

Satan Comes Lurking!

Ralph Clevinger

In the book of Job, God asked Satan where he had been. He told God, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it" (Job 1:7; 2:2 NKJV). Peter indicated Satan walks "about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Have you seen evidence that Satan has ceased his search for souls?

The world seems to be filled with evidence that Satan still prowls about the earth. We, as Christians, ought to be on guard so we are not tricked by his devices. Satan has more experience deceiving us than we do at overcoming temptation. The devil is not fearful; rather, he is cunning, brave and deceptive. He uses any means at his disposal to conceal his actions as he stalks his prey. Since he is a capable adversary, what can we do to evade him?

Peter instructed, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9). Notice the instruction:

1. Be sober - Think clearly,
2. Be vigilant - Self-controlled,
3. Resist - Withstand or to oppose,
4. Steadfast - Be established, and
5. Understand you are not the only one Satan is attacking.

In order to be found faithful, we must fight against the devil as he seeks our destruction. Paul reminded the Ephesian brethren that they were in a spiritual battle. Today, we fight that same battle, and we will continue to fight it until Jesus' return. Let us be established in our faith and unwilling to yield to Satan.

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H.A.B.I.T.

HABIT. The only way to get rid of a bad habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the "H" and you still have...

A BIT. You think you are getting over it by dropping a little bit of the evil thing, so you go on and drop the "A," but you still are...

BIT. That is to say, you are deceiving yourself. You are where you were. You are still bitten by the evil thing. However, you think you are progressing, so you drop the "B," but you still lack. You still have...

IT. And "it" is the sting of habit. "It" has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Even when you drop the "I" you still have...

T. Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. Better do the thing wholesale and drop all the letters at once.

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

- Author Unknown (Bulletin Digest) -

Habits are either the best of servants or the worst of masters.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Beulah Walker at the recent passing of her aunt, Mary Jane Anderson. God bless and comfort Beulah at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Todd & Tracey Leslie** on the birth of a son, **Case Archer on Oct. 19th**. The grandparents are Jim & Linda Hall. Best wishes to all.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Next Saturday, Oct. 28th, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Fellowship Bldg. All ladies invited.

5th SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION: Next Sunday our entire contribution will be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief in Nashville. If you would like to give extra just include it with your regular contribution.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS: Saturday, Nov. 4th, Hanoverton & New Philadelphia. See bulletin board for details.

MEN'S DAY: Steelton, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 8:30 to Noon. Speakers: Cedrick Goddard, Steve Stevens, Peter Ray Cole. Additional details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Canned carrots.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical: Gary Evans (Rm. 716). **At Home:** Bob & Mary Helen Riley, Anita Hopwood, Linda Parkes, Melissa Rosohac, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Lake Milton	Oct. 27-29	Aaron Burch
Hanoverton	Nov. 5 - 9	Students & Faculty of WVSOP
Steelton	Nov. 5 - 9	Steve Stevens
Bridge St., N. Martinsville	Nov. 12-15	Phil Sanders

Who Will Hear?

- Bob Prichard -

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

In the World Trade Center rubble after 9/11, President Bush rallied the people: "I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people ... who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise." That great noise, literally "a roar," will come as the elements melt with fervent heat, and the earth and its works are burned up.

Jeremiah prophesied, "At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations" (50:46). After marching quietly around Jericho, on the seventh time, "Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city" (Joshua 6:10), a fearful noise as the walls fell.

At the day of the Lord, those who were deaf to the will of God will hear and understand that God was serious about His commands and promises. Will we hear?

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