

SCHEMES

God created us with a purpose in mind (Ephesians 2:10), but the devil has other plans for us. Knowing we are supposed to be God's vehicles (temples, 1 Corinthians 3:16) here on earth, the devil is attempting to stop us so he can hinder the kingdom of God here on earth. He has devised schemes (wiles in KJV) that are hidden, perpetrated, individualized, and destructive against each of us to thwart us finding and walking in our intended purpose.

Ephesians 6:11-12

“Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual {forces} of wickedness in the heavenly {places.}”

Notice that we are to be alert to the devil's efforts, wise (Matthew 10:16) enough to identify and war against them in the spirit, and not be distracted by fighting flesh and blood (men). We must fully expose and understand these schemes so we won't fall prey once we are delivered from them.

Ephesians 5:13

“But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.”

The devil is relentless in his endeavors. He can't let us be free, for we are here not only to hold back the gates of hell, but to break his power in the Name of Jesus.

Matthew 16:18-19

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Even if we discover his schemes and break free from their grasp, the devil will ever attempt to regain control of our lives. Just as he departed from Jesus in the desert, he will return at our weakest moments – so we must be ever alert and ever on guard.

At our most inopportune (weakest) times – in the midst of our testing, afflictions, failures, and emotional traumas – he tries to take advantage and catch us totally off guard and unaware.

Luke 4:13

“And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”