

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Thought for this morning and later again and again: **“The adversary at work”**

He has many devices and inexhaustible energy. His objective is to overthrow God and His words. He takes pleasure in lying, destroying and confusion.

He fuels fire of contention; he provokes unto anger and tempts to lead someone astray. He has cohorts in the spiritual realm that cause anxiety and oppress.

You might be familiar with Psalm 91 as being the psalm of protection. You might also know that when the devil tempted Jesus (recorded in Mt. 4 & Lk. 4) he used a portion of Psalm 91 as a lure.

Luke 4:9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

Luke 4:10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

Luke 4:11 And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

The devil knows what God said and he uses it to his advantage by wrenching it from its context, or speaking in direct denial of it; or as in this case making an application of it wrongfully.

The attempted use of this verse and jump off the high cliff would have put Jesus under condemnation with the pride of life; in other words, using your power to show yourself to be somebody.

Jesus answer to Satan was “...Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Luke 4:12

Here is a connected thought. We have eternal security in Christ Jesus, the *contract* (God’s salvation agreement) cannot be annulled or amended or voided. When you got saved, God promised to give you eternal life.

(John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37; 10:28; Romans 5:21; 6:23; Titus 1:2; 3:7; 1st John 5:11 - 13)

So here comes Satan and suggests that no matter what you do you’ll go to heaven – why not enjoy what everybody else is doing. You won’t surely die. You need to get over those religious hang ups? What are you gaining in life? Has your life been without any trouble? How come that happened?

He is deceiver, he is a subtle and he is very persuasive. And if you listen to him he will cause you to stumble and fall and feel bad. He can’t get your soul but there are other things he can ruin in a person’s life here on earth.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

We submit to God by praying and asking for help, recognizing we are vulnerable.

We submit to God by hiding in His words, in other words trusting Him to be our refuge and defense.

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2nd Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

“THE ADVERSARY AT WORK” 1st Peter 5:5 – 9

Intro. The Christian has the best friend in the world and the worst enemy.

The devil seeks to defeat and devour by means of:

Pride 1st Peter 5:5

Pressure 1st Peter 5:7

Presumption 1st Peter 5:9

Tonight at 5:00 Lessons from Jephthah (Judge in book of Judges)

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roloff Homes in Texas

