

## Satan I Pet. 5:8-11

### Introduction:

It is important for us as Christians to know our enemy. We need to know who he is and what he is capable of. An athletic team would not consider playing against another team without first knowing who they are playing. We need to know all that we can about Satan.

- I. Satan is active (“walks about”).
  - A. Satan continually works to get us to fall away from God.
  - B. Satan specifically asked for two different people in the Bible.
    1. Job
      - a. **Job 1:6-12** (Satan takes the possessions and the family of Job – 7 sons and 3 daughters).
      - b. **Job 2:1-7** (Satan inflicts Job with boils from head to toe).
    2. Peter
      - a. **Lk. 22:31-32**
      - b. **And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. {32} "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."**
  - C. Today, we are warned of the schemes, or ways (activities), of the devil.
    1. **Eph 6:11-12** - Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
    2. **II Cor 2:10-11** - Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, {11} lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.
    3. **II Tim 2:26** - and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.
    4. **I Tim 3:7** - Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
  - D. Satan is active!
- II. Satan is seeking to destroy us (“as a roaring lion...devour”).
  - A. Notice some of the descriptive terms used in the Bible to describe Satan.
    1. **Mt. 13:19, 38** – Evil one.
    2. **Mt. 13:39** – Enemy

3. John 8:44 – Murderer and liar
  4. Mt. 4:3; I Thes. 3:5 – The tempter
  5. Rev. 9:11 – Destroyer
  6. These are the nicest terms used to describe Satan, yet far too many times we see how close we can get to him.
    - a. We need to realize that Satan is evil.
    - b. Example of a man with a rattle snake.
    - c. Satan is trying to get us to turn from God and he will use any means that he can.
- B. Satan is even working to take the word of God away from us.
1. Matt 13:19 - When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.
  2. I Thes. 2:18 - Therefore we wanted to come to you-- even I, Paul, time and again-- but Satan hindered us.
- C. Satan will do anything he can to destroy us.
- III. We can have the victory over Satan (9-11).
- A. We must resist Satan.
1. Eph. 4:26-27 - "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, {27} nor give place to the devil.
  2. James 4:7 - Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- B. The victory that we have over Satan comes only through Christ.
1. Gen 3:15 - And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.
  2. Heb 2:14-15 - Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, {15} and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
  3. I Cor 15:54-57 - So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." {55} "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" {56} The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. {57} But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion: