

## THE TROJAN HORSE

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*We find a story in Greek mythology of how the impenetrable city of Troy was defeated by the much smaller and weaker Trojan army. Troy had huge walls around the city that couldn't be breached, so a clever plan of getting into the city was devised. A multistory, wooden horse was built and rolled to the front gates of Troy as a gift to Troy's superiority. The wooden monument had soldiers hidden inside and once accepted into the city; under the cover of darkness, they opened the gates and the city was defeated. Thus, malware (computer viruses) are often called 'Trojans' for the same reason. They are often disguised as legitimate software and can be used by cyber-thieves and hackers to gain access to your system, its data and your assets.*

*Likewise, Christians should be fully aware that this type of attack against their faith is the most common ploy that Satan uses against them... once our faith is weakened, unbelief and failure can soon follow.*

**All arguments that justify ungodly actions are 'Trojans', masking the real desires of the heart. JER 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? This heart is still in us.

*It is a wise choice to leave your ego at the door.*

**Satan's offering to Eve. GEN 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. *The tempting of the two Adams (The first Adam naturally minded and the second Adam [Christ] is spiritually minded) has a common thread... Satan's temptation is nothing more than a Trojan horse.*

*Thus, all alternatives to God's ways are 'Trojans'... false doctrines with failed outcomes.*

**Satan's offering to Jesus... the 3 arguments he uses disguise his true intentions. MAT 4:1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. **2** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. **3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, (1) If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. **4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (*changes the topic when faced with facts*). **5** (2) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, **6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God (*changes the topic again when faced with facts*). **8** (3) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, **if thou wilt fall down and worship me** (*this was his aim all along... all the rest of his arguments were nothing more than bait*). **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **11** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. *Satan reveals his true desire... worship me. Our battle is exactly the same. Our natural mind is always trying to find an alternative way to be obeyed... we want our opinion to be dominant.*

*Rely on the scriptural solution... the wisdom, word and blessing of God is always the best answer.*

**The process of sinning is a process of ego domination... the battle of every bible hero. JAM 1:12** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. **13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death (*This was the aim of Satan when he tempted Jesus. If the Lord failed, he would have lost the battle of life for all of us*). **16** Do not err, my beloved brethren. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. *When Jesus was finished being tempted... he was ministered to by angels (our role for each other). Every temptation is an appeal to our ego in one form or another (that part of us that needs to be controlled the most). We all face our own Trojan Horses daily. Let's be wise to the truth in every temptation.*

**Resist. JAM 4: 6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud (egoism), but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

*The people of this world are deceived by almost everything that is said and done in matters of spiritual truths... our job is to reveal the 'Trojans' by speaking truth!*

**We are empowered to subdue the natural, so the spiritual can get stronger. 2 COR 11:3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (*the solution is simple... even though many spiritual principles maybe complicated*). **4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. **5** For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. **6** But though I be rude (uneducated) in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.