



## Satanic Strategy

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
–Eph. 6:11

The last thing a soul has to give up, when seeking salvation or sanctification, is "an evil heart of unbelief." This is Satan's stronghold. You may drive him from all his outposts, and he does not care much; but when you assail this citadel, he will resist with all the lies and cunning he can command.

He does not care much if people do give up outward sin. A respectable sinner will suit his purpose quite as well as the most disreputable. In fact, I am not sure but that some people are worse than the devil wants them to be, for they are a bad advertisement for him. Nor does he care very much if people indulge a hope of salvation or of purity; indeed, I suspect he likes them to do so, if he can get them to stop there.

But let a poor soul say to himself, "I want to know I am saved now. I must have the blessing now; I can't live any longer without the witness of the Spirit that Jesus saves me now, and cleanses me now," and the devil will begin to roar and lie. He will use all his wits to deceive the soul and switch it onto some sidetrack, or rock it to sleep with a promise of victory at some future time.

*What though a thousand hosts engage  
A thousand worlds my soul to shake?  
I have a shield shall quell their rage,  
And drive the alien armies back;  
Portrayed it bears a bleeding Lamb:  
I dare believe in Jesus' name.*

– CHARLES WESLEY

Heb. 3:12

