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“Con-Job”

“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3)

Moses’ Preposterous Presumptions

Exodus 2:11-12 – (11) “One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. (12) He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

Acts 7:25 – “(Moses) supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.”

Exodus 4:10-12 – (10) “But Moses said to the LORD, ‘Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.’ (11) Then the LORD said to him, **‘Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?’** (12) Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”

Cons We are Susceptible to:

***CON*idence in Personal Merit**

Philippians 3:8-9 – (8) “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (9) **and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ,** the righteousness from God that depends on faith”

Galatians 3:1-3 – (1) “O foolish Galatians! **Who has bewitched you?** It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. (2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? (3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

***CONF*idence in Our Understanding**

Proverbs 26:12 – “Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Proverbs 28:26 – “He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered.” (NASB)

Proverbs 18:17 – “The first to speak in court sounds right— until the cross-examination begins.” (NLT)

***CONF*idence in Wealth**

Job 31:24-28 – (24) “If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, (25) if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much, (26) if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, (27) and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand, (28) this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.”

Proverbs 23:4-5 – (4) “Don’t wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. (5) In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.” (NLT)

***CONF*idence in People**

Psalms 146:3-4 – (3) “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. (4) When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.”

John 2:23-25 – (23) “Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. (24) But Jesus didn’t trust them, because he knew human nature. (25) No one needed to tell him what mankind is really like.” (NLT)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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