



Day 27: The Fiery Darts of the Wicked

I expected these fiery darts of the wicked to be a spiritual thing also, like the principalities and powers. And that may be the case. There are certainly spiritual attacks that come at us. I had a couple of rather extreme examples of dark or sinful thoughts being put in my head. I was driving down the road thinking about random things when all the sudden I'm imagining being shut into a coffin and buried. This was so out of the blue it was startling. I noticed I was driving by a slaughter house. Again I was driving down the road, thinking about traffic of whatever and all the sudden I was thinking sinful lustful thoughts. That one happened in Las Vegas. These kinds of things certainly could be fiery darts sent against us.

When I looked up who the wicked were, however, it always seemed to be referring to people, not to spiritual beings. It is perhaps easier to see how we can be enticed/incited by people. The word fiery gave me some insight:

Strong's Definitions [?](Strong's Definitions Legend)

πυρόω pyrōō, poo-ro'-o; from G4442; to kindle, i.e. (passively) to be ignited, glow (literally), be refined (by implication), or (figuratively) to be inflamed (with anger, grief, lust):—burn, fiery, be on fire, try.

So we can be inflamed by anger, grief, lust. These verses describes well how one is brought down by this type of fiery dart:

Proverbs 7

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 *Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,*

9 *In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:*

10 *And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.*

11 *(She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:*

12 *Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)*

13 *So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,*

14 *I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.*

15 *Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.*

16 *I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.*

17 *I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.*

18 *Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.*

19 *For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:*

20 *He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.*

21 *With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.*

22 *He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;*

23 *Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.*

24 *Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.*

25 *Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.*

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Psalm 5:9

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

Psalm 11:2

For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

Whether the origin of these darts are spiritual or physical, our protection against them lie in faith in God and His promises. He told us:

1 Samuel 2:9

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Day 27 Prayer

Lord God, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Deception leading us into sin started in the garden of Eden and has continued to this day. Please keep me in the truth and protect me from the lies of the enemy.

Father, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Create in me a clean heart, Lord, so that I may follow you closely. Please forgive me if I have sinned. Show me any unclean way in me.

Lord, help me to get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Let me be prepared at any moment to share the marvelous things that you have done for me.

Father, help me to take up the shield of faith. It is faith in You and obedience to You that shield me from the fiery darts of the enemy. Let me listen always to you and not to the whispers of the enemy.

Lord help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Mark me as your own. Cover me with the blood of Jesus and I will be saved and safe.

Father help me to take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. In Your word lies all the precious promises You have made to us. Thank you for your word. Send your Holy Spirit to give me supernatural understanding of your word.