

DON'T TAKE THE BAIT

I. Jesus said offences would come

A. Luke 17:1; Matt. 18:7

- Offence – skandalon; stumblingblock, snare, trap stick, bait

B. Trespasses against us are used by satan as a deliberate act to trap us in an offence or as an occasion to cause us to stumble:

1. Fall into sin or cause you to sin Matt. 5:29, 30

2. Keep you from your destiny & God's plan for you Gen. 37-50

a. Joseph had 3 opportunities to take offence (His Brothers; the lies of Potipher's wife; the Butler who betrayed him & despitefully used him

b. Together they cost him losing 13 years of his life

3. Sever a divine joining Acts 13:1, 2; Acts 15:9, 36-40

II. The Lord foresaw every means the devil would use

A. Luke 10:19; Psalm 119:165

B. That does not mean they won't occur but includes how to handle them

1. Matthew 18: 15 - 21

2. Matthew 5:21 – 26

3. Luke 17:3, 4