

Satan's MO's
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Grasps us with Chains when we are in sin

- 2 Nephi 28:19
 - " For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger, and perish;"
 - When we commit sin we are putting limitations on what we can do
 - Example – unworthy to go to Temple or perform priesthood ordinances
 - Like putting on chains
 - Satan will grasp us and it may be too late

Rage in the hearts of the children of men

- 2 Nephi 28:20
 - " For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good"
- What does it mean to "rage in the hearts of the children of men"
 - To be rash, angry or violent
 - Moses 6:15
- Have you seen "anger against that which is good"?
 - Riots, demonstrations, legislation against that which is decent and pure
- Have you ever felt anger when your parents or leaders have asked you to do something that you know is right?

Others he will pacify ... lead carefully

- 2 Nephi 28:21
 - "And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and

thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell"

- He would "put us to sleep" with regard to our sins
 - Knows some of us would "react" to too strong a message – ie if he tried to rage in our hearts
 - We become secure in our state and have no desire to repent from our sins
- Examples?
 - "I'll just cheat this one time"
 - "You don't have to do all these things all the time"
 - "Its OK to occasionally break a commandment"
 - We are passive or uncaring or indifferent to sin
 - "Things are fine the way they are – we don't need to change"
- We cannot be static (all is well) but need to continually be growing, repenting, learning – we need to be valient

Others he flattereth ...

- 2 Nephi 28:22
"And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none—and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance"
- One of his ploys is to persuade men to deny him
 - If there is not devil there is no sin
 - We can continue in sin and not feel guilty

We will be judged

- 2 Nephi 28:23
" Yea, they are grasped with death, and hell; and death, and hell, and the devil, and all that have been seized *therewith must stand before the throne of God*, and be judged according to their works, from whence they must go into the place prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment"
- For Satan to "win" we must be in sin when we face judgment – that is his whole aim
 - Wrap in chains by getting us to commit sin

- Stir us up to anger – committing sins
- Cause us to be passive – leading us carefully to not achieve
- Misleading – there is no devil (hence no sin)

Satan will not support his own at the last

- Korihor – Alma 30

God will support his own

- Isiah 40:28-31
"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."