There are spiritual weapons Satan uses against people who are close to salvation or those who have already been saved but remain immature in faith. These attacks often cause fear, doubt, and mental anguish I was once among them before my salvation.

When such thoughts come, reject them with all your strength. This is a battle for your mind a warfare that Satan and his demons wage to shake your faith, keep you stagnant, or cause you to fall away. Remember: Do not allow these thoughts to take root or control you even briefly.

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1) “You have blasphemed the Holy Spirit.”

This is Satan’s primary weapon. He tries to convince you that your sin is unforgivable because it’s blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. He floods your mind with the lie that this sin is engraved “with an iron pen” (cf. Jeremiah 17:1), so you believe you’re beyond God’s forgiveness.

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a serious sin described by Jesus

> *in Matthew 12:31-32 (ESV):*
> “Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

This sin refers specifically to the willful, hardened rejection of the Holy Spirit’s testimony about Jesus an ongoing, deliberate resistance, not fleeting doubts or unintentional sins.

The Pharisees and Sadducees who accused Jesus of casting out demons by Beelzebul openly rejected the Spirit’s work (Matthew 12:24-32), showing a hardened heart. If you have not knowingly and persistently rejected God’s Spirit in this way, you have not committed this sin.

So, if you’ve never actively opposed the Spirit’s work or declared it demonic, these accusations come from Satan to condemn you falsely.

Such troubling thoughts are often a sign that God is close to you.

You need to grasp the truth to be fully free.

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2) “You’re not really saved yet.”

You may have genuinely repented, been baptized, and begun living a life pleasing to God. Yet, Satan might try to convince you that you’re not truly saved, or that others are better believers.Reject this lie. Jesus clearly teaches in John 6:44 (ESV):

> “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

Salvation begins with God’s drawing so if you have repented and started following Jesus, it is because God Himself has drawn you. Salvation is not a human work but a divine act (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Keep moving forward, growing in holiness day by day, because Jesus promises to be with you always (Matthew 28:20).

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3) “You’re too late.”

This discouraging thought comes from worldly perspectives that measure worth by age or timing. The world might say you’re “too old” to start or accomplish something.

But God’s kingdom operates differently. As long as you breathe, it’s never too late to serve Him. The Apostle Paul, called after Pentecost and not one of the original twelve disciples, accomplished more than many of his contemporaries (Acts 9:1-19).

Remember the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16 ESV), where latecomers received the same pay as those who worked all day, illustrating God’s grace and sovereignty.

No matter your age 20, 30, 40, 50, or beyond you are never too late to serve God with all your heart. Your reward can be great.

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4) “God can’t be pleased with you.”

These thoughts arise when you feel unworthy because of past sins or failures like adultery, murder, theft, or breaking important

vows.

If you have truly repented (Acts 3:19), do not let these thoughts dominate you. God is merciful and ready to forgive. King David, despite his grave sins (2 Samuel 11-12), repented sincerely and was called a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22).

Return to God, serve Him wholeheartedly, and know He can still delight in you and be your closest friend if you obey Him (Psalm 51 is David’s model prayer of repentance).

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5) “Someone else is better than you before God.”

Satan wants to keep you discouraged by comparing you unfavorably to others.

But God doesn’t operate by human comparisons. He judges each person by His standards, not by how you measure up to others. It’s like a teacher grading an exam fairly, based solely on answers, not on popularity or talent (Romans 2:11).

If you walk in God’s ways, He will be your friend and will not compare you to others (Galatians 6:4-5).

Focus on your own spiritual walk and measure yourself by God’s Word, not by others. Otherwise, you risk falling into discouragement and spiritual defeat.

Entering salvation is simple “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9, ESV). But remaining faithful and growing in faith can be challenging because of spiritual warfare.

Satan and his demons attack not just physically, but mentally and spiritually (Ephesians 6:12). The greatest weapon we have is the Word of God. Jesus Himself used Scripture to defeat Satan in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).

Freedom comes through knowing the truth

> “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” *(John 8:32, ESV).*

True freedom is found in God’s Word (John 17:17), not just by quoting verses, but by understanding and applying God’s Word daily.

If you haven’t repented and been baptized yet, there’s still time. Turn to your Creator, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38), and receive the Holy Spirit who will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).

God bless you richly as you grow in His truth and walk in His victory.

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