

# Identity Thieves 2

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Did you know Satan attempted to steal Jesus' identity? If Satan challenged Jesus' identity, you can be assured he will challenge yours.

Who is the thief? He's a liar and a destroyer.

**John 10:10 (NIV)** – <sup>10</sup> The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full or in abundance.

**John 8:44** – <sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks of his own [or alone], for he is a liar and the father of lies

**I Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)** – <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Our temptations are common to man, but our weapons and way of escape are common to God

WHAT IS THE PRINCIPLE LIE HE TELLS? He tries to get you to think God's word isn't absolute truth and cannot be trusted. "Has God said?" is the original "lie".

**John 17:17** – <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, your Word is truth.

Since truth makes you free, eliminating it ensures you stay bound.

**I Timothy 4:1 (NKJV)** – <sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

Culture is the serpent Satan uses to tell you the lie that absolute truth doesn't exist. If the enemy can remove truth from you, you are destined to be bound forever.

What is “the way” of escape?

**Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)** – <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus responded with the truth of the Word of God to overcome every lie of the enemy. We must believe what God says about us, resist thoughts to the contrary, and humble ourselves enough to act upon His Word.