

Know Your Antagonist

Introduction:

BIG IDEA: The Christian life is a spiritual warfare. How to emerge victorious and remain victorious is the burden of today's message.

Text: Eph. 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:5-9

Note: Satan and his cohorts are our antagonists.

A. Satan's Composite Profile

1. "Father of lies" (John 8:44)
2. "Accuser of the brethren" (Rev. 12:9-10)
3. "Roaring Lion" (1 Peter 5:8-9)

B. Satan's Consummate Purpose

1. To entice people with his promise of power and glory to worship him, as he tried in his temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:8-10)
2. To get as many people he can to be with him in hell (Matt 25:41; Rev. 20:10)

C. Satan's Calculated Plan

1. Undermined and twist God's word to suit people's self interest and cause them to disobey God, as he did with Adam and Eve (Gen 2:15-16; Gen 3:1-6)
2. Camouflage himself as angel of light to deceive people (2 Cor. 11:14)
3. Divide and conquer to collapse a nation, a family, or a church (Matt. 12:25; 1 Cor. 1:11-12)

D. Biblical Strategies on How to Defeat Satan's Purpose and Plan to Destroy Us

1. Put on the full armor of God (Eph. 6:10-11)
2. Use God's written Word to resist Satan's temptation, as Jesus did when He was tempted in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-10)
3. Submit yourself to God and resist the Devil (James 4:7-8)

Conclusion:

Table Talks:

1. Satan is profiled as: “Father of lies” (John 8:44); “Accuser of the brethren” (Rev. 12:9-10); “Roaring Lion” (1 Peter 5:8-9)
 - a. What Satanic lies are you aware of that you need to avoid?
 - b. What Satanic accusation(s) do you need to overcome in your life, if any?
 - c. How will you successfully confront Satan who wants to devour your faith in God?
2. With Satan’s consummate purpose to entice people to worship him, which he tried to do to Jesus, what does Satan offer you today to get the worship he wants from you? (Matt 4:8-10)
3. What will be the tragic end of people who die without Christ’s victory over Satan, which you want to avoid? (Matt 25:41; Rev. 20:10)
4. Go over point C on the sermon outline, and see how it can apply to you today.
5. Examine yourself if you are using the strategies to defeat Satan on point D of the sermon outline.

PRAY!