

THE ENEMY



Matt 4:8-10

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

INTRODUCTION:

The Dictionary states that The Enemy is:

1. One who feels hatred toward, intends injury to, or opposes the interests of another; a foe. 2. A hostile power or force.

We as Christians need to know who our “Enemy” is! We need to know how he works, and what authority he has. We need to know what Authority we have in Christ, and how to use that Authority when dealing with “The Enemy”.

“The Enemy” we are talking about is Satan, also known as the Devil.

Rev 12:9

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:

The Devil is the one that causes us most of our problems. Remember:

Eph 6:12

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

COMMENTARY:

Unbelievers:

Satan has complete control over unbelievers!

I Jn 3:8 (He that commits Sin is of the Devil)

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Rom 3:23 (And all have Sinned))

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Luke 22:3 (Satan can also enter into unbelievers)

3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Immature and/or So-Called Christians:

Luke 8:12 (Satan can keep those that hear the Word from getting Saved)

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Acts 5:3 (He can cause some to lie to the Holy Ghost)

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

2 Tim 2:25-26 (Mature Christians need to instruct and pray for these Immature and/or So-Called Christians)

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Luke 22:31-32 (Jesus prayed for Peter even before his final Conversion)

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

1 Tim 3:6 (Do not put these ‘novices’ into the Leadership of the Church)

6 **Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

Mature Christians:

As ‘Mature’ Christians we should not be unaware of Satan’s tricks.

Matt 4:1 (Even as Jesus was tempted of the Devil, so will we be)

1 **Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.**

2 Cor 2:10-11 (We must always forgive everyone)

10 **To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also:** for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

11 **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

1 Tim 5:14-15 (Don’t give in to sexual desires)

14 **I will therefore that the younger women marry,** bear children, guide the house, **give none occasion to the adversary** to speak reproachfully.

15 **For some are already turned aside after Satan.**

1 Pet 5:8-9 (Be sober and vigilant, and resist the Devil)

8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

9 **Whom resist stedfast in the faith,** knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

James 4:7 (Submit to God and resist the Devil)

7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The Forms of Satan:

Don’t be surprised in what form Satan comes in!

2 Cor 11:4

4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus,** whom we have not preached, **or if ye receive another spirit,** which ye have not received, **or another gospel,** which ye have not accepted,...

2 Cor 11:13-15

13 **For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

14 **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

15 **Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;**

The Christian’s Authority over “The Enemy”:

Luke 10:19 (We have delegated Authority over Satan’s power)

19 **Behold, I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The Church’s Authority over “The Enemy”:

Matt 16:18-19 (Jesus has given the Church Authority over Hell)

18 **...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

CONCLUSION:

Christians are the only Hope for the Salvation of the world.

Acts 26:18 (To turn those to whom we are Sent from the power of Satan)

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (Jesus).

Eph 6:11 (Therefore we need to be completely prepared for battle)

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph 4:27

27 Neither give place to the devil.

Rom 16:20

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Amen!
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