

THE DEVIL DOESN'T ATTACK PEOPLE, HE ATTACKS THEIR POSITION!

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(Matthew 4:1-6)

The church has taught us that the devil attacks people but is this really true? When you are looking at Matthew 4:1-6 from an intellectual perspective it will seem like the devil attacks people. However, this perspective is **NOT** accurate.

The enemy is **NOT** concerned about people. He is concerned about the **POSITIONS** they hold. The positions that people carry will determine the type of influence they will walk in. **INFLUENCE IS POWER!**

When you walk in the position of power you will become a **TARGET** for the enemy. The enemy **MUST** submit to the **POWER** of God, **NOT** people. Anyone who holds a

powerful position will attract evil adversaries. Why? The enemy desires to move you **AWAY** from the position of power so he can have dominion over you.

**WHEN THE ENEMY HAS DOMINION OVER
YOU, HE DOES NOT ATTACK YOU. HE
CONTROLS TO YOU!**

Does a boss attack their employees? No. He controls them. Does a mother attack her children? No. She controls them. When you have **DOMINION** over someone you do not need to attack them. You have **AUTHORITY OVER** them.

This is why the devil does not solely attack people. He attacks the **POSITION** they hold. Your **POSITION GIVES YOU AUTHORITY OVER THE ENEMY**. There are many positions a person can carry in the Kingdom of God.

Here are some of the Kingdom positions we can carry as being people of God:

- Being a **SON** of God is a position.
- Being a **PRIEST** in your home is a position.
- Being a **PASTOR** is a position.
- Being an **APOSTLE** is a position.
- Being a **TEACHER** is a position.
- Being a **MINISTER** is a position.
- Being a **DISCIPLE** is a position.
- Being a **PROPHET** is a position.
- Being a **CHILD OF GOD** is a position.
- Being a **SERVANT** is a position.
- Being a **FATHER** is a position.
- Being a **MOTHER** is a position.
- **AND SO MUCH MORE...**

IF YOU HOLD ANY TYPE OF POSITION WITHIN THE KINGDOM OF GOD YOU WILL BE ATTACKED BY THE DEVIL BECAUSE YOUR POSITION GIVES YOU POWER OVER HIM.

WHY WAS THE ATTACK ON JESUS SO INTENSE?

(Matthew 4:1-6)

The devil did everything he could to tempt Jesus to worship him. He offered Jesus everything he had in his possession. However, the attack the devil launched against Jesus was **NOT** aimed at His human nature.

It was aimed at the **POSITION** He carried. The devil was attacking **JESUS POSITION AS BEING THE SON OF GOD**. Remember, Satan acknowledged Jesus position two times in this chapter.

Matthew 4:3 says, "*The devil came to Jesus to tempt him, saying "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, tell these rocks to become bread". In verse 6 the devil said, "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, jump down because it is written in the scriptures: He has put his angels in charge of you. They will*

catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock."

The devil understood that if Jesus moved away from His position as being the Son of God all of humanity would have been destined for hell. Jesus is our Sheppard and we follow where He goes. The devil wanted Jesus to worship him, so humanity would worship him.

**THE ENEMY IS ATTACKING YOUR POSITION.
HE IS NOT ATTACKING YOU!**

**YOUR INFLUENCE IS DETERMINED BY
THE POSITION YOU HOLD**

A child must honor their father because that man holds a position. An employee must submit to their boss because that person holds a position. Citizens of a city must abide with the instructions of a police officer because they hold a position.

ONCE A PERSON LOSES THEIR POSITION THEY HAVE LOST THEIR INFLUENCE. The devil wants you to lose your power so he can have dominion over you. This is what happened to King Saul in 1st Samuel chapter 15.

When King Saul **DISOBEYED** God and **TURNUED AWAY** from Him he instantly became an enemy to God and God rejected him. At that moment he lost his dominion. He became a **SLAVE** to the enemy. The enemy **DOES NOT CARE ABOUT YOU, HE CARES ABOUT THE POSITION YOU HOLD!**

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