

DON'T LET SATAN GET THE ADVANTAGE

INTRODUCTION

1. Obedience to Satan is the Reason for the World's Sorrow and Grief.
2. We Are Warned of His Deceit, Lying, and Cunningness.
 - A. 2 Cor. 11:3,14: "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ... And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light."
 - B. Eph. 6:11: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
 - C. 1 Pet. 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."
 - D. 2 Tim. 2:26: "And that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will."

I. WE MUST NOT LET SATAN GET THE UPPER HAND IN OUR LIVES.

- A. We Must Fight Him All the Way.
 1. Eph. 4:27: "Nor give place to the devil."
 2. Heb. 3:13: "But exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."
 - (a) Here is a call for collective action - that we encourage each other lest we be hardened in sin.
 3. 2 Tim. 2:22: "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."
 4. Eccl. 12:1: "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them'"

5. Prov. 1:10: "My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."
6. James 4:7: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."
7. Luke 4:13: "Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."
 - (a) The Devil is never going to leave you alone as long as you are trying to serve God.

II. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY SATAN GETS THE UPPER HAND:

- A. 2 Cor. 2:11: "Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."
 - (1) By Using Another Human Being.
 - (2) By Working on Us Through Difficult Circumstances.
 - (3) By Frequenting the Wrong Places:
 - (a) Modern dance halls, saloons, R and X rated movies.
 - (b) Some places you go the Christian "Light" will go out.
 - (4) By Flirting with Sin.
 - (a) 1 Thess. 5:22: "Abstain from every form of evil."
 - (b) Prov. 6:27-29: "Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent."
 - (5) By Constantly Associating with the Wrong People.
 - (a) 1 Cor. 15:33: "Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits."
 - (6) By Wrong Attitudes Toward Others.
 - (7) By an Ugly Display of Temper.
 - (8) By the Misuse of the Tongue.
 - (a) Look what lasting damage cruel words cause.

"O Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff,
Then nudge me when I've said enough."

III. OUR LORD WILL DESTROY THE POWER OF SATAN AND HIS COHORTS.

A. Heb. 2:14: "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil."

B. 1 John 3:8: "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Note: Satan cannot get the best of us, he cannot get the upper hand, he cannot make us sin. THE CHOICE IS OURS.

C. Rev. 20:10: "And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

CONCLUSION:

1. We need to pray each morning:

"Dear Lord, help me this day to shun the wrong and do the right. May I pillow my head tonight in peaceful sleep with the knowledge that Satan did not get the upper hand - the advantage today."

2. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you."

My little granddaughter said: "Pa Pa, I'm not afraid as long as you are with me."