

...Why am I being attacked by a demon?

The believer is in a spiritual battle; therefore, he will be attacked (1 Co 10:13). He must put on the full armor of the Lord¹ and stand (1 Co 16:13). Christians can encourage and pray for one another during difficult times (Jas 5:1, Heb 10:25). The believer is never alone. He has the Holy Spirit indwelt (Jn 14:16, 26, Heb 13:5).

Satan is patient and will do all he can to destroy individuals (Mark 4:15). Most people crash and burn (Ex 23:2, Mt 7:13, 1 Ti 1:19, Heb 6:4-6); but the Christian endures to the end (Jas 1:12, Re 2:10) and he is rewarded for his faithfulness. Jesus said, "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth (Re 3:10)."

Satan, the enemy of men's souls (Mt 13:39), is a defeated foe (Mt 25:41). In fact, one day men will see him cast into the Lake of Fire prepared for him. The prophet Isaiah wrote,

"Those who see you will gaze at you and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble; Who shook kingdoms; Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities; Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'" Is 14:16-17

Believers have all authority in Jesus' to bind and rebuke demons (Lk 10:19) if they have clean hands and a pure heart (Ps 24:4).

If one sins, he has given Satan a foothold in his life (Eph 4:27). Satan isn't interested in just a toe—he wants the whole man (Jb 2:4, 5, 1 Pe 5:8). Men must resist the devil and he will flee (Jas 4:7). Unfortunately, many are comfortable with their demons (Re 22:11). Whereas an unbeliever can be demon possessed², the Christian cannot (1 Jn 4:4).

Believers are blessed (Deut 28:6). They have: faith from yesterday, love today and hope for the future (1 Co 13:13).

¹ Spiritual armor: the Christian's complete (Eph. 6:11-17; 1 Thess. 5:8), of light (Rom. 13:12), of righteousness (2 Cor. 6:7), the Bible [the sword] (Eph. 6:17), not of flesh (2 Cor. 10:4, 5). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 59). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² Demon possession, recognized as: not insanity (Matt. 4:24), not disease (Mark 1:32), productive harm (Mark 5:1-5). Ibid, p. 174