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# Fighting the lies of the devil

by Kevin Jingga

No one sins out of duty. We sin because it offers us something pleasurable. We fall into the lies of the devil. It's a terrifying picture, but it's the reality – until Christ won the battle for us.

I hope this short article or devotion may encourage everyone who reads and also awaken our desire to live out our victorious life in Christ.

“I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul”

The famous line resonates deeply with the human heart. Everyone wants to be independent, free, and able to do whatever they want. It can't be truer in this age and time, where truth is no longer objective. In fact, we deny the Truth by creating our own version of truth. It's easy. Just search on Google for whatever fact that we created, there will be (reasonable) justification for it.

That's where the devil wants to take us, to be free and independent. No one can tell us what to do, or to decide what's good or bad for us. That's the strategy. It is so subtle that we cannot even recognise it. Sin feels good, feels free. Why? Because the devil makes it so appealing.

I always wonder why I did this or that or spent so much time on this or that after I did it, not when I did it. It feels good because the devil got it concealed. All the while, our life is wasting away obeying and satisfying the insatiable desire of the flesh. The combination of the spiritual forces and our own sinful desires is death.

## **The problem**

Many times, we knew what would happen if we sin – yet we still fall into it. We fall into the lies that sin offers but cannot deliver. It's like knowing the consequences of eating junk food,

but we still eat it anyway because we believe junk food will satisfy us more than not eating it. What we need is not another seminar of how bad junk food is, but experiencing the benefit of having a healthy lifestyle.

For many of us, my guess is that we may have enough information of how bad sin is; but we still fall into it because deep down we believe the lies of the devil. We believe that this world can actually satisfy our desire. What we miss is that we do not experience the beauty of holiness.

Are we thrilled for the excitement of meeting God in the morning rather than sleeping in? Or are we fuelled by the joy of reading the Word instead of scrolling Instagram? Is God's love truly better than life? I write this while I am shaking my head, realising how often I have forsaken the source of the living water and dug my own broken cisterns.

If we truly believe the promises that

Christ offers are way better than what sin can offer, we will have the motivation to be obedient to God's will.

### **The remedy**

The lies that Satan told us are often twofold: deception and accusation. He tricked us into sinning and condemned us after we sinned. It's not new or innovative. Eve's got deceived at the garden of Eden. In fact, the name Satan is itself means the accuser in Hebrew.

To fight deception, we need truth. In last Sunday's sermon, it is mentioned that "[the] Devil's scheme is appealing to our desire and incite it as such that we seek to fulfil it in other things than God and step over the boundary of His Word". The devil is indeed well organised and structured, he knows our weak spot.

John Piper once warned us, saying, "Satan devotes himself 168 hours a week trying to deceive you and fill

your mind with junk,”

“Do you think that in this atmosphere you can maintain a vigorous, powerful, free, renewed mind with a ten-minute glance at God’s book once a day?”

We need deep awareness of the all-satisfying truth rather than superficial knowledge to fight the scheme. It is much more than knowing a few well-known verses, because the devil even tempted Jesus using verses from the Bible. Our mind needs to be renewed and our whole being saturated to the Word to truly believe that Christ is better than all the fleeting pleasures of sin or the lies that the devil offers.

To fight accusations, we need assurance. The assurance of the steadfast love of God - that God’s love is not like our love. I remember the vision of Zechariah in chapter 3, where Joshua the high priest is accused by Satan. Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes, unable to



defend himself. But in verse 4, the angel said to Joshua, "See I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

What a stunning picture! In fact, we have no ground to defend ourselves against Satan's accusation, we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We all deserve condemnation. But when we put our faith in Christ and his finished work at the cross, we have an assurance of God's love not because of our performances but Christ's righteousness imputed to us.

### **The victory**

If we look at our lives and if we are honest to ourselves, we know that there is no chance we can win the battleground. We are all losers when we are in spiritual warfare. But the good news is we have someone who has fought for us. At the Calvary, Jesus took up all our defeats and bore the consequences even though He won the battle. There, at the cross, was the greatest exchange

of the entire history. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We are victorious because Christ has won the battle for us. We are given the victory and we need to hold on to it. Therefore, let us hold fast and live to this promise and assurance of our victory. To conclude, I'd like to write (or sing) these lines from a hymn called "Christ the Sure and steady Anchor":

*Christ the sure and steady Anchor  
While the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle  
And it seems the night has won*

*Deeper still then goes the Anchor  
Though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the Anchor  
It shall never be removed*



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*“The mortification of  
indwelling sin remaining  
in our mortal bodies, that it  
may not have life and power  
to bring forth the works  
or deeds of the flesh is the  
constant duty of believers.”*

JOHN OWEN