

**Be Wary of the  
Kingdom's Enemy  
and His Devices**

# What does the Bible tell us about Satan?

- ❑ Satan means “accuser” or “adversary” and he lives up to his name.
- ❑ He’s a created, spiritual being who led humanity into deception – **Genesis 3 and Revelation 12**
- ❑ He was a murderer and a liar from the beginning – **John 8:44 and 1 John 3:8**
- ❑ He is the ultimate tempter and desires that all fall into sin – **Matthew 4, Luke 4, and 1 Thessalonians 3:5**
- ❑ He was allowed to accuse from Heaven’s throne room up until the ministry of Jesus – **Job 1 & 2, Revelation 12, and Luke 10:18**
- ❑ Christ’s victory has doomed him and his demonic forces to eternal torment. – **Matthew 12, Revelation 12, and Revelation 20**

# Lies Concerning Satan and his devices

- Only the primitive think they've seen his effects.
- I should spend a ton of time studying him and his kingdom.
- I'm smarter and/ or stronger than he is.
- I can resist him on my own.
- I won't be fooled by his devices.
- If I compromise a little, it's not a big deal... that's not nearly as bad as what 'they're' doing.

# Review of how Satan recognizes our weaknesses and tempts us

**1 John 2:15-16 (NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.  
<sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

**Genesis 3:6 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV<sub>2011</sub>)** <sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

<sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

**James 4:7 (KJV)** <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

*Satan's devices are subtle and if you're not alert, you will be caught in one of his snares.*

*Without humility and submission to God, you will not be able to resist the devil. Have you considered what will happen if you don't resist him?*

*Don't be convinced by the lie that you are experiencing more severe temptation than anyone else.*

**Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV<sub>2011</sub>)** "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

# Living by the Spirit provides the way of escape

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**Galatians 5:16 (NLT2)** So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

*Your ability to submit to the Spirit's will is what will give you the strength to endure and overcome any temptation.*

*What areas of your life are not under the control of the Holy Spirit? Submit to the Spirit, and when temptations occur, follow His lead.*

**Are you equipped with God's armor to resist the devil?**