."
- G. TEMPTATION is merely the instrument that reveals Character or the lack of.

⇒ **II. REMEMBER, SATAN ATTACKS IN MANY AREAS**

- A. Satan may attack through your MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.
  - **See Job 1:3**
    - 1. JOB goes from Millionaire to Pauper in one HOUR! – **See Job 1:11**
    - 2. But JOB handles the TEMPTATION – **See Job 1:21**
    - 3. What would you say if you lost everything in one hour and had nothing in reserve to fall back on?

- 4. Remember, the devil attacks often in Material Possessions.
    - B. Satan may attack you through your PHYSICAL HEALTH
      - 1. GOD permitted Satan to touch Job's body with sickness.
        - **See Job 2:7**
      - 2. If your health fails will you complain, accuse God and lose your faith?
      - 3. Or will you be like Job and say, - **See Job 2:10**
    - C. Satan may attack you through your FAMILY
      - 1. Job's wife had lost the same children, the same fortune and was experiencing the same suffering with JOB.
      - 2. Her faith being weaker than Job's, she lost faith in a hurry.
        - **See Job 2:9**
      - 3. This can be the most devastating attack because when the devil can use our own families to tempt us to forsake God we feel totally helpless unless our faith is in God as was Job's.
        - **See Job 2:10 again).**
    - D. Satan may attack you through MISUNDERSTANDING FRIENDS
      - 1. When his three friends heard about his trouble they came to COMFORT.
      - 2. But when they began to speak it was CONDEMNATION that came forth from their mouths.
      - 3. They look at HIS CIRCUMSTANCES and not HIS CHARACTER.
- ⇒ **III. REMEMBER, SATAN ATTACKS CAN BE OVERCOME**
- A. OVERCOME, the devil by a life of PURITY
    - **See Job 1:8**
  - B. Overcome the devil by a life of FAITH
    - **See Job 1:22**
  - C. Overcome the devil by a life EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
    - **See Mat 4:1**
  - D. Overcome the devil by the WORD OF GOD
    - **See Mat 4:4, 7, 10**
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
- Here is the key to overcoming temptations of the devil.
    - **See James 4:7**
      - In Christ you can be an over comer and not one that yields to temptations from Satan.
      - The choice is yours today.