

**REBUKE THE DEVIL**

**PART 2:**

**THE ATTACK ON**

**YOUR PURPOSE**

He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44b (NIV)

**Rebuking the devil is holistically resisting  
and rejecting his deceitful presence and  
suggestions.**



**If we don't resist and reject demonic suggestions, they become part of our daily logic structure.**

Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:15 (NIV)

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)

## **Fiery Darts:**

Dart: a suggestion designed to deceive and misdirect us into wrong beliefs and choices.

Flaming darts don't just do impact damage, but their effects continue to spread afterward.



<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

**Satan Attacks  
Our Appetites  
Tempting Us Toward  
Immediate Satisfaction**

“The devil is a master fisherman; he baits his hook according to the appetite of the fish. He is always seeking to produce unbelief, pride, unreality, false hopes, confusion of mind and disobedience, as he did in Eden; if he cannot do this directly then he labors to do it indirectly, fostering unbalance and one-sidedness.”

*J.I. Packer*

# **Satan Attacks Our Identity Attacking Our Self-Worth**



**Iceland, which was the second happiest country in the world in 2020 according to the World Happiness Report, has the highest antidepressant consumption.**



**Denmark was ranked the happiest country in the world multiple years in a row and had a 10% rate of chronic depression, and one of the highest antidepressant consumption rates.**



**Satan Attacks**  
**Our Worship**  
**Tempting Us Toward the**  
**Worship of Other Idols**

"We only learn to behave ourselves in the presence of God."

*C. S. Lewis*

"Without worship, we go about miserable."

*A.W. Tozer*