

# Satan Is Looking For A Place In Your Mind

**In Asia or Roman Catholic nations, homes have small altars hanging on the wall with an image of the god they worship.**

**1 Corinthians 8:4** [New King James] *“Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.”*

**Paul explains that such an idol is nothing for there is only one true Triune Creator God, all such people are doing is providing a place in their home for a false “god.”**

**Satan is not looking for a place in such homes, for he has already deceived them into worshipping him instead of the true Creator God, [2 Corinthians 4:4].**

**What Satan really desires is a place in the minds and hearts of those whom the true God has called at this time to have their chance of salvation, [John 6:44].** God’s ultimate desire is that eventually all human beings who have ever lived will have a chance to repent, [2 Peter 3:9] for most this will be through a resurrection back to human life after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, when Satan’s influence will be extinguished, [Revelation 20:1-3] and all true Christians will have spirit bodies, working with Jesus Christ, [Revelation 20:4-6, 11-13].

**It is those who will be working with Jesus Christ after His Second Coming that Satan desires to destroy now, [1 Peter 5:8].**

**Satan’s methods have not changed since he deceived Eve, [Genesis 3:4-5].** He places doubts in our minds about God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and the promises made in it by God.

**Satan and his demons do not need a physical place in our homes, they are spirit beings, evil spirit beings, and they are on the outlook for a spiritual place in which to do their deadly work. That place could be your mind.**

**Romans 8:7-9** [NIV] *“the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”*

Until we are called by God for our time of salvation through Jesus Christ, [Acts 4:12] our carnal mind could **not** obey the true God. But after confession, repentance and baptism by immersion we receive the Holy Spirit in our minds and hearts, [Romans 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:22-24] to re-educate our minds, [Romans 12:2].

**But Satan can still have access to our minds in this battle for our minds and hearts.**

**Ephesians 6:10, 12** [New King James] *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” ... “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*

Paul mentions, *“firey darts of the wicked one”* referring to Satan’s attack on our new life, [verse 16].

**What are these deadly “darts”? –**

**Anger, bad temper or resentment, are powerful “darts” that can penetrate our mind and heart.**

**Ephesians 4:25-27** [New King James] *“Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbour,’ for we are members of one another. ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.”*

Notice last five words, **“give place to the devil.”**

**Ephesians 4:28-29** [New King James] *“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labour, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”*

**Stealing and foul language are also making our mind open to Satan and his demons, along with bitterness, will also close our minds to the Holy Spirit, a Person of the Triune God who is, when He is active within us, preparing us for the gift of salvation through being filled with His “fruits” which are the very characteristics of the true God, [Galatians 5:22-25].**

**James 3:14-16** [New King James] *“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”*

**Envy and self-seeking hearts open us up to other evil things to be placed in our minds by Satan and his demons.**

Satan and his demons know they will be defeated by Jesus Christ and the faithful angels who serve the true God, [**Revelation 20:1-3, 10**] their only “success” can come now from seeing how many of the people that God has called at this time, then another short period after the Kingdom of God has been established on earth at Jesus Christ’s Second Coming, [**Revelation 20:7-9**] **can be deceived**, [verses 7-8].

**How then do we guard our mind? –**

**Ephesians 6:13-18** [New King James] *“Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,”*

This description of a Roman soldier’s armour is used by Paul to remind us how we can defend our minds from Satan’s assault.

**Although not mentioned, a Roman soldier would put on this armour first thing, as soon as he had washed his body.**

The broad belt at the waist held every part of his clothing in place. This was symbolic of the truth of God’s Word and the breast plate that shielded his heart was the imputed righteousness that is ours from accepting the truth of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice, [**Romans 4:13, 16, 18-24**] after confession of our sins, repentance and baptism.

The sandals the Roman soldier wore were of strong long-lasting leather as our witness for the gospel message should be.

The shield of faith is our firm belief in the promises that the invisible but very real Creator God has made, [**Hebrews 11:1-3**].

The helmet is our salvation that is our firm belief that even if Satan is allowed to kill us, [**Hebrews 2:14-15**] we can pray to the Creator God the same prayer as Stephen, [**Acts 7:59-60**].

All the above are defensive acts but the sword can also be used as an offensive weapon against Satan's attack, [**Hebrews 4:12**].

**Add to the above constant prayer to the true Creator God and we can overcome all the attacks that Satan may make on us.**

**Revelation 12:9-11** [New King James] *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**”*

**This is our part in overcoming the evil deception of Satan and his demons.**