

Satan harms us all with his thoughts, God will love and save us with His truth

God says that Satan rules this world, having become ruler when Adam submitted to him:

1 Jo 5:19 **...The whole world lies under the influence of the wicked one** (Satan).

John 14:30 (Jesus) **The ruler of this world** (Satan) **is coming, he has no thought in Me**

How does Satan influence people? He and demons insert thoughts into our thought lives

2 Cor 2:11 **Lest Satan should overcome us; for we are not ignorant of his thoughts.**

How did Satan become the ruler of the world; when Adam believed his words over God's:

Rom 5:12 **Through one man** (Adam) **sin entered the world, and death** (to God) **through sin, and so death spread to everyone, because all sinned —**

1 Jo 3:8 **Whoever sins belongs to the devil...** (and that means the whole world).

What is sin? Whenever I act independently from and in opposition to God, that is sin:

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way; And the LORD has laid on Him** (Jesus) **the sin of us all.**

For us to no longer belong to the devil we must be saved by Jesus Christ from all sinning:

Matt 1:21 **You will call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins.**
(God's kingdom is sinless, we must be saved from sin to live there eternally),

All sin, self will, puts me in the devil's hands, what sins especially open the door to him?

Un-forgiveness: 2 Cor 2:10-11 **I forgave...lest Satan should overcome me...**

Fear, care, worry 2 Tim 1:7 **God has not given us a spirit of fear** (fear is an evil spirit)

Disobedience Eph 2:2 **...Satan, the spirit at work in those who disobey God.** TEV

Complaining 1 Cor 10:10 **Some of them complained and were destroyed by the destroyer** (Satan – John 10:10 Satan only comes to...destroy).

Lying John 8:44 **...The devil...the father of lies and of all that is false.** AMP

Anger Eph 4:27 **Anger gives a mighty foothold to the devil.** NLT

Unbelief Mat 16:23 Jesus to Peter **Get away from me, Satan!...you are seeing things merely from a human point of view, and not from God's.** NLT

2 Cor 4:4 **Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the thoughts of those who don't believe...** NLT

People, including Christians, being ignorant of these truths are taken captive by the devil

2 Tim 2:26 **That they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him** (by his thoughts) **at his will.** KJV

What sure provision has God made for Christians to be freed and kept free from the devil

Stay alert, on guard: 1 Pe 5:8 **Be alert** (consider your thoughts)! **Your enemy, the devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.**
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Prov 4:23 **Above all else guard your heart** (your spirit from thoughts)

Evil spirits, knowing our weaknesses try to get us to take one of the above seed thoughts. If we do, more will follow and bring us back into captivity to a pattern of thoughts that has had a strong hold over us. If repeated often enough that spirit has become familiar to us.

Submit yourself to God: James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil** (in the ways God outlines below) **and he will flee from you.** KJV

Have the shield of faith: Eph 6:16 **Take the shield of faith with which you will be able to resist all the fiery** (thought) **darts of the devil** (how do I get faith?)

Rom 10:17 **Faith comes by hearing** (with the heart)...**the word of God.**

Jude 20 **...Build yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit** (that is, talking with God, your spirit with His Spirit),

Receive the Holy Spirit, the spiritual blood of Christ, who will remove you from all sin:

John 6:56 (Jesus) **Those who eat My flesh** (believe My words) **and drink My blood** (obey My Spirit) **live in Me, and I in them.**

1 John 3:6 **Whoever lives in Christ does not sin...**

1 Jo 1:7 **...The blood of Jesus Christ...removes us from all sin...**AMP

Give God thanks continually: Heb 13:15 **By Him let us continually offer...praise to God,**

Ps 8:2 **Out of the mouth of babies and nursing infants You have ordained praise, so that You may silence the enemy** (Satan)...

Think on, heart believe, then by the Holy Spirit, speak God's words: Ps 1:2 **Their delight is in God's word** (in which) **they meditate day and night.** James 1:21 **...Receive with a tender heart the implanted word, which has power to save your souls** (your will from being captured by Satan's thoughts).

Rev 12:11 **They overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb** (the Holy Spirit) **and by God's word of their testimony...**(it has the power).

Die with Christ to self in order to live permanently in Christ as one untouchable by Satan:

Rom 6:6-11 **Knowing this, that our human nature was crucified with Christ, that the body of our sin might be done away with...therefore Believe yourself to be dead in fact to sin and alive to God in Christ;**

1 Jo 5:18 **We know that no child of God** (that is, one currently led by His Spirit – Rom 8:14) **keeps on sinning, for the Son of God keeps them safe** (saved from sin) **and Satan cannot harm or touch them.**TEV