

PathWay Fellowship



How God Speaks

Part 6!

3 Major Players

- 1. Lust:* anything or anyone on which we place a higher priority than God; and to which we give our heart, emotions, affection and attention.
- 2. Pride:* when we place a higher authority and priority on our own wisdom for our lives than we do God's wisdom.
- 3. The Devil:* our enemy whose goal is to steal, kill, and destroy and who uses the lie as his key weapon with which to attack us.

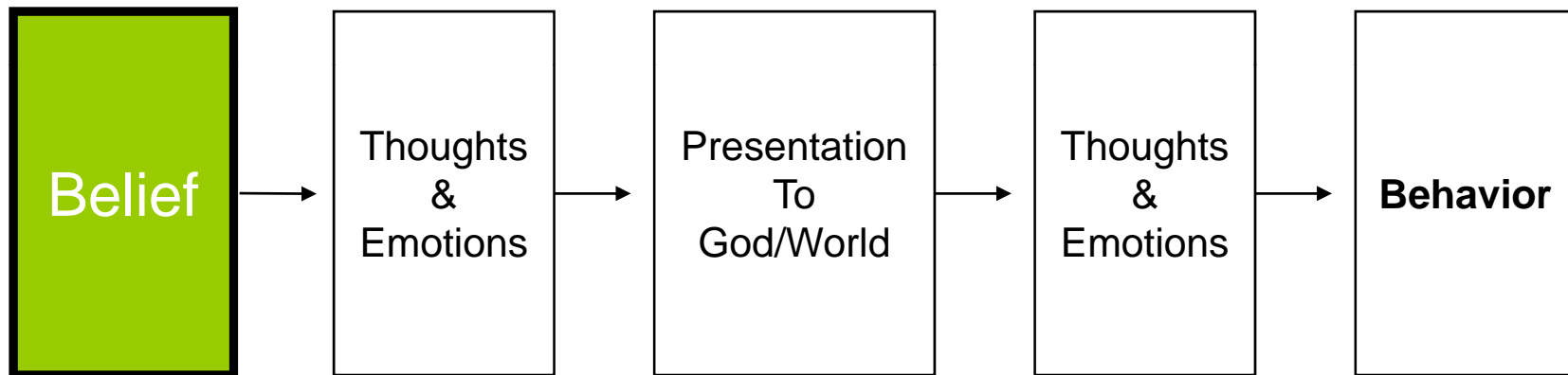
James 4:6-8

Submit therefore to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Ephesians 6:10-12

A final word: Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. Put on **all** of God's armor so that you will be able to **stand firm** against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

The Spiritual Process



The Schemes of the Devil

**An Attack on the Truth and Our Knowledge
of the Truth**

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the creatures the LORD God had made. "Really?" he asked the woman. "Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit in the garden?"

"Of course we may eat it," the woman told him. "It's only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God says we must not eat it or even touch it, or we will die."

"You won't die!" the serpent hissed. "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil." The woman was convinced.

Matthew 4:1-3; 5-7

Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted there by the Devil. For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry.

Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He orders his angels to protect you. And they will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone.'"

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"

The Schemes of the Devil

**The Enemy Strikes in Our Area of Need
Tempting Us to Take Control**

Matthew 4:1-4

Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted there by the Devil. For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry.

Then the Devil came and said to him: "If you are the Son of God, change these stones into loaves of bread."

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.'"

Jesus Submitted to the Father

John 4:34

Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work...”.

John 5:30

But I do nothing without consulting the Father. I judge as I am told. And my judgment is absolutely just, because it is according to the will of God who sent me; it is not merely my own

The Schemes of the Devil

The Enemy Fans the Flame of Pride

Genesis 3:1-5

"You won't die!" the serpent hissed. "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil."

The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit."

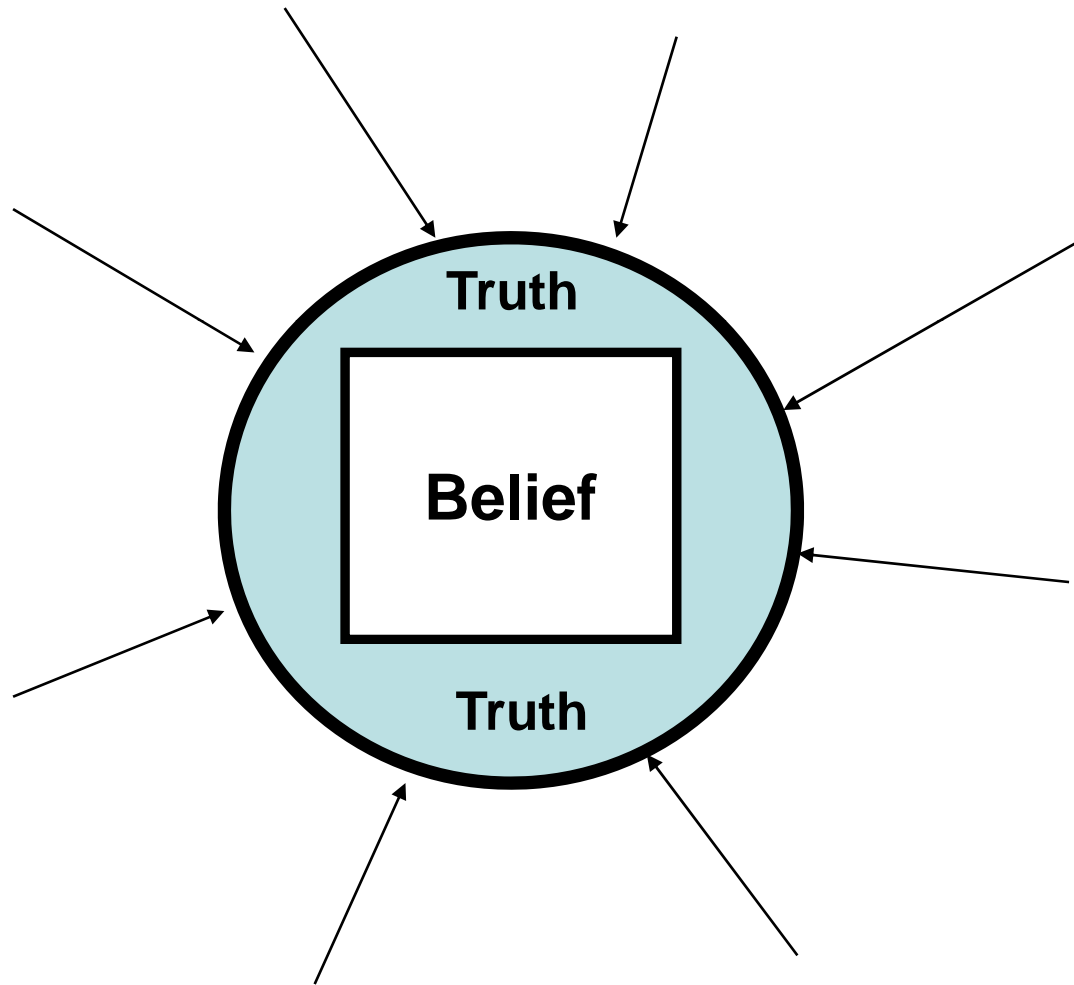
Matthew 4:8-11

Next the Devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the nations of the world and all their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will only kneel down and worship me."

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him.'"

Then the Devil went away, and angels came and cared for Jesus.

Our Defense and Our Offense



Ephesians 6:10-18

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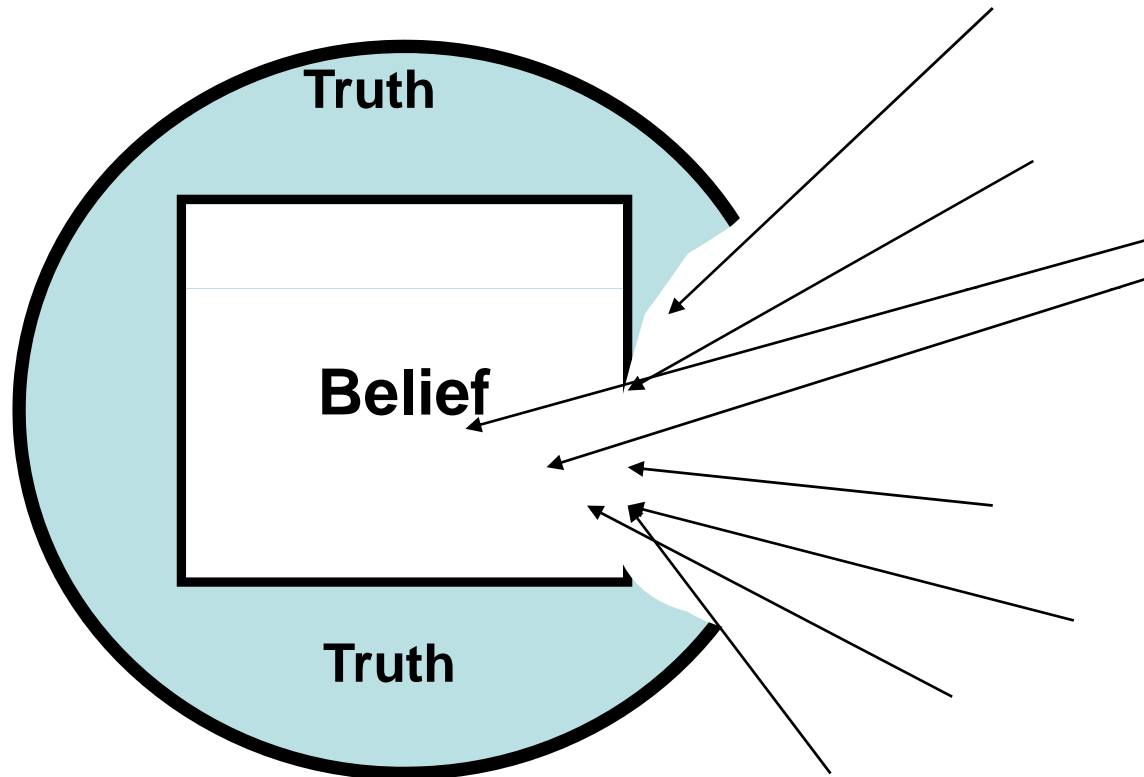
Ephesians 6:10-18

Use **every** piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be **standing** firm. **Stand your ground**, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared. In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

Armor of God

1. Be calm and still our feet resting in the peace of the reality that we have been reconciled to God
2. Stand in His righteousness
3. Cover our head with the assurance of salvation.
4. Take up our shield of faith
5. Brandish the sword of the Spirit
6. Gird our loins with truth

A Gap in Our Defense



Ephesians 6:18

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The Schemes of the Devil

Temptation Through Friends and Loved Ones

Matthew 16:23

... "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."