

# RECOGNIZING AND DEFENDING AGAINST THE FLAMING DARTS OF TEMPTATION



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## REVELATION 12:9

<sup>9</sup> ...the great dragon ... that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world...



## JAMES 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.



## JAMES 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



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### GENESIS 3:1

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say..."





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## 2. Twisting God's words

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He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"



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## 3. Minimizing God's goodness



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### GENESIS 3:2

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden..."



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4. Doubting God's strictness and severity



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### GENESIS 3:3

<sup>3</sup> "...but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"



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## 5. Defying God's judgment



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**GENESIS 3:4**

<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."



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## 6. Disparaging God's love





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**GENESIS 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat of it..."



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## 7. Lying about the benefits of disobedience

### GENESIS 3:5

<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



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1. Submit to God's will



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**ROMANS 10:17**

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



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2. Defend God's words



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### JUDE 3

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.





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3. Magnify God's goodness



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**PSALM 119:68**

<sup>68</sup> You are good and do good;  
teach me your statutes.



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4. Respect God's strictness  
and severity



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**ROMANS 11:22**

<sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.



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**REVELATION 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.



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**REVELATION 14:6-7**

<sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."



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6. Rejoice in God's love





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**ROMANS 8:35-37**

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?



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**ROMANS 8:35-37**

<sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



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<sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.



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**JOHN 8:44**

<sup>44</sup> “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

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**2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.



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**2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

<sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...





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**ROMANS 6:16**

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?



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**ROMANS 6:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?



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**ROMANS 6:1-4**

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.