Satan Our Adversary

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 5:6–9

INTRODUCTION

- We know something horrible is out there waiting for you, for me, and for our children. And I'm telling you, it is our adversary, Satan.
- Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- Satan is there for us at every instant, and the minute we think we can do it by ourselves, brothers and sisters, we are all lost, ready to be devoured by our adversary, the devil.

1 The First Design of the Devil Is to Discredit

Genesis 3:1–5; 3 John 1:9–10; 1 Corinthians 1:21

- Do you see from the onset of time how the devil wants to discredit God?
- He says, first of all, God didn't mean exactly what he said. And secondly, it's because even if that is true, he doesn't have your best interests at heart.
- Satan effectively neutralizes the good that some people can do by undercutting them with false pretenses.
- We must stick to what God has said. And if it is in this book, brothers and sisters, it is good and it is right.
- He tries to discredit this very word.

2 Satan Wishes Desperately to Distract Us

Luke 8:5–14

- Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts so that they may not believe and be saved.
- They are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
- But the reality is things stand in the place of God.
- It's because Satan is literally choking you with the distractions and the cares of this world.
- They will choke your spirituality to nothing if you let them.

3 Discouragement, One of Satan's Most Effective Tools

Ezra 4:1–4; Galatians 6:9

- Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build.
- Yes, we may have some victories over Satan, but he's not going to go away easily.
- And let us not grow weary of doing good. For in due season we will reap if we do not give up.
- We use discouragement as an excuse, and that's why Satan loves it so much.

- Satan loves nothing more than Christians sitting on the sidelines instead of on the field fighting the spiritual battle.

4 If You Allow Yourselves to Delay, He Will Win

- If you allow yourselves to delay, he will win.
- I'm telling you, obeying Christ gets harder the longer you wait.
- He will throw more thorns in your way. He will squash your enthusiasm. He will distract you from the truth that you once found. And then it will be too late.
- Delaying is Satan's best tactic. Because it hits Christians and non-Christians alike.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Who will you follow? Who will you make your master today? Will it be God or will it be Satan, our adversary?**

MY NOTES