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The Power of the Devil

Does Satan have the ability or authority to read our minds and plant evil thoughts?

Well, I know that we have free will and that we allow ourselves to make bad choices but the question is: does the Devil have this ability? No, I don't believe so. At one time, Satan certainly had such power even to the point of having demons possess individuals against their own free will.

However today, Satan has been bound by Christ and no longer exercises the same kind of power he once had. The Hebrew writer said, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" (Heb. 2:14) Through Christ's death, he bound the power of the Devil.

Consider if you will that John wrote, "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years," (Rev. 20:2). Satan's direct power over the mind of man has been removed. Otherwise, we could say before God at judgment that it was not me that sinned, it was the Devil: "He made me do it."

Now with these things said, this does not mean that Satan has no influence on men today. Peter advised us to, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" (1 Pet. 5:8). Thus, we are to resist him and his influences on our lives.

Now today, we are tempted by means of our own lusts. For, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (Jam. 1:13-15) This rises from within ourselves. Satan certainly can place things in our path that he knows will tempt us, but those temptations come from desires and thoughts that we originate.

Remember, Jesus said that it was out of the human heart that evil comes in our lives (Matthew 15:18-20). This is where we need to focus our efforts, not upon worrying whether or not Satan can directly put evil thoughts into our minds.

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Good News, Jesus Saves
1 John 1:7-10

PM - Things That Makes the
Church Run Wel - Protection
Galatians 2:1-7

Happenings

South Jackson

November 16

Men's Business Meeting

November 25

Ladies Holiday Party
See Bulletin Board for details

December 13

Adult Holiday Party
Details will be coming soon

Cards to Send

Lisa Dukes
36 Brookfield Drive
Oakfield, TN 38362

Troyce and Leslie Taylor
80 Fawn Ridge Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	47/6
AM Worship	87/3
PM Worship	51/17
Wed Bible Study	55/1
Contribution	3534
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 9 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Charlie Richardson
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Mike Wages

Nov 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Ronald Clouse

Nov 16 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Mike Wages
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Mike Wages

Nov 19 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Greg Long

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM