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### CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS

Did you know that Satan does not wear a red suit and carry a pitchfork? No, he appears as an angel of light. II Cor. 11:14-15 says ***“And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”*** He doesn’t show up looking like a monster. He shows up transformed to look good.

I Peter 5: 8 says ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*** This indicates he transforms himself to look like the Lion of the tribe of Judah, which is Jesus. He tries to copy God and deceive anyone he can. Also, it says seeking whom he “may” devour. This indicates he has to have permission. He has nothing good in him at all. He is a deceiver, and a liar. He started with Adam and Eve, and continues to do the same to us.

We must recognize his voice when he whispers temptations or thoughts of doubt, or discounts who we are in Christ. This is all a ploy to get us to give him permission to devour us. He puts thoughts into our minds, and if we don’t cast them down they will materialize. We have to control our thoughts with the Holy Spirit of God in us. Every thought must be filtered through the Holy Spirit, or we will fall into his traps and become devoured. The devil does not play fair. He is looking for advantages. Like in a chess game, if you move wrong, he will set you up to lose. He always looks for opportunities to cause you to doubt God’s promises.

We renew our minds through reading the word of God. It changes doubt to hope and fear to faith. Here is something to consider:

SATAN SAYS	GOD SAYS
YOU ARE ALL ALONE	I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU
YOU WILL NEVER MAKE IT	I WILL GUIDE YOUR STEPS
YOU CAN’T PAY YOUR BILLS	I WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS
NO ONE LOVES YOU	I GAVE MY LIFE FOR YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

Perhaps you could make a list of promises and put them somewhere you can see them to remind you that God has great love for you. Don’t let Satan’s lies control your thoughts. Cast down those imaginations. Learn to stand on the promises of God and stand on Satan with your foot. He is defeated through the blood and word of Jesus!