

LION – Part 8
Fighting the Foe (part 2)

Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

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L – Living
I – Intentionally
O – On Earth
N – Now

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Who is the enemy?

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Jesus Referred to Satan:

“The enemy” (Mt 13:39)

Matthew 13:39

...and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

“The evil one” (Mt 13:38)

Matthew 13:38

The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

“The prince of this world” (Jn 12:31; 14:30)

John 12:31

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 14:30

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,

“A Liar” and “Father of lies” (Jn 8:44)

John 8:44

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Other passages:

“The tempter” (Mt 4:3)

Matthew 4:3

And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

“The prince of demons” (Mt 12:24)

Matthew 12:24

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”

“The god of this world” (2 Cor 4:4)

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

“The prince of the power of the air” (Eph 2:2)

Ephesians 2:2

...in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

“The deceiver of the whole world” (Rev 12:9)

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

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He is called:

The Devil (Diabalos) – adversary, accuser, the enemy

Beelzebub - ‘lord of the house’ referring to the devil.

Satan (satan/satanas) – adversary

“Hence he is the opponent, the one who opposes the cause and people of God.” Erickson

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(From last week)

His Motivation:

To incite and bring about rebellion

His Methods:

Lies/manipulation

His Mannerisms:

Smart, cunning, attractive in appearance

Powerful, seductive, at times like a serpent, at other times like a lion, and still yet at other times like a dragon.

His Mission:

To get us to doubt:

God’s goodness

God’s provision

God’s word

And the consequences

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1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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Job 1:1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

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“Job was no ordinary man. He was not even an ordinary good man. He was an exceptionally admirable person because of his character and conduct.” Dr. Constable

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Job 1:2

There were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

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Job 1:3

He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

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Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

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Job 1:7

The LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

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Job 1:8

And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

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Job 1:9-10

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

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Job 1:11

But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.”

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Job 1:12

And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

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Job 1:13-15

Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, 14 and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

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Report #1 – Oxen, Donkeys, Servants – by the hands of the Sabeans

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Job 1:16

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

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Report #2 – Sheep, Servants – By the fire of God

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Job 1:17

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Report #3 – Camels, Servants – By the hand of the Chaldeans

Job 1:18-19

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Report #4 – Sons, and Daughters – By a wind from the wilderness...

"In one day Job plummeted from the pinnacle of prosperity to the pit of poverty." NIBC

Job 1:20-22

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Principle:

No matter the circumstances we are going through God is still worthy of worship.

Job 2:1-2

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

Job 2:3

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."

Job 2:4-8

Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." 6 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. 8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

Job 2:9-10

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." 10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Circumstances of success
Circumstances of sorrow

"...the person of faith will trust in God through prosperity or adversity, even while unable to understand why bad things happen." NIBC

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