

EBENEZER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
LIVING CLEAN IN AN UNCLEAR WORLD
3. ESCAPING SATAN’S TRAPS

Psalm 119:11

Most people glibly quote this verse without stopping to think what it really teaches. Its central message is we face grave dangers that would lead us into sin, but God has provided a way of escape and victory.

We must learn three great lessons from the Psalmist:

THE PSALMIST HAD A DEEP PERCEPTION OF SPIRITUAL REALITY

He smelt danger—was aware of a powerful force ranged against him.

He knew he had to take steps to overcome this foe.

List some Scriptures that warn us of this malignant power:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

The Puritan Thomas Brooks listed 12 ways in which Satan seeks to trap us:

1. He presents the bait and hides the hook.
2. He paints sin in the colours of virtue.
3. He makes light of sin.
4. He shows you the sins of good men, without their virtues or their sorrow and repentance.
5. He presents the mercy of God as an excuse for sin.
6. He represents repentance as easy—yet when you seek to repent he tells you it is impossible.
7. He induces you to toy with sin, telling you that you can do so without actually committing it.
8. He points to how easy sinners have things.
9. He induces to sin by showing the sufferings of the godly.
10. He hardens you by having you compare yourself favourably with those esteemed worse than you are.
11. He corrupts your mind with error that lead to carelessness and loose living (for example, representing godly standards as “legalism”).
12. By leading you into evil company.

THE PSALMIST HAD A NOBLE PURPOSE TO LIVE IN HOLINESS

1. What was his great purpose? _____
2. What is the significance of the words *AGAINST THEE*?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
3. According to Thomas Brooks, what is better than being cured from sin by repentance? _____
4. Which two OT characters are shining examples of this purpose of holiness?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____

**THE PSALMIST MADE THE NECESSARY PREPARATION
TO AVOID SATAN'S SNARES**

1. What was that preparation? _____
2. John Gill names five things included in hiding God's Word in the heart:
3. What may we learn from PSALM 45:1? _____

4. From COL. 3:16? _____

5. From 2 TIM. 3:16, 17? _____

6. In what three ways will the Word of God in the heart prepare us against Satan's devices?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
7. Seneca the Stoic philosopher said: *I am too great, and born to greater things, than that I should be a slave to my body.* How may Christians restate that sentiment to reflect a proper attitude to sin and holiness? _____
