

A black and white photograph of a magnifying glass held over a fingerprint. The fingerprint is the central focus, with its ridges and valleys clearly visible. A ruler is positioned diagonally across the lower left of the frame, with markings visible. The background is a light, textured surface.

The Fingerprints of Satan

Second Sunday of the holy Great Fast

Temptation Sunday

1. Assault the Truth

Discredit

- Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'? (Gen. 3:1)

Dilute

- "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (Matt. 4:6)

Deny

2. Propagation of misery

- Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Pet. 5:8)



3. Hatred

- “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.” (Jn. 15:18)
- “You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven...” (Matt. 5:43-47)



4. Bondage and Slavery

- "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (Jn. 8:34-36)
- "...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." (2 Cor. 4:4)

5. Preys on the vulnerable

- “When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer...” (Deut. 18:9-10)
- “But he [King Ahaz of Judah] walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations...” (1 Kings 16:3)
- “They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.” (Ps. 106:37-38)



6. Worship of the self

- “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.” (Is. 14:12-14)
- “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen. 3:5)

6. Worship of the self


But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matt. 6:33)

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Phil. 2:3-4)

7. Exaltation of death

- “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” (Jn. 3:19-21)

What to
do?

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1. Expose the way of darkness.
 2. Promote and support the truth
 3. Prepare for battle