

THE LION WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT, 1 Pet.5:8-9

Intro. Man who used to phone. He alone was target of Satan cf. Eph. 6:12. Others who attribute too much to Satan. Cast out demons. Territorial spirits. What does your name mean?

I. His names tell us about him.

1. Satan=adversary or opposer (Mt 12:9).
2. Devil (only 1)=slanderer (Mt 4:10).
3. Evil one (Jn 17:15).
4. Serpent=crafty (Gen.3:1).
5. Great red dragon=fierce (rev. 12:3,7,9).
6. Tempter (1 Thes.3:5).
7. Accuser of Bel. (Rev. 12:10).
8. Ruler of this world (Jn 12:31).
9. Bezelezebub=chief of demons (Luke 11:15).

II. Some truths about Satan.

1. He is the highest creature. Don't fool. But he will answer to Creator.
2. He has lots of demons who do his bidding. So seems omnipresent.
3. He has longer experience than anyone so knows how we will react.
4. He is very clever and will meet you where you are.

III. One of his goals is to negate bel's testimony. Can't rob us of our sal but can of our testimony, 8

1. Who? Adversary=as in a law suit and he wants to win. Devil=slanderer=throw against. As roaring lion. Ferocious. Lioness do~~g~~ not roar when stalking.
2. How? Walks about. Peripatetic=traveling from place to place. Stalk. Prowl.
3. Purpose. Devour. 1 Cor. 15:54. Death swallowed up in victory. Heb 11:29-Egyptians drowned.
4. Illus. Nothing left but bones in trampled down area.

IV. My Defense, 8-9

1. Be sober. Self-controlled. Free from every form of mental, spiritual drunkenness\ so no rashness, confusion.
2. Be awake. Aor impv. Be alert. Sharp command. Keep eyes open. What would be Satan's will in this or that?
3. Resist him, 9. Take stand against him, Jas 4:7; Eph. 6:13 withstand. Don't flirt or try to outsmart.
4. Know that you are not alone, 9. The brotherhood suffers too. Think of bel in Afghanistan, Nepal, S. Amer.

Concl. Bind? Mat 12:29 -X going into Satan's territory and defeating him. God will do this M Rev 10:2. Unclean spirits, Acts 5:16 healed. Acts 13:10 son of devil=Elymas blinded. 16:189 come out of her. Evil spirit in Eph--19:15-16.

Peter's theme: 5:12. Grace in suffering, now, ch , grace in serving. Saved, sustained, serve by grace. How elders serve (deacons by implication), 1-4, youth and all, 5-9.

I. Elders, 1-4.

1. Be shepherds, 1 Feed, tend, guide, guard. Sheep must be protected in all weather, Gen 31:40; Often exposed to beasts and robbers; must be led to pasture and water daily; Need to heed shepherd's voice; Smaller lambs often need to be carried; Give wool to owners.

2. Be overseers, 2. Look out for welfare = Acts 20:28. Willing, not under compulsion eagerly (another elders' meeting?). Not for money. Always acc to will of God. God is final authority over elders.

3. Be examples, 3. Types. Want congregation to be like you! Applies to moral, spiritual imitation. Don't want to lord it over others. Results in unfading crown of glory. 2:25—from what we were we turned (not returned) to X as shepherd and overseer of our lives. Deacons are elders in training, then have these same goals.

II. Youth, 5a. **Be submissive.** Young people tend to want to rebel, show off , be independent, unrestricted. Be subject=upotasso=put in lower rank. Apply to deacons as well.

III. All in congregation, 5b-9.

1. Be humble, 5b-6. Clothe self . Tie humility on firmly and knot it. Used of slave who tied on apron to work. So wear humility as a slave's apron. Humility undesirable in culture of 1st C. But X made it a virtue, Mt 11:29, gentle and humble is something we should learn. Xnty made it a virtue. Word means lowly thinking. Attitude of mind about my truly undistinguished self which results in my promoting God in my life. Rom 12:3. Proud=showing self above others, arrogant. When compare self to others we can always find those we are superior to, so we get proud. When compare to God then we are rightly humbled. Humble in v. 6 is aor. Specific act with note of urgency. Results of being humble: find grace, 5, exaltation, 6.

2. Be trusting God with the anxieties and troubles of life, 7.
Cast like clothes on donkey on Palm Sunday. Takes effort. Throw deliberately and completely (all). Why? Bec it matters to Him concerning you (pres—it always matters). Then without anxieties we can do 1 Cor. 12:25.

3. Be very alert, 8.
Sober—no dulling of senses (as wine might do). Alert=be awake=keep eyes open in our spiritual walk and warfare. Adversary=opponent in lawsuit he is determined to win. . Devil-slanderer. Roaring shows fierceness tho lioness doesn't war when closing in on victim. Devil walks to trip up our walk (1 Thes 4:1). Peripatetic, itinerant. Devour completely our testimony. Heb. 11:29. Swallow up.
What would be Satan's will for this chur, elders, deacons, youth, all? Keep eyes open.

As we walk we progress hopefully. Peter had to learn and change bec of what he learned.

- 1. V. 1. Saw glory at transfiguration and realized future perspective impt.
- 2. V. 2. Was commissioned to shepherd, Jn 21:16. Shepherd my sheep.
- 3. V. 2 not with gain. Mark 10:28-left everything. What's in it for us?
- 4. V. 3-lording over. Matt. 20:25-26. Gentiles rulers lord it over. But greatest Xn is servant (diakonos). LikeX, v. 28.
- 5. V. 5. Humility. Matt. 11:29.
- 6. V. 8. Keep awake in Gethsemane. Matt. 26-36-40.
- 7. V. 8. Devour. Matt. 26:35. I will never deny you.

Concl. Good goals for all of us whether ever chosen to be elder or deacon. We have been chosen to be like Him.