

# *Someone Wants to Kill You*

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1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- I. The devil wants to kill you, and he has a plan to do so.
  - A. What he plans to do with you is more than just kill you; he intends to take you to hell with him for eternity.
  - B. His strategy has two stages;
    - 1. First get you to say “no” to God; to deny God, and turn away from Him.
    - 2. Then to lead you on down the road to destruction of your earthly life.
  - C. He will use any and all means available to lead you down the path of saying “no” to God.
    - 1. He will use any person that he can manipulate through deceit and lies to get to you.
  - D. He will work on you through your desires; the things you like and are drawn to, that may not even be evil in themselves.
    - 1. But in your pursuit of what you like and enjoy he will lead you out into worldly places and worldly people where his strongholds are and where you are unprotected and vulnerable.
    - 2. Before you know it you will be entangled and contaminated in your mind with ideas and notions that are straight from the mind of the devil himself.
  - E. He works all angels while he is executing his plan for your destruction.
    - 1. Even the people who love you and want to protect you can be recruited by him through deceit and his subtle ways.

1 Chronicles 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

- 2. While they are trying to reason and figure out what you need and how to stop your going astray he will be trying to enter their minds with twisted truths and outright lies.
- 3. Out of their desperation, fear, and pride they will grab at anything that is thrown their way.
- 4. Remember, the devil has the microphone of this world, so if it is coming from that direction, it is assuredly coming from Satan, so beware.

- II. Be sober, be vigilant...resist steadfast in the faith...
  - A. If you knew that someone was following you around looking for a chance to kill you, you would be very sober and very vigilant.
  - B. But most people, including those who call themselves Christians are as careless as a mouse in a field full of rattlesnakes, and they have about the same chance of survival, too.

- C. Fear should not be what motivates us in this matter, but knowledge, faith, and love for those who will be affected by our demise at the devil's hands.
- D. I do not walk in places where there might be poisonous snakes with fear, but I am not careless; I am watching because I know they might be there.
  - 1. And furthermore, if someone is with me I always say, watch for snakes!
  - 2. I do that out of concern for their safety, not to make them afraid.
- E. When any of our family leaves the house to drive on the highway, we always say, "Be careful!"
  - 1. That is because we know there are dangers out there waiting and we know that if you "be careful" you are less likely to get hurt or killed.
- F. This is what God is saying to us here: "Be careful!"
  - 1. Watch for him! He is following you and looking for every opportunity, and working every angel, and using anyone else he can to try to lead you down a path that will get you away from God and on the road to destruction.

III. ...knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

- A. Be sober, be vigilant, and be aware that Satan is after all of us, not just you.
- B. Watch out for others; stand for what is right; be the right example.
- C. Do not allow yourself things that might cause a weaker brother to stumble or perish, no matter how much you like it, or how sure you are that nothing is wrong with it.
- D. Try to keep the roads that lead away from God closed in your own life, and also in those you are responsible for.
- E. Once they enter into the way that leads to destruction it is very seldom that they can be rescued before they are destroyed.
- F. Guard your own heart and mind from the steady beating of the worlds drums; their pleasures, their filthy immorality, their philosophies about life and right and wrong.
- G. Remember that we are engaged in a war, and it is the war of wars between good and evil.
- H. The stakes are high and there is no room for carelessness, fraternizing with the enemy, or being AWOL.
- I. Live every day, and remind yourself often during the day of this fact that Satan is after your very life, the life of your child, the life of you spouse, your friend, your loved ones, your Christian brethren, and step up and be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- J. Resist the devil steadfast in the faith; guard your mind and thoughts, and examine where every imagination comes from before he gets his foot in the door of your soul.
- K. Fill your mind and heart with the Word of God and study to show thyself approved, and skillful with the Sword of the Spirit.