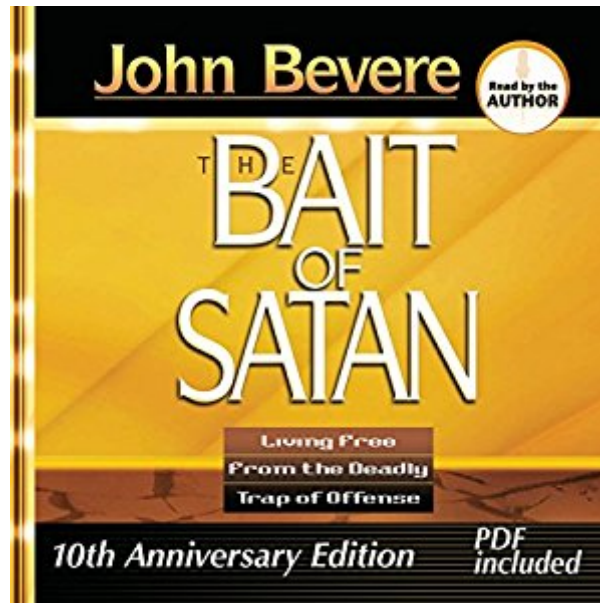




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Bait Of Satan: Living Free From The Deadly Trap Of Offense



Synopsis

Escape the enemy's deadly trap! The Bait of Satan exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God - offense. Most people who are ensnared by the bait of Satan don't even realize it. Don't be fooled! You will encounter offense, and it's up to you how it will affect your relationship with God. Your response will determine your future. If offense is handled correctly, you will become stronger rather than bitter. In this tenth anniversary edition of his best-selling book, John Bevere shows you how to stay free from offense and escape the victim mentality. With more than 400,000 copies in print, this audio book includes testimonials of transformed people who have read the original book and a devotional supplement, featuring discussion questions, scriptures, and prayers. You will find answers to tough questions like these: Why am I compelled to tell "my side" of the story? How can I fight thoughts of suspicion or distrust? What can I do to stop rehearsing past hurts? How can I regain trust after someone deeply offends me? This audio book will help you escape the enemy's "offensive trap" as well as empower you to stay free of offense, enabling you to have an unhindered relationship with God.

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Customer Reviews

Before reading The Bait of Satan, I was sure when living a life in service to God, you would often be tested by the words and actions of those who had not yet found Christ. I believed as stated in Matthew 5: 10, "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". I believed the offense I felt was evidence of my persecution, that as stated in 1 Peter, 3:14, I am blessed if I suffer for the sake of righteousness. I believed suffering

was a natural byproduct of offense. I would forgive the offender for offending me. Like Christ forgave. And then I read this book. It revealed to me how offense separated me from the will of God and I should not be offended. I became defensive when reading it. I thought what I was reading was incongruous with what I (emphasis on me) believed was true about "A Christian Life". But the Word of God is truth, and in it is found wisdom and peace. The Bait of Satan challenges the reader to consider a life lived free of offense is a life that opens you to all God has intended. Best of all it shows you how to get there. I am by no means "there yet". I realized while reading this book I have to unlearn, by the grace of God, over a half century of self centered belief. But my God is merciful and patient. He will see me through. Be mindful, this is not an easy read. It will test you. Push you. Knock you around a bit. But it will also show you how to draw closer to God's perfect will in your life. I'm starting to recognize the trap now, and I'm not falling for the bait.

Having read the original Bait of Satan about 15 years ago I was intrigued that there was a 20th anniversary edition. I purchased it with the thought of using it as augmented reading for a course I anticipated teaching at our church training center. The premise of the whole book is an area that we may not think too much about--offense. Yet, if we fall for it, offense can be deadly to our lives as Christians. I was pleasantly surprised that with this edition Bevere added a 30 day study guide that will aid in applying what was read to your personal life. There are also added affirmations at the end of each chapter to declare and aid in the application of what was just read. The original book was approximately 177 pages; this one 271. Even if you already read the older edition I feel what the author included well worth the purchase.

A great book for overcoming offense and the weight it can carry in our lives. Bevere uses great examples of scripture and application that one can apply to their lives. You will feel lighter after reading this book.

This was a gift and I thought I was getting a new book as stated but when I received the book it was used. So when I get the book back from my friend I will definitely be sending it back.

Wow, This is a must read for anyone thinking about joining a church or ministry. I think this would intercept many church splits before they happen. This is required read for becoming a member of our church.

Before reading this book I had never considered the high cost of being offended though I had read the scriptures on the topic. Bevere does an excellent job of breaking down offense, how to forgive, and how to renew with those that offend you all with strong scriptural backing. If you are looking for a way to strengthen your walk with God, this is a great book for you.

Great book that really makes you think about how you respond to others. We often choose to be offended which causes strain in our relationships. This book walks you through how to choose not to take offense.

Wow, this book has really reawakened my relationship and increased my understanding of God's forgiveness and my own relationship with Him. Beyond that, it has according to scripture, really reminded me that this is where it's at in dying to self and living for Christ. I have been reminded that in my own hurt, even if "rightfully so", I must forgive. I am so blessed for this book. I cannot say many books I read tell me more of what I have already learned or awaken me in the things of God, but this one has taken things I know and reminded me of the truth of really walking a life of faith as a yielded vessel of Christ. The faith movement did a lot of damage to the work of God in our lives because we did not line up with the idea that God is a refiner and making us holy and sometimes that is not easy to go through to become completely His...which means we may go through testing and trials, hurt and challenges to see what our faith is as we're forced to look really deep within. Don't get me wrong, God is a God of truth and our faith is imperative, but He allows us to be tested and shaken to really show where our faith is...to ourselves so we can begin to be real with our walk and journey with Him if we choose in the midst of that testing that He is worth following...not for what He does, but who He is! This is truly a spoken word from God at such a time as this!

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