

On The Road To Emmaus

Why is it that it can be so hard to focus during our devotional time? Why can it seem so hard to focus during seasons and times of prayer? Why do we seem to lose focus during times of worship and adoration of God?

I think we can begin to discover a portion of the reason in the following verse. *"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* (2 Cor 4:4 ESV). While this verse asserts Satans control over the unbeliever it also tells us of his relationship to all people. Satan is not omniscient yet he understands and knows much of what is in our hearts. He is skilled at deceiving people and our innocence is no protection against his deception. He is so daring that he even assaulted Jesus. He will quote the Scriptures when it serves his purposes. He will change his appearance from a roaring lion to that of an angel of light to accomplish what he wants.

In fact it has been said that Satan and the angelic beings who fell with him never miss a sermon or a prayer meeting. He delights in corrupting our secret devotions and prayers.

The answer to this problem and struggle can be found in Ephesians 6:11 *"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil"*. We must keep the whole armor of God on regardless of where we are and what we are doing. If we do this we will find our times of prayer and worship more fruitful and sweeter.

Are we keeping the whole armor of God on all the time?

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