

Facts We Need To Know About Satan

by Rico L. Brown

Paul wrote so "that no advantage be gained over us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). He is constantly scheming and planning to destroy us.

The devil would have you think he is a man with horns, a red suit, a long tail and pitchfork. Really, he is a spiritual being who works through human beings. Nor is he a "roaring lion," but he is "as" a lion. He stalks his victims in a cruel, heartless fashion.

For his helpers, Satan has hosts of wicked spirits with many tactics (Ephesians 6:11, 12) and wicked men who fashion themselves into an Apostle of Christ ... and even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. His ministers even present themselves as ministers of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). The Evil One does not spend much time on thieves, drunkards, liars and the like. They are his already. He concentrates on good people; especially Christians.

Satan is in the "religion business." He has his own churches (Revelation 2:9). He has a theology (Revelation 2:24). He has spiritual children (John 8:44). He has a spiritual kingdom (Colossians 1:13). Satan has usurped and controls the kingdoms of the earth (Luke 4:5). Because of his power over the people of the world, he is called the "prince of this world" (John 12:31) and the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Satan hates those who obey Christ and actively persecutes and seeks to destroy them. For Paul declares to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:12: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Warning: Be on the lookout, for Satan is looking for you, but are you watching for him?

- *Beyond the Pulpit*, (published in *The Review*, East Liverpool, OH, 9-30-2017) -

A Typical Devil's Lie

To entice Eve to eat what God had forbidden, Satan said, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5). The tree's very name, "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Gen. 2:17), gave credence to Satan's promise. But his promise was a half-truth; half-truths deceive like a whole lie.

When they ate, "their eyes were opened" and they knew they were naked; they knew evil as they had not known it before, by doing evil. However, their knowledge of good and evil was not like God's. He does not know evil by participating in it. He is "of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong" (Hab. 1:13).

Participating in evil, disobeying God, did not make them like God; it brought death.

Never believe the devil; his half-truths are always destructive lies.

- via *Preacher Talk*, Faulkner University, Montgomery Alabama -

Satan is not such a fool as to fish without bait.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Nancy Cox and the Freeland Family at the passing of Nancy's brother, Richard Freeland. God bless and comfort them at this time.

MEALS NEEDED: For **Randy & Susan Beagle** on **Mondays and Fridays**. Randy's activity will be restricted for some time due to foot surgery for a diabetic condition. Sign-up sheet on the table under the bulletin board.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: **Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** Ladies are invited and urged to participate in this program to make little bears for sick and distressed kids. No sewing skills necessary.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT BIBLE CLASS: **Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, March 14th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. All men invited.

ANNUAL SPRING SING: **Next Sunday, March 15th, 2:30-3:30 p.m.** at Beaver Street Church of Christ, Lisbon, OH.

PANTRY: Help restock our pantry with any and all nonperishable foods to aid those in need.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: **Brooke McClung** (Keith & Elaine's daughter-in-law), 123 Fredricksburg Dr., Stephens City, VA 22655 [Brooke will have back surgery, **Mon., Mar. 16th**]. **Connie Staley** (Sue Haught's sister), **Sally Watson** (Sue Collins' sister).

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: David McKittrick, Alex Harless, Randy Beagle, Charlie Delong, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **FREEDOM PLACE APTS., Weirton, WV:** Rich Robinson (address on Bulletin Board). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl, 1745 Pointe West Way, Vero Beach, FL 32966 (new address).

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville**Mar. 15-20** (M-F 7 p.m.).....Peter Ray Cole
McKinleyville**Mar. 22-26** (M-Th. 7 p.m.).....Different Speakers*

* Our Bro. Rico will speak on **Thursday, Mar. 26th**

SOMEONE TO WALK WITH

After talking with a pupil about a problem, an elementary school principal kindly instructed the child to return to his classroom. The boy rose to leave, then turned and asked, "Sir, will you walk with me?"

Adults are no different from the child in that respect. People want us to walk with them. They want you and me to walk with them in their joys, in their sorrows, in their frustrations and in their tribulations.

Sometimes they want our presence more than our presents—our touch more than our talk.

Sometimes they want our calm assurance more than our candid advice—our encouragement more than our sage pronouncements.

Sometimes they want us to be their friend, one who "comes in when the whole world goes out."

The world is full of individuals who hunger for our understanding, love, appreciation and companionship—someone just to walk with them.

- William Arthur Ward - (via Church of Christ, 6th & Washington Streets, Marietta, OH)