



We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 Peter 3:15)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Thank you for being our Guest today!

25 Things Satan Cannot Do

Tim Childs

1. Wish God out of existence
2. Diminish the power of God's love
3. Relocate us to a position outside the reach of God and His love
4. Confuse God so He is unable to know those who belong to Him
5. Tempt God to do evil
6. Change God's character
7. Make God lie
8. Overpower God
9. Destroy the seed of the kingdom
10. Make false what is true, nor make true what is false
11. Defeat God's revealed truth
12. Force God to fellowship those who embrace doctrines of demons
13. Steal God's grace, mercy, love and forbearance
14. Weaken the power of the Gospel of Christ
15. Force me to sin against God
16. Block the path God has prepared for my use when temptation comes
17. Tempt me beyond what I am able to bear and resist
18. Forcibly remove me from God's watchful care and saving grace
19. Cause the universal church of our Lord to cease to exist
20. Prevent Jesus' coming again
21. Stop the dead from being raised at Jesus' command
22. Change the standard of God's Word by which all men will be judged
23. Prevent God's faithful children from going home to the heavenly city
24. Shield his angels and followers from God's wrath and punishment
25. Change the destiny God has prepared for him

THE TONGUE CAN NO MAN TAME...

Alvin Jennings

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*I saw about a peck
of counterfeit
dollars once. But I
did not go to the
window and throw
away all my good
dollars. Yet many
reject Christianity
because there are
hypocrites or
counterfeit
Christians.*

—Selected

*Neither the
authority of years,
the weight of
numbers, nor the
intensity of
sincerity can make a
thing right if it is
fundamentally
wrong to begin
with.*

—James D. Bales

1. Too much talking about what "I think" (Proverbs 18:2)
2. Trapping self with contradictory words (Proverbs 18:7)
3. Gossip sinks deep and hurts hearts (Proverbs 18:8; 20:19; 25:9)
4. Answering before listening or thinking (Proverbs 18:3, 17)
5. Perverse speech makes a fool (Proverbs 19:1)
6. Lying and failing to keep promises (Proverbs 19:9; 14:8; 20:25)
7. Nagging, brawling wife is like a dripping faucet (Proverbs 19:3; 25:24; 27:15)
8. Making fun of wisdom (Proverbs 19:25)
9. Boasting (bragging) about one's own deeds (Proverbs 20:1; 27:2; Ecclesiastes 2:4-10; James 3:5)
10. Talking too much when should be listening (Proverbs 20:19; 10:19; Ecclesiastes 10:14)
11. Threatening to pay back evil for evil (Proverbs 20:22)
12. Complaining; grouchy (Proverbs 21:9, 19)
13. Speaking evil of one's own father or mother (Proverbs 19:26)
14. Praising your own self (Proverbs 25:27)
15. Giving a foolish answer (Proverbs 26:4)
16. Belittling your neighbor, saying "I was joking!" (Proverbs 26:19)
17. False praise; flattery (Proverbs 26:28)
18. Boasting about what will accomplish tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1)
19. Greeting neighbor loudly early in the morning (Proverbs 27:14)
20. Slander (Proverbs 10:18)
21. Cursing and taking God's name in vain (Exodus 20:9; I Kings 18:20; Deuteronomy 5; James 3:9-10)
22. Euphemisms (words sounding like curse words) "Dadgummit, Heck, Gee Whiz," etc.
23. Denying the truth. (Matthew 26:34; Proverbs 30:9; I Timothy 2:12)
24. Teaching and preaching false doctrine (2 Peter 2:1)
25. Sticking tongue out in derision (Job 30:1)
26. Whispering; backbiting (Proverbs 16:28)
27. Hissing (Jeremiah 18:16; 51:37; Lamentations 2:16)
28. Remaining silent when should be speaking truth (I John 4:3)
29. Bearing false witness; accusing falsely (Exodus 20:16; Matthew 19:18; Acts 6:13)
30. Failing to keep secrets (Proverbs 11:13)
31. Discouraging words (Numbers 32:19; Deuteronomy 1:28)
32. Disputing about doubtful matters (Romans 14:1; Job 6:25)
33. Habitual, baseless arguing; stirring trouble (Proverbs 6:14; Numbers 32:19; Deuteronomy 1:28)
34. Dividing what God has joined in marriage (Matthew 19:6)
35. Disrespecting and rebuking aged men (Job 15:10; I Timothy 5:1)
36. Discriminating against the poor (James 2:3-4)
37. Slandering the noble name of Jesus (James 2:7-8)
38. Talking when should listen: This is "miserable!" (Job 15:17; 16:1-2)
39. Cursing men and blessing God Who made them (James 3:9)
40. Denying faith in Jesus (Matthew 10:32-33)
41. Calling a person a "fool" (Matthew 5:22)
42. Taking God's names in vain: example is "OMG" (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11)
43. By not saying: "If God wills I will do this..." (James 4:15)
44. Failing to keep promises, vows (Ecclesiastes 5:4; Numbers 30:2-3; Job 22:27)
45. Criticizing rich people (Ecclesiastes 10:20)
46. Breaking a promise (Proverbs 4:5-7)

He can never speak well who knows not when to hold his peace.

SATAN'S GRAND LIE

Gary C. Hampton

Jesus called Satan *“a murderer from the beginning”* and the father of liars (John 8:44). He referred to the incident recorded in Genesis 3 when Satan deceived the woman. There are some important lessons for us in this tragic story.

Satan focused on the prohibition instead of the provision (Genesis 3:1). He subtly got her to focus on the only fruit in the garden she could not eat. Today, there are those who whine because of what they do not have. We need to focus on giving thanks instead (1 Thessalonians 5:18). After all, God has given us the greatest possible gift of all (2 Corinthians 9:15; Romans 8:32).

Satan denied the reality of the curse of death (Genesis 3:4). The father of lies called God the Father a liar (Genesis 2:17). Some live today as if there were no death, much like the rich man in Jesus' parable (Luke 12:16-21). Everyone needs to realize that even with the great advances in medicine, each has an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27).

Satan denied God's loving kindness by saying God denied man access to something good (Genesis 3:5). We need to recognize that God is good and the source of every good gift (Psalm 136:1; James 1:17). God and His Word have been charged with being anti-woman when He actually made her the crowning act of creation (Genesis 2:22-23). The virtuous wife is praised, and husbands are commanded to love their wives in the strongest of terms (Proverbs 31:10; Ephesians 5:25-28).

Satan said man could set his own law by telling him *“you will be like God”* (Genesis 3:5b). Some would have us believe we can set our own path to salvation. Jesus said we must do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21). Paul said God no longer will overlook ignorance, but He insists that all repent (Acts 17:30). The way to the new life is through being buried with Christ in baptism and raised to live a new life (Romans 6:3-4).

Ignore Satan's lies. Live each day according to God's will, knowing that is the path to entering Heaven.

This Week's Q&A

Q: Who did God promise to send before His people in the wilderness to the place He had prepared?

A: An Angel, in Exodus 23:20-23. The word angel when capitalized refers to Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4 refers also to Christ as the Rock that followed the Israelites in the wilderness. He led them and followed them—surrounding them with His presence and protection, a foreshadowing of how He would lead and follow His people in the Christian age.

When a church is frozen with formality, it needs more than the fires of eloquence.

A Reader's Guide

To learn just who shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
read Matthew 7:21.

To learn to whom the Lord has promised the crown of life,
read James 1:12

To learn how to know whether a man loves the Lord,
read John 14:21-24.

To learn whether men are saved by faith only,
read James 2:14-26.

To learn just what love is, read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

To learn how useless all other things are without love,
Read I Corinthians 13:1-3s.

To learn just how to deal with others under all circumstances,
read Matthew 7:12.

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An open mind and a closed mouth often make a happy combination.

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someone
who might
read me!