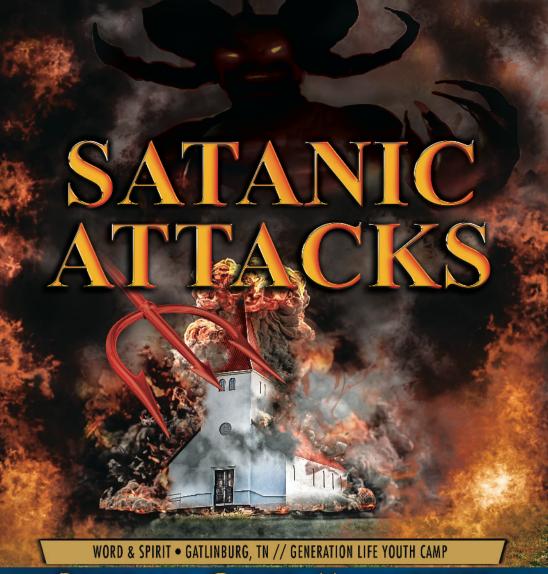
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SATANIC ATTACKS

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I RANDALL, & RANDALL GRIER, W. besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (1 Corinthians 12:7-9)

The Apostle Paul encountered satanic attacks because he was receiving revelation from God. He had even been caught up to the third Heaven, according to his testimony in this chapter. One may ask, "How can a person that has such an experience with God be attacked by Satan?" Jesus was attacked by Satan. Everyone is subject to attacks from the devil.

He is the enemy of our Lord Jesus Christ and every Christian. His goal is to destroy the human race if he could. We are made in the likeness and image of God and he despises that. He attacks in multiple ways trying to stop us. Thank God Jesus came and gave the Christian authority over him, his demons and all satanic actions!

Word Of The Lord

"Now, a word, says the Lord, will I speak unto you. You need not think, I can just go forth and speak instantly, and all I say will come pass tomorrow. For s, things are days and months, and even years

many times, things are days and weeks, and months, and even years in coming, because of their very nature.

So do not despair in the time of test, And do not despair in the time of trial, and do not despair when the enemy puts pressure upon you, and do not despair when the enemy attacks you.

For there shall be those that the enemy shall bring assault upon you, to endeavor to deter you from the ministry that's ahead of you. Should he succeed, he would have deterred you from the Supernatural. It shall be true that the enemy shall set traps for you, to cause you to fall. He will even lay the hand of death upon some to try to stop them. He shall be defeated, and you shall be free to proclaim that which you know. You will be able to proclaim it then with a compassion that you did not have before, not just words that you heard someone speak. Your experience will fill you with His compassion.

The experience of your own life will mature and deepen your spiritual life, your spirituality. You will be able to have a compassion that you did not have before.

So you'll not give praise for the works of the devil, but you'll give praise to God for every test and every trial, that caused thee to triumph and to know His triumphant Power." (Excerpt from a prophecy by Dad Hagin.)

Didn't Think That Way

I never thought about test and trials like the above Word from the Lord states. It seems that the Apostle Paul was crazy for praising God for his infirmities and weaknesses. I have good friends that have been through hell, so to speak. God brought them out, but not without a fight. I knew for some there was absolutely no natural way out of their situation, but I was amazed at what the Lord did for them! He is merciful and compassionate and yearns to help us in all our attacks.

The Accuser

When Satan attacks you, he immediately starts accusing you, telling you it is because of your sin that it happens. He will even try to make you believe that you deserve it because you brought the attack upon yourself. Then he states it is the judgment of God and there is no way out of your situation.

Continued Sin

I know this it isn't popular today, but you will reap what you sow. In other words, you bring judgment upon yourself. If a person continues in sin they will eventually reap problems from it. Dad Hagin said Jesus told him, "I will judge My people quicker for spiritual sins than physical sins." Again, most of the church world does not believe the Lord judges people today, but He does. (Gal. 6:8, 1 Cor. 11:31-32)

He has already paid the penalty for every sin. If you sin, as a Christian, you must obey 1 John 1:9 and you will be forgiven. No one is automatically forgiven of their sin. If you were, everyone would automatically go to heaven.

I said the above things to say this: you can open the door to the devil and he has a right to attack you because of your continued disobedience.

Dad Hagin told us about his spiritual disobedience. The Lord told him to leave his church and go out in the traveling ministry. After much prayer and meditation, he obeyed. He had been traveling for a while when he decided the price of being away from his family was too great. Mom Hagin complained also because she had the responsibility of taking care of the children by herself. She also had to take care of all the bills and house work.



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Dad Hagin finally made the decision to come off the road and go back to pastoring. He applied to pastor a nice church and began to cancel all his road meetings except one. He and his wife visited a church pastored by a friend of his. He was setting on the front row while the pastor was teaching the men's adult Sunday school class in the main auditorium. The pastor was teaching on Moses' disobedience, of all things.

Suddenly, Dad Hagin's heart stopped and he fell flat on his face in the floor of the church. The pastor and another minister close by rushed to his side. They took him to the pastor's house next door and laid him on the bed.

Dad Hagin realized he had disobeyed God by coming off the road and began to repent and ask the Lord to forgive him. His heart was not beating correctly and they thought he would die. He said go get my wife. One minister took off to get her and she was already gathering her things to leave the women's adult class. She had already sensed that something was wrong.

When she got to his side, she fell down on her knees by the bed repenting. She said, "Oh God, it is all my fault. I should have never complained about him being gone. Let my husband live and I promise you that I will never gripe again."

One day, several months before this happened, Mom Hagin was washing dishes complaining about Dad Hagin being gone. Suddenly she heard a voice saying, "I could take him where he would never come back." She looked around startled, wondering who said it. Finally she thought she was just hearing things.

While she was kneeling beside Dad Hagin, she remembered that she had heard that voice. She said, "Dear Lord, that was you speaking to me that day. I promise I will never complain again if you will let him live! I won't say a word about him being gone." Suddenly! The power of God came upon Dad Hagin and he was healed. He jumped up off that bed and ran through the house dancing and shouting!

This was spiritual disobedience, not physical. In other words, Dad Hagin had not committed some big physical sin. He simply got off the path and plan God had for his life. The devil attacked him and caused his heart to act up. The Lord came to his aid and healed him. I know, most of the church world today does not agree with the story I just told. They also don't agree with a lot of other truths the Bible teaches. Nevertheless, the principles in this story are true because they agree with the Bible.

Physical Disobedience

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

(1Corinthians 5:5)

The Apostle Paul said to deliver this man over to Satan. Why? His continued failure to repent had him on a path to destruction. Paul was hopeful that through this man's bad experience with the devil, that he would wake up and repent of his sin and turn back to God. Notice, it would be Satan bringing destruction, not God. This man opened the door to the devil himself, not God.

Satan Attacks The Anointing

In 1986, I heard Dad Hagin tell about how the devil had attacked him spiritually. He was under such oppression and stress that he actually prayed for the Lord to let him come to Heaven. He thought death would be better!

He was not doing anything wrong to open the door to Satan. He was doing the perfect will of God. You don't have to commit sin to be attacked by the devil. Satan attacked him to try to stop him from obeying God. Dad Hagin told us that he was moving into a new phase of ministry and the devil was attacking him to get him to quit and give up. Thank God the Holy Ghost brought him through it all and he went on to obey God!

In 2003, Dad Hagin moved to Heaven. I attended his last meeting before he went to Heaven in Ontario, Canada. Other ministers and I were invited to private times of fellowship with him while there. During one of these private gatherings of about twelve or fourteen people, Dad Hagin walked in. He was staggering as he walked. I was shocked to see him like that! He said, "Boys, you are going to have to pray for me!"

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In the seventeen years that I had known him personally, I had never seen him like that or heard him ask for prayer. I knew of him more years than that, but I had only known him personally for seventeen years. I had spoken at his meetings every one of those years and fellowshipped with him. You can imagine how I was shocked as I saw him stagger and ask for prayer!

Not only was he attacked personally, his meeting was attacked also. The entire electrical grid failed in the northeastern United States - all the way up to Toronto, Canada. His meeting was in Mississauga, Canada, which was right by there. He was renting an arena to hold the meetings in. When the electricity failed, the authorities closed the meeting down for safety reasons. No one had electricity. The meeting was moved to a church in the area with the aid of an electrical generator. I know it was all an attack from Satan from experiences I have had over the years.

It seemed Dad Hagin was under attack from all sides at this stage of his ministry. Many, not all, that had followed him over the years went in other directions. Dad Hagin said, "They won't listen to me anymore." He was human and you know he was disheartened.

He stood at the forefront of the Apostolic and Prophetic ministries to the church. The Lord anointed him to stand in the highest office of the church. In other words, he was sent to our generation as Moses was sent to his generation. He received and gave to us the revelation that would usher in the second coming of Jesus Christ. We must receive it and act upon it.

He moved to Heaven, after all the attacks in Mississauga, a few weeks later. He told us that if you ever hear I've gone, you will know that I got satisfied. I have often thought of why he got satisfied. I have my own ideas that I will keep to myself for now. I can say the more anointing the Lord places upon you, the more the devil wants to stop you.

I am not glorifying the devil, by any means, because he is a defeated foe. The main thought is how Satan attacks us to try and stop us as he did the Apostle Paul. I say these things because you rarely, if ever, hear a message like this. None of us want to think about the devil.

The truth is, we have authority over him and all his demons and actions in the mighty name of Jesus Christ! The shed blood of Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection have set us free from the powers of darkness!

Wrestle Against

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:10-13)

Wrestle means a contest between two in the above verse. Satan attacks us to try and overthrow and stop us. We are to stand against him in the faith of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ! God gives us the armor (a protective covering) or ability to stand in the power of the Holy Ghost!

Evil Day

Evil day in this verse means to have annovances, hardships and be pressed and harassed. It can mean to be attacked spiritually, physically, mentally, financially, etc. No one, in their right mind, believes for an evil day, but nevertheless, Satan does harass us from time to time. What do we do in the evil day? Having done all, we stand on the Word of God. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the words of our testimony! Our best days are right ahead of us and we cannot fail because of the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. We are more than conquerors!

I look back to my past and see where the devil has tried to take my life many times over the years. There were times, before I was born again, that I tried to help him kill me. Thank God that Jesus Christ watched over me!

Jesus Christ appeared to Dad Hagin in September 1950. He said, "Satan tried to take your life before you were born and many times since then, but My angels watched over you and protected you." Thank God we are not alone! Jesus has sent His angels to watch over us and protect us. Thank you Jesus!

If you have been attacked, I encourage you today to stand in faith. I believe with you, knowing that His angels are watching over you to protect and keep you. Don't allow the devil to lie to you and tell you there is no hope. He is a liar! Lazarus was dead four days and there was nothing any man could do to help him. What is impossible with man is possible with God! Jesus, God manifested in the flesh, raised him from the dead! He is your helper and He will raise you up also!

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles...Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. STAND!