

THAT ROARING LION – Satan
I Peter 5:1-11

Introduction:

1. In this chapter Peter admonishes the elders or pastors to feed the flock and reminds them of their enemy Satan (verses 8-9).
2. Today man has been deceived into believing that Satan does not exist. Others believe him to be some wild looking creature – Not True.
3. As pastor I feel that there is a need for me to warn you again of this great enemy.
4. I have seen him working on believers and as shepherd I must fight him through Christ.
5. If we know about our enemy better able to fight.

I. SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL AND WORKING.

A. Let us look at some of Satan's characteristics.

1. Jesus called him the *“prince of this world.”*
2. Peter referred to him as a *“roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.”*
3. Jesus also told us that he is a liar.

Scripture: **John 8:44** *“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

4. The Bible further calls him a deceiver.

Scripture: **Revelation 12:9**

B. Let us look at his work with unbelievers.

1. God's word says a lost person is under him.
Scripture: **Acts 26:18**
2. God's word says a lost person is blinded by Satan.
Scripture: **II Corinthians 4:3-4**
3. Jesus said he stops people from being saved.
Scripture: **Matthew 13:19**
4. Satan lies to him (as he did Eve).

C. Let us look at his relationship to believers.

1. God permits him to attack the righteous.
Scripture: **Job 1:12** *“And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.....”*
2. God tells us he fights against us.
Scripture: **Ephesians 6:12** *“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.”*

Satan says:

- 1) Self
- 2) World
- 3) Darkness
- 4) Time limited
- 5) Odd
- 6) Lies

God says:

- 1) Others
- 2) Heaven
- 3) Light
- 4) First Kingdom of God
- 5) Blessed
- 6) Truth

3. Satan seeks to destroy them.

(Peter describes as roaring lion.)

Illustration: The Devil's Captives 1-8-69 DB

4. Satan deceives them into doubting.
(Eve in the garden – Temptation of Jesus)

II. HOW TO BE VICTORIOUS OVER SATAN.

A. First recognize there is only ONE STRONGER – GOD.

1. Christ defeated Satan (temptation).

Scripture: **Hebrew 4:1** *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*

2. Christ provided victory over works of Satan.

Scripture: **I John 3:8** *“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.”*

3. God's Holy Spirit indwells believers.

Scripture: **I Corinthians 3:16** *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”*

B. If you are lost or an unbeliever you can have victory through Christ.

1. But first you must realize you are lost.
2. Then you must repent and turn toward God.
3. You must ask God's forgiveness.
4. You must then accept Christ as Saviour.

Illustration: Man who laughed when he was warned. 52II #8.

C. Believer you can have victory also.

1. How? By stop trying to fight him alone.

Illustration: Would you fight Ali?

2. By asking God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. – Don't let him use you!

Scripture: **Luke 11:13** *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”*

3. By simply asking God's Holy Spirit to take control of your life.

Scripture: **Ephesians 5:18** *“... be filled with the Spirit;”*

Conclusion:

1. Satan is working in here today.
2. Lost person will you let him destroy you?
3. Saved person will you let him rob you?

Satan says embarrass you.

God says rejoice in heaven.

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