

As Christians, we have an opponent who seeks to destroy each of us. He is called by such names in the bible as “Satan”, “the Devil”, “the Serpent”, “the Angel of Light”, and “the Accuser”. God created Satan and he is a fallen angel who chose to rebel against God. God has defeated Satan and Satan is waiting for his final sentencing to the lake of fire. In the meantime, Satan is busy deceiving as many people as possible and desires to take as many people as possible with him to hell.

- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- Phil 3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:
- 2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- 2 Cor 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.
- Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”
- 2 Cor 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- 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,
- Ezekeil 28:14-17 “You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. “By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

Discussion Item 1: *Do you live with an awareness that there is an enemy who seeks to destroy you?*

Discussion Item 2: *What are the implications of this awareness?*

Life Application: *Ask for prayer and continued support from at least one Christian to have victory over the enemy in a particular area of your life.*

Helpful Definition:

enemy- One who feels hatred toward, intends injury to, or opposes the interest of another; a foe, an armed adversary. (Webster)
Satan – Adversary, Accuser (Easton)

Notes:

Proverb 1:32-33 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”

Psalms 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.