



The Epistles of Peter  
1 Peter 5:8-14  
From Sermon 3.1.26

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Overview from Sunday’s sermon: Peter has now addressed our strength as soldiers in a hostile world, our conduct, and the dangers from within the church. God the Holy Spirit now has him include the spiritual warfare and the source of all tribulation—the devil. Just as it is vital to know the truth about God, self, and Scripture, it is also important to know the truth about our adversary and to not view people as the enemy.

1. What are the two historical extremes adopted by both churches and individuals concerning the devil? And what does each extreme look like? Too much attention (attributing every little thing/issue to demonic attack) or too little attention (dismissing him as myth, energy, or irrelevant).

1a. Where do you think you and your church fall on the attention scale? Various Personal Answers

2. What do we know about Satan’s origins and his fall?

*Isaiah 14:12-15*—\_\_\_\_\_

*Ezekiel 28:12-17*—\_\_\_\_\_

3. Read *John 8:44*. How did Jesus describe Satan’s nature? \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Yet how does he present himself—red suit, pitchfork, long tail? \_\_\_\_\_

See *2 Corinthians 11:14*. As an angel of light—\_\_\_\_\_”

4. What are some of his most effective strategies? Hide the Word from unbelievers. Distort the Word to believers. Examples: “Did God really say...?” & Citing Scripture out of context when tempting.

5. If the Holy Spirit describes the devil as a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, what can we learn about his tactics? Various Answers. Include: a ceaseless appetite, capable hunter, a pack animal, seeking the weak, vulnerable, young.

6. What has been his ultimate goal (and failure)? \_\_\_\_\_ Mainly:

- To Stop Christ’s First Coming (examples: Cain/Abel, Days of Noah, famine in Palestine, destroy Israel, corrupt the bloodline of Christ (Judah through David), Herod and the babies of Bethlehem...)
- To Stop Christ’s Second Coming (examples: dismantle and dismiss Israel. Corrupt the church. Send false messiahs. Convince the church that Revelation is fully spiritual and long-ago fulfilled.)

7. What are his limits?

- He is not omniscient, omnipotent, nor omnipresent.
- He is not the equal opposite of \_\_\_\_\_.
- He must have \_\_\_\_\_ to confront the Elect. See *Job 1:6-12 & Luke 22:31*.