

A case can be made for pride being the oldest sin. Paul said as much when he wrote that it was this sin that condemned Satan. (1 Timothy 3:6) In Isaiah 14:13-15, we have the description of Satan expressing his fivefold intent to be like God. Satan's failure was his unwillingness to submit to God - an unwillingness that God opposed.

The apostle James warned that Satan might tempt Christians to be prideful, resulting in God's opposition. (James 4:1-7) Why would Satan tempt us to be prideful? Because pride can lead us to a failure to submit to God. Whenever we are tempted to sin against God, we can be sure that Satan is fueling that temptation. So what should we do when that happens? Two things, which are the two sides of the same coin of victory: (1) Submit to God and (2) resist Satan (James 4:7). When we are tempted to sin, we resist Satan by submitting to God. When we submit and resist, Satan "will flee from [us]."

Satan is always looking for a foothold (Ephesians 4:27) in your life. Stop him in his tracks by resisting him and submitting to God.

James 4:7 "Therefore submit to God. Resist Satan and he will flee from you."