

### **I. Prepare to face an unsubtle enemy**

- A. Who the Devil is: a rebellious spirit; proud, but not a counterpart of God. (1 Timothy 3:11; John 8:44; Acts 5:3; 1 Chronicles 21:1; John 13:2; James 4:7; Acts 10:38; Job 1-2; Zechariah 3:1-2; 1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Timothy 2:26; Acts 26:16-18; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8,10; Genesis 3:1-15; Revelation 12:9)
- B. The nature of the Devil's attacks: snake (Genesis 3; James 4:7) or lion
- C. Not necessarily pervasive (all the world is not demonic)
  - i. People will respond to our Christian profession and life in different ways.
  - ii. Our faithfulness is the means by which people will come to glorify Christ.
  - iii. We must avoid becoming "dualists"
- D. But he is out there: we should expect to be attacked as we engage the world in word and deed.

### **II. Resisting the Devil**

- A. What do sheep tend to do? Cut and run.
- B. How? In Christ we have the ability to resist
- C. Why?
- D. "Dunedain Rangers"
- E. We serve not because of who the world is, or because we are appreciated, but because of who we are in Christ ("called ... to eternal glory").

### **III. Jesus is able to gather and care for scattered sheep.**

- A. Many people come from church backgrounds that have been destroyed by the Devil's attacks.
- B. We need a Good Shepherd, not no shepherd. (John 10:11-14)
- C. He "saw that the people were like sheep without a shepherd." (Mark 6:34)
- D. "Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered." (Zechariah 13:7; Mark 14:27)
- E. "The Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Genesis 49:9-10; Revelation 5:5)