Satan

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INTRODUCTION

- There's one adversary that we have that is between us and our goal of reaching heaven, and that's Satan.
- If we do not have knowledge of him, and if we're not aware of him, we're not going to overcome him.
- Satan has tremendous power. He has tremendous influence. And we need to be careful and watch out for Satan.

1 The Nature of Satan

2 Peter 2:4; Matthew 25:41; 1 John 3:8

- You cannot believe in God without believing in Satan.
- In 2 Peter 2 and verse 4, we read, God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but he cast them into hell.
- God has servants that do his bidding, and apparently the devil has his servants or his messengers.
- Satan is busy, he's in the earth, he's walking up and down. He's like a hunter, a roaming lion, seeking someone to devour.
- In 1 John 3 and verse 8, we read the one who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

2 Where Does He Work

2 Corinthians 4:4; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34–35

- In 2 Corinthians chapter 4 and verse 4, it refers to Satan as the God of this world.
- Satan works in the world. He works in the earth. He's close by us.
- Peter asked Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?
- Watch over your heart with all diligence. For from it flows the springs of life.
- We need to guard our hearts and make sure that our hearts are focused on serving the Lord.
- Satan already has those in the world. So he tries to get the man in the church also.

3 How Does Satan Work

2 Corinthians 11:3; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 Peter 5:8

- Subtlety has been his tactic for thousands of years, and he's been very successful at it.
- What Satan does is he presents sin in such an appealing way that we can only see the pleasure. We don't see the destruction.
- Satan doesn't show us the consequences of our sin.
- He comes to us as an angel of light, someone that we can trust. He makes his appearance and the things he offers seem pure and good.

- He'll twist the scriptures. He'll convince us on one text, which he's twisted, and then he'll get us to dismiss all other texts.
- Be sober and be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he can devour.

4 How Can We Defeat Him

1 Corinthians 16:13; Matthew 26:41; James 4:7

- First, we've got to be alert.
- Watch ye and stand fast in the faith. Quit you like men and be strong.
- God's given us some armor. And you need to pick it up and you need to learn it and you need to study it.
- Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- You need to determine that you can resist. And you need to resist.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're here this morning, you're subject to the invitation. Why not come today as we stand and sing this song?**

MY NOTES