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The Snare of the Devil

- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:26 – describing one who was once in the truth but is recaptured by Satan to do his will. (NOTE: still in the snare)
- ❖ Two possibilities upon sin:
 - ❖ Immediate repentance – cf. Acts 8:19-24
 - ❖ Tightening of the snare – 2 Timothy 2:26; Romans 6:16, 19

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The Snare of the Devil; A Portrait of Helplessness

- ❖ **Romans 7:13-20** – describing one “sold under sin” under the law before/without Christ. (NOTE: but can return to being “sold under sin.”)
- ❖ *Katergazomai* – “Accomplish, achieve...I do not perceive the outcome of my sinful life.” (Vincent’s Word Studies)
- ❖ *Poieō* – “More nearly akin to *Katergazomai*/accomplish, realize...I do not practice what I would, and the outcome is what I hate.” (Vincent’s Word Studies)

Romans 7:15-20

“(15) For what I am **[katergazomai; accomplishing]**, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I **[poieō; produce]**. (16) If, then, I **[poieō; produce]** what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. (17) But now, it is no longer I who **[katergazomai; accomplish]** it, but sin that dwells in me. (18) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to **[katergazomai; accomplish]** what is good I do not find. (19) For the good that I will to do, I do not **[poieō; produce]**; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. (20) Now if I **[poieō; produce]** what I will not to do, it is no longer I who **[katergazomai; accomplish]** it, but sin that dwells in me.”

A silhouette of a person stands on a wooden pier or dock, looking out over a calm body of water towards a distant, hazy shoreline under a soft, twilight sky. The person's legs and feet are visible in the foreground, and the water reflects the ambient light.

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- ❖ **Romans 7:13-20** – describing one “sold under sin” under the law before/without Christ. (NOTE: but can return to being “sold under sin.”)
- ❖ Problem addressed by Paul – the only escape is Christ, and under the Old Law the provision of Christ is not available.
- ❖ **What might be the problem for one enslaved to sin again who was once freed by Christ?**

A person's silhouette is visible on the left side of the frame, standing on a wooden pier or dock. They are looking out over a body of water towards a distant, hazy shoreline under a soft, dimly lit sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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The Snare of the Devil; A Portrait of Helplessness; Coming to Our Senses

- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:26 – the devil’s snare has a hold on some through the numbing of their spiritual senses.
 - ❖ “*come to their senses*” – *ananēphō* – *ana*, “back,” or “again,” *nepho*, “to be sober, to be wary” (VINE)
- ❖ Part of restoration is “sobering up” by overcoming the lies Satan is feeding.



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The Mechanism (1 John 1:9; 2:1-2)

- ❖ The provision for restoration brings certain implications which dismantle the lies Satan seeks to inebriate us with.

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The Mechanism (1 John 1:9; 2:1-2); God's Repudiation of Satan's Lies

- ❖ Godly sorrow is not to death – 2 Corinthians 7:8-10; 2:7, 10-11
- ❖ Your purpose in God's kingdom can be restored – John 13:6-9; Luke 22:31-32; John 21:15-17
- ❖ God's grace still abounds much more – Psalm 51:1-2, 7; Romans 5:20-21; Hebrews 7:25



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