

**MID-MORNING FEATURING DR. MITCHELL KRUSE**

**JANUARY 21, 2014**

**RESTORATION THEOLOGY:  
ANGELS**

**NEXT SHOW: FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

- Messengers (Hebrew: *malak*; Greek: *angelos*)
- Mentioned in 34 books of the Bible, 17 Old Testament and 17 New Testament
- Only two mentioned by name in Scripture: Gabriel and Michael
- Angels are either good (Matthew 4:11) or evil (2 Peter 2:4)

**SATAN**

Satan's Scheme (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Bait: Tempter (Matthew 4:3)  
Hook: Deceiver (Sin) (2 Corinthians 11:14)  
Line: Accuser (Revelation 12:10)  
Sinkers: Destroyer (1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10)  
The work of a defeated being (Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8)

**GOING DEEPER: GUARD YOUR HEART FROM SATAN'S SCHEME (PROVERBS 4:23-27)**

(1) Heart (Proverbs 4:23)

Bait: Pride of life - 4 primary desires (Genesis 1:27-29; Genesis 8:21; 1 John 2:16)  
Hook: Dissatisfied desires (James 1:14-15; Proverbs 11:6)  
Line: Evil flows from the heart (Matthew 12:35)  
Sinkers: God hates a heart that devises wicked schemes (Proverbs 6:18)

(2) Mouth (Proverbs 4:24)

Bait: Boasting of what he has and does (1 John 2:16)  
Hook: Dissatisfied desires (Proverbs 26:22)  
Line: Perverse speech is evil (Proverbs 8:13)  
Sinkers: God hates lies, deceit, flattery, boasting (Proverbs 6:17, 19)

(3) Eyes (Proverbs 4:25)

Bait: Lust of the eyes (1 John 2:16)  
Hook: Dissatisfied desires (Proverbs 27:20; 1 John 2:17)  
Line: Evil enters the eyes (Proverbs 6:25)  
The eyes are inextricably linked with the heart (Matthew 5:28)  
Sinkers: God hates haughty eyes (Proverbs 6:17)

(4) Feet (Proverbs 4:26-27)

Bait: Lust of the flesh (1 John 2:16)  
Hook: Dissatisfied desires (Proverbs 5:5; 7:11)  
Line: Quick to rush into evil (Proverbs 1:16; 6:28-29)  
Sinkers: God hates feet that rush into evil (Proverbs 6:18)

## **SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?**

There is hope, and that hope is Christ. He will guard our hearts. (1) When tempted with the bait, *God always provides a way out in Christ* (1 Corinthians 10:13). (2) When deceived with the hook, *Christ is the wisdom and power of God for us to become un-hooked* (1 Corinthians 1:24). (3) When accused with the line, *Christ intercedes on our behalf* (Romans 8:34). (4) When destroyed with the sinker, *Christ defeated evil* (Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8). We experience the hope of Christ through: (1) the Word of God, (2) the people of God, and (3) the Spirit of God.

We connect with the Word of God when we read the Bible. Jesus quoted Scripture when He was tempted by Satan. Memorizing verses from the Bible is one of our most powerful tools to learn wisdom. We connect with the people of God when we enter into mutual-submission with another Christ follower. We connect with the Spirit of God when we pray. We must model Christ's prayer of confidence in the Father Who will lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil (Matt. 6:13). When we humble our hearts to the Spirit of God, His wisdom will flow through us. *"Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil"* (Proverbs 16:6).

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