

**Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-13; I Peter 5:8

**Topic:** Know Your Enemy

**INTRODUCTION:** This lesson is not intended to bring any \_\_\_\_\_ to our adversary, the devil, but rather to help us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the ruses and tactics of the enemy.

## I. THE ORIGIN OF THE DEVIL:

### A. Created Being:

1. Some people have the idea that Satan is almost \_\_\_\_\_ to God, not understanding that he is only a being that was \_\_\_\_\_ by God. Ez. 28:11-15
2. Satan was an angel – a cherub, created by God to \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven as one of three Archangels, he being in charge of the music and \_\_\_\_\_. Ez. 28:14

### B. A Fallen Angel:

1. Unfortunately, Satan became lifted up with \_\_\_\_\_, and believed that he could be equal with God and share the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Is. 14:12-14
2. Because of this uprising in the heart of Lucifer, he was \_\_\_\_\_ out of Heaven and fell down to the \_\_\_\_\_ where he destroyed the existing creation. Is. 14:15-17
3. When Satan was cast out, it appears that about one third of the \_\_\_\_\_ also followed him in his rebellion against \_\_\_\_\_, and they no longer were in Heaven. Rev. 12:4

## II. THE LIMITATIONS OF SATAN:

### A. For Himself:

1. Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ omnipotent (all powerful), but he can do only what God and individuals \_\_\_\_\_ him to do. Mt. 28:18 (Job 1)
2. Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ omniscient (all knowing), for he has to get information from observing and listening to others, not because he is intelligent. Job 1:8-11,22
3. Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ omnipresent (everywhere present) as some people think, but he can only be in \_\_\_\_\_ place at a time. Job 1:7, 2:2

### B. For People:

1. Satan cannot know your \_\_\_\_\_, and neither can he read your \_\_\_\_\_, for the Word of God states that the only one who has this \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord God Almighty. Ps. 139:1-6
2. Satan cannot understand \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit, for it is a direct communication line to God, and to His throne \_\_\_\_\_. I Cor. 14:2, Jude 1:20,
3. Satan can shoot temptations at you and your \_\_\_\_\_, but since he cannot read your thoughts, the only way that he will know if his scheme is working is by your \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. Jn. 13:2, Acts 5:3
4. Since Satan cannot be everywhere, he uses his fallen angels, who are now the \_\_\_\_\_ that are part of the kingdom of darkness, and they do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil. Mk. 1:23,24

### III. DEFEATING THE ADVERSARY:

#### **A. The Whole Armor of God:**

1. Since we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, we need spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to combat the assault of the kingdom of darkness. 2 Cor. 10:3,4
2. God has given us an ample defense system to thwart the attacks of wicked \_\_\_\_\_ that are out to bring us \_\_\_\_\_ and cause us to fall. Eph. 6:12,13
3. We cannot afford to leave off any of the parts of the armor of God, for it is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ us from whatever the adversaries shoot at us in this spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. Eph. 6:16 (mind warfare)

#### **B. More Weapons:**

1. The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ has been given to us to use with authority over the \_\_\_\_\_ that are out to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ of individuals. Mk. 16:17, Lk. 10:17-19
2. Prayer is part of the armor of God, but is often overlooked as being that, and we need to \_\_\_\_\_ just how powerful that \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit is against the devil. Eph. 6:17,18
3. Fasting coupled with prayer is another spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that overcomes the adversary in difficult situations, giving more \_\_\_\_\_ authority and power to cast out devils. Mt. 17:21
4. The Lord sends forth His angels to help His children in times of \_\_\_\_\_ and in times where the heat of the \_\_\_\_\_ is very intense. Ps. 91:11; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 20:1-3
5. There is a passage in the Word of God that reminds us of two more things that give us \_\_\_\_\_ over the devil and that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our testimony. Rev. 12:11

**CONCLUSION:** We have been informed about our \_\_\_\_\_ the devil whom the Word of God says goes about as a \_\_\_\_\_, seeking to devour the people of God, but we are instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ him, and if we do, we will win the victory every time! I Pt. 5:8,9