

***Wise Up
To Satan***

2 Corinthians 2:11

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Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Introduction

A. Satan is always looking for an opportunity

Ephesians 4:27

Neither give place to the devil.

B. We need to be on the lookout

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Introduction

C. We need the full protection of God

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Jude 1:9

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

I. Subtile

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

A. Satan is inviting

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

I. Subtile

B. We must resist the tempter

James 4:7-8

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

II. Afflicter

Job 2:7

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

II. Afflicter

A. Satan is in the business of afflicting God's people

2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1 Thessalonians 2:18

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

II. Afflicter

B. God is greater and more powerful than Satan

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

III. Tempter

Mark 1:13

And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

A. Satan tried to get Christ to yield to lust

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

III. Tempter

B. Satan uses the same pattern on us

1. David

1 Chronicles 21:1

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

2. Ananias

Acts 5:3

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

III. Tempter

B. Satan uses the same pattern on us - continued

3. The church

1 Thessalonians 3:5

For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

III. Tempter

**C. We need to know where these temptations come from
James 1:13**

**Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of
God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither
tempteth he any man:**

1 John 2:15-16

**15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the
world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is
not in him.**

**16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and
the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the
Father, but is of the world.**

IV. Accuser

Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

A. Satan accuses Christians of defeat, failure, hypocrisy, and evil

Zechariah 3:1

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

IV. Accuser

B. We must declare as Christ did

Luke 4:8

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

C. We must defeat him through faith

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

V. National Deceiver

Revelation 20:7-8

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

V. National Deceiver

A. Satan is trying to delude, defraud, and defeat God's power, God's people, and God's purpose

B. Our national defense is in God

Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

V. National Deceiver

C. God makes us conquerors because He is more than a match for Satan

Romans 8:37-39

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Do Not Be
Complacent***