



Beware of the Enemy
Eph 6:10-19 Is. 14:12-15
Ez. 28:12-19

Introduction

- ***Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6:12 “ For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of the dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”***
- ***Our enemy is Satan and the fallen angels.***

Introduction

- ***I believe, in order to fight with him effectively, it is important that, we must know who he is, how strong he is, how he works and what kinds of weapons he uses.***
- ***It is also important for us to know what are the weapons, which God has given to us to stand against him and his demons.***

Satan's creation

- ***He was created as a blameless angel, perfect in wisdom and beauty to live in the presence of God. Ez. 28:11***
- ***He was adorned with precious stones. Vs 13***
- ***He was anointed as a guardian cherub to serve God. Ez. 28:14***

His fall

- ***Prophet Isaiah explain his fall in chapter 14. He gives us five “ I WILL” statements of Satan in which he said:***
- ***I will ascend to the heavens.***
- ***I will raise my throne above the throne of God.***

His fall

- ***I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.***
- ***I will ascend above the tops of the clouds.***
- ***I will make myself like the Most High.***
- ***His pride was the cause of his fall. 1 Ti. 3:6***

His fall

- ***His fall happened prior to Genesis 3.***
- ***Jesus talked about his fall in Luke 10:17-18.***
- ***Apostle John writes about the fall in Revelation 12:4.***
- ***One third of the angels took part in the rebellion and were also expelled. They are called demons and forces of air. Jude 6***

His defeat

- ***He was defeated by Michael and his angels. Rev 12:7***
- ***Some fallen angels were arrested and are kept in hell for final judgment. Jude 6***
- ***Satan was totally defeated by Christ on the cross. Col 2:13-15***

His defeat

- ***He is a defeated enemy.***
- ***Apostle Peter describes him as a roaring lion who prowls to devour someone but according to Apostle James when we resist him, he runs away.***
- ***He will be finally judged by God and thrown in the lake of fire.***
Rev 20

His names and Titles

- ***He is called Satan which means accuser or adversary. Zec. 3:1; Mt. 4:10***
- ***Devil which means slanderer. Heb. 2:14 and Mt 4:8***
- ***Lucifer (morning star) Isa. 14:12***
- ***Belial means wickedness. 2 Co. 6:15***

His Titles

- ***Bible ascribes a number of descriptive titles to Satan:***
- ***Prince of demons. Mt 12:24***
- ***He is called god of this age. 2 Co. 4:4***
- ***Ruler of the Kingdom of the air. Eph 2:2***
- ***Prince ruler of this world. Jn 12:31***

His Titles

- ***The evil one. 1 Jn. 5:19***
- ***Dragon/serpent Rev 12:7 and the tempter 1 Th 3:5***
- ***Accuser of the brethren. Rev 12:10 and the enemy. Mt 13:39***
- ***A roaring lion 1 Pe 5:8 and an angel of light in 2Co. 11:14***

His Character

- ***He is described in the Bible as a :***
 - ***Murderer in John 8:44***
 - ***Liar in John 8:44***
 - ***Deceiver in Revelation 20:7-8***
 - ***Adversary in 1 Pe 5:8 and***
 - ***The father of unbelievers in Jn 8:44***

His Power

- ***He is powerful but has been defeated. He is not omnipotent, omnipresence and omniscience .***
- ***He works under the sovereignty of God. Job 1:12; Jn 12:31 and Jn 16:11***

His methods to defeat the believers

- ***His overall purpose is to defeat God and his people. He works against the believers through following ways:***
- ***Masquerades as an angel of light. 2 Co 11:14***
- ***Hinders their prayers. Da 10:12-13***

His methods to defeat the believers

- ***Plants false Christians in the church to create confusion and strife. Mt 13:36-43***
- ***Encourages immorality. 1 Co. 7:1-7***
- ***Promotes Spiritual warfare. Eph. 6: 10-18***
- ***Tempts them to do various sins. Jas. 1:13-15***
- ***Seeks to destroy their testimony. 1 Pe. 5:8***

His methods to defeat the believers

- ***He tries to snare them in pride. 1Ti. 3:7***
- ***He tries to discourage believers.***
- ***He persecutes the believers.***
- ***Causes pain and afflictions. Job and Paul***
- ***He accuses them. Rev 12***
- ***His goal is to destroy the believers.***

His Weapons

- ***Satan is number one enemy of the believers. He has three main weapons, which he uses against them all the times.***
- ***Fallen angels which are the powers of air. Eph. 6:12***
- ***The flesh is our inner inclination to do evil. Gal. 5:16-17.***

His Weapons

- ***The world is the unhealthy social, religious, political, philosophical and psychological environment in which we live. James 3:15; 1 John 2:15-17 and 3:7-10***
- ***These three weapons are used by Satan all the times against God's people.***

How Should we fight him

- ***We should never underestimate him. Jude 8***
- ***Know your position in Christ. Eph. 1-3***
- ***We should submit to God. Jas. 4:7***
- ***We shall pray for God's power. Eph 3:14-19***
- ***We should put on the full armor of God. Eph.6:13-19***

How Should we fight him

- ***We should resist him. Jas. 4:7***
- ***Stand firm in faith. Eph. 6:13-16***
- ***Rebuke him in the name of the Christ. Mt.16:23; Jude 9 and Zec. 3:2***
- ***Rest in the prayer of Jesus. Jn 17:15***
- ***Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. Lk 4:1***