



GET BEHIND ME, SATAN

MARK 8:30-33

A sharp rebuke before the sharp rebuke;

MARK 1:24-25

²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus *rebuked* him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

MARK 3:11-12

¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he *strictly ordered* them not to make him known.

The Christ cannot just die. He must suffer;

ISAIAH 53:3

³ He was despised and rejected by men, *a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The Christ must be carefully considered, and then rejected;

MARK 12:10

¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture: "The stone that the builders *rejected* has become the cornerstone..."

1 PETER 2:4

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone *rejected* by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious...

Jesus has alluded to His coming suffering by way of parables;

MARK 2:20

²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

Jesus' teaching on His coming suffering will no longer come by way of veiled teachings;

JOHN 7:26

²⁶ And here he is, speaking *openly*, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?

Peter and the eleven are the first to stumble over the cross;

1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

²³ ...but we preach Christ crucified, *a stumbling block to Jews* and folly to Gentiles...

—The Rebuke—

Did or did not Satan want Jesus to go to the cross?;

LUKE 22:3

³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

1 JOHN 3:8

⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

The God of all creation uses even the Ruler of the Kingdom of Evil to accomplish His every purpose.

Satan has now found a more "opportune time";

LUKE 4:13

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him *until an opportune time.*

The contrast serves as another illustration of the depravity of man;

ROMANS 8:7

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

GENESIS 6:5

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that *every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

ISAIAH 64:6

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and *all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.* We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

We are mistaken to imagine that apart from God, we can ever have a truly holy thought or perform a truly righteous deed.

—Applications—

Regardless of the clarity and insightfulness of the teaching, spiritual understanding cannot happen without Divine intervention. Even the most faithful teaching—without Divine intervention—can become occasion for the hearer to be provoked into adversity with God.

LUKE 18:31–34

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ *But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

The Adversary cannot control our thoughts, but he can introduce harmful thoughts for the purpose of temptation. Especially in moments of stress, guard your words diligently, lest you be the mouthpiece of the Adversary.

2 TIMOTHY 2:24–26

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

EPHESIANS 6:16

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

PSALM 141:3–4

³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! ⁴ Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!

We are always sinning when we attempt to spare God from the “embarrassment” of His own words.

LUKE 9:26

²⁶ *For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*

HEBREWS 6:6

⁶ ...they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and *holding him up to contempt.*

ISAIAH 40:13

¹³ Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, *or what man shows him his counsel?*

Satan will often use loved ones and close relationships to hinder the Kingdom of God, and their hindrances will often come out of genuine motives of love and concern.

ACTS 21:10-13

¹⁰ While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' " ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ *Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."*

Love for God is simply not enough. We must hear and obey His words, because His words are most often counter-instinctive.

JOHN 21:15

¹⁵ ...Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Love cannot be our only directive in life.

1 JOHN 2:15

¹⁵ *Do not love the world* or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.