



**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday Evening Sermon**  
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**Introduction:** We need to know that Satan is effective, active and relentless against the people of God (II Corinthians 2:11, Ephesians 4:27, 6:11, 16, John 8:44). There is a story in Acts 16:16-30 where we see him in action. We can learn more about His outrageous schemes. Let's study together...

**Discussion:**

***I. The Tools of Satan***

- A. Peculiar Works (Acts 16:16-19, Matthew 7:1, John 8:24, I Corinthians 13:7)
- B. Prejudice (Acts 16:20-21, Acts 10:35, I Timothy 5:21, James 2:1, 9)
- C. Personal Injury (Acts 16:22-24, Matthew 5:12, Luke 6:22, II Timothy 3:12)

***II. The Timing of Satan***

- A. Time of Transition (Acts 16:1-4, 9:26-30, 14:12, 15:39-40)
- B. Time of Frustration (Acts 16:6-12, 15:36-39, Galatians 2:13)
- C. Time of Conversion (Acts 16:15, 33, 14:13-15, 25-34, I Corinthians 10:12)

***III. The Temptations of Satan***

- A. Lust of the Flesh (Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:3, Luke 4:3, I John 2:15-16)
- B. Lust of the Eyes (Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:8-9, Luke 4:6, I John 2:15-16)
- C. Pride of Life (Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:5-6, Luke 4:9, I John 2:15-16)

**Conclusion:** Satan gives away His game plan (Psalm 91). How do you successfully address and overcome the schemes of the devil? You nurture your relationship with God, live for heaven and practice longsuffering. Satan's outrageous schemes may be effective, but they are also defective. Satan knows the power inside you is greater than his power (I John 4:4). He knows that God has His angels surrounding you. What should you fear? Whom should you fear? God is with you!