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I started working with a sermon seed I got the other day while I was reading a passage of Scripture from John 13. It was the occasion where Jesus was sharing with his disciples that one of them would betray him. I had read the passage many times previously, but this time my attention was riveted to verse 27,

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Why that particular moment?

Why did John mention it that way?

What applicable lesson is there for us?

What was it about that moment that created such a satanic shift in Judas' life?

I then thought of another passage where the idea of taking the bread and sickness, judgment, etc is mentioned. I jotted down the following ideas and am still working on more. Just wanted to share it with you in case you might be interested in developing it more fully.

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John 13:26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. 27As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Why at that precise moment did Satan enter into Judas? The bible points it out, so it must be relevant.

1 Corinthians 11: 23For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

27Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 29For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. 32When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

33So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. 34If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

-It is interesting that there is a correlation to eating bread (the Lord's Body) and the attack of the enemy.

-It is not surprise to us that the Lord will often allow the devices of the enemy to be ultimately used to our own advantage. If this messes with you, then think of how paddling the backside of a young one can often produce needed results in their behavior. Think of the Devil as a paddle in God's hand. I believe that Romans 8:28 is our trump verse.

-The relationship between betrayal among brothers and the unleashing of Satan.

-Tie this in with what Paul mentioned in 1 Cor. 11:23ff

I think I have shared enough to get the ball rolling, now it's your turn, swing away and hit it again.

Blessings,
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