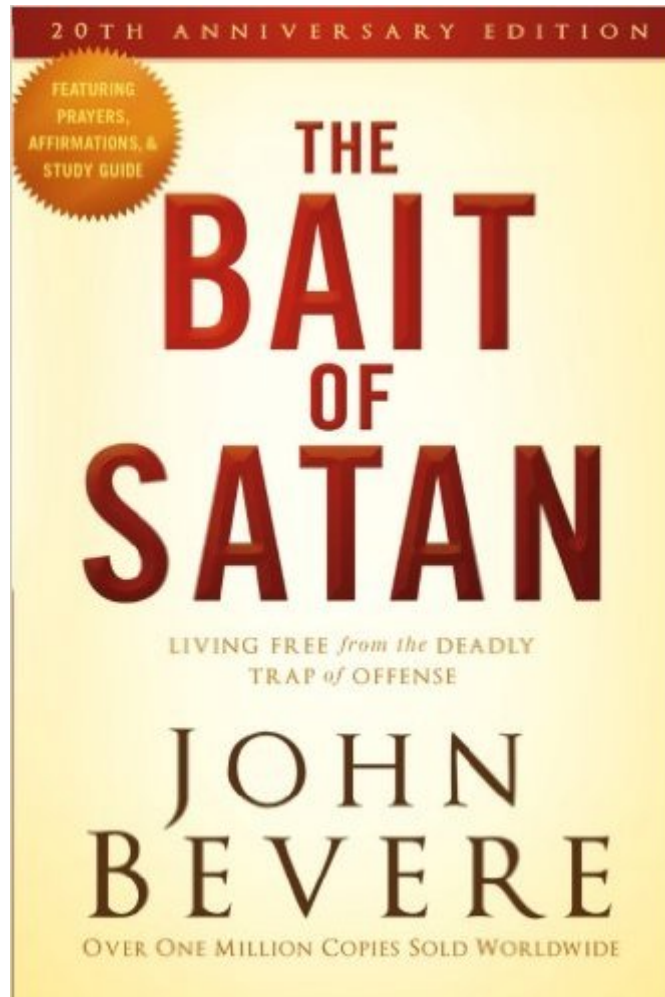


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# The Bait Of Satan, 20th Anniversary Edition: Living Free From The Deadly Trap Of Offense



## Synopsis

Are you compelled to tell your side of the story? Do you fight thoughts of suspicion or distrust? Are you constantly rehearsing past hurts? Have you lost hope because of what someone did to you? *The Bait of Satan* exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God--offense. This trap restrains countless Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulfs between us. Jesus said, "It is impossible that no offenses should come" (Luke 17:1).

Although you will encounter offense, you can choose how you will react. In this new twentieth anniversary edition, John Bevere shows you how to identify the traps ahead of you and escape the victim mentality. With declaration-style prayers and testimonials from people whose lives have been changed by his message, this book will inspire you to stay free from offense and its destructive power. Don't let anyone affect your relationship with God!

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## Customer Reviews

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.

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.

This book literally should be read by EVERY believer. It so calls out the number one spiritual deception among believers. The book deals frankly and straight forward about how we love to use this sin of offense as an excuse for more sin and hence the body of Christ is destroyed from within and loses its influence in the world. Honestly, I need to read it several times annually to stay aware of my propensity to operate in offense. I absolutely love the practical approach to deliverance that this book offers as well. CHRISTIAN!!! PLEASE read this book!!

Recently I read *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere. This book is great! I read it in a couple days. I couldn't put it down because I wanted to know how to get out of offense. I can remember getting offended as a child and being offended for many years. My post prior to this was based on an offense I carried for over 25 years. If applied, this book will release you from offenses. It will help you whether you're single, engaged, or married. It has really helped my marriage by helping me to avoid the trap of offense. It is completely natural to get offended by people that are close to us including spouses. Sometimes we get offended even when we think we have been wronged. Living

with hurt and offense causes us to see things from tainted glasses. Letâ™s remove those glasses and live the life that God desires for us to live. I would recommend this book to everyone because everyone gets offended. Maybe not as much as I did, but nevertheless, it will help you with all your relationships.

Our Christian counselor, Dr. David Cox, recommended I read *The Bait of Satan* when I just couldn't get past my anger of my husband's affair. I was amazed after only reading half way through the book my friends were even commenting that they had seen a change in me and I "seem to be in a better place with your (my) anger". I had refused so long that I had any anger towards the issues because I had prayed "forgiveness prayer" toward my husband. But I didn't see that I was still holding on to the anger because I didn't know how to or even that I needed to. A huge peace has come into my life. My circumstances haven't changed but my outlook has greatly changed. I'm not picking up "stones" anymore and letting them weigh me down.

Got this for my hubby after I realized he had real issues with saying no to me and others. I remembered God setting me free after reading this book years ago so I ordered him this book. I also ordered *Breaking Intimidation* by the same author. Great author and I know him personally. He and his wife, Lisa, are sold out people who truly love people and walk their anointing to set the captives free. If you don't like hard truth then this is not the author for you.

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