



Main point: Be alert! The power of Satan is great and aimed at God's elect!

1. Stand firm under the antichrists' persecution.
2. Watch out for the false prophets' deceit.
3. Rest in eternal security.

#1: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

C.S. Lewis
Screwtape Letters

#2: "It is anything and everything (whether a principle, a person, or a power) utilized by the enemy to deceive and destroy the influence and advance of the kingdom of God."

Sam Storms
Kingdom Come

#3: And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.

Revelation 16:13

#4: "Above all, [these images] give the church the heavenly perspective on the meaning of the conflict and the nature of the victory in it that the church will need in order to persevere in its costly witness throughout."

Richard Bauckham
The Theology of Revelation



#5: “Christmas...is [actually] the most unsentimental realistic way of looking at life. It does not say, ‘Cheer up! If we all pull together we can make the world a better place.’ The Bible never counsels indifference to the forces of darkness, only resistance, but it supports no illusions that we can defeat them ourselves. Christianity does not agree with the optimistic thinkers who say, ‘We can fix things if we try hard enough.’ Nor does it agree with the pessimists who see only a dystopian future. The message of Christianity is, instead, ‘Things really are this bad, and we can’t heal or save ourselves. Things really are this dark—*nevertheless*, there is hope.’ The Christian message is that ‘on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.’ Notice that it doesn’t say from the world a light has sprung, but upon the world a light has dawned. It has come from the outside. There is light outside of this world, and Jesus has brought that light to save us; indeed, he *is* the Light (John 8:12).”

Tim Keller
Hidden Christmas