

Know Your Enemy

Things You Should Know

1. The devil hates you.

1Pe 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert.
Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like
a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

The devil wants you to go to hell!

The devil will take advantage of you!

2Co 2:11 ...so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

What are Satan's schemes?

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Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

Gen 3:3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 The serpent said to the woman,
"You surely will not die!

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you
eat from it your eyes will be opened, and
you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree
was good for food, and that it was a delight
to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable
to make one wise, she took from its fruit and
ate; and she gave also to her husband with
her, and he ate.

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Gen 3:8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

Gen 3:10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

Gen 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

Gen 3:12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

Gen 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Gen 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this, Cursed are
you more than all cattle, And more than
every beast of the field; On your belly you
will go, And dust you will eat All the days of
your life;

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you
and the woman, And between your seed and
her seed; He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Gen 3:16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

Gen 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.

Gen 3:18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field;

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

Gen 3:20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

Gen 3:21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

Gen 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

Gen 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

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1Jn 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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Eve had never heard a lie before. She was an easy target. However, Satan didn't stop there. He used the world to his advantage to make sure that she would sin.

The devil had the nerve to try this same technique on Jesus.

Luk 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness

Luk 4:2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.

Luk 4:3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Luk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

Luk 4:5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Luk 4:7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

Luk 4:8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

Luk 4:9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

Luk 4:10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,'

Luk 4:11 and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

Luk 4:12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Luk 4:13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

Jesus wasn't such an easy target!

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

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2Co 2:1 But I determined this for my own sake, that I would not come to you in sorrow again.

2Co 2:2 For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

2Co 2:3 This is the very thing I wrote you, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having confidence in you all that my joy would be the joy of you all.

2Co 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

2Co 2:5 But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree--in order not to say too much--to all of you.

2Co 2:6 Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority,

2Co 2:7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

2Co 2:9 For to this end also I wrote, so that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

2Co 2:10 But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

2Co 2:11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

Paul was concerned that excessive sorrow would be detrimental - that the devil would take advantage of the situation to devour a soul.

Remorse or sorrow can have that effect.

Consider what happened to Judas and Peter.

Luk 22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.

Luk 22:2 The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

Luk 22:3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.

Luk 22:4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them.

Luk 22:5 They were glad and agreed to give him money.

Luk 22:6 So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.

Mat 26:30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mat 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Mat 26:33 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

Mat 26:34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Mat 26:35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

Mat 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

Mat 26:70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

Mat 26:71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Mat 26:72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

Mat 26:73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away."

Mat 26:74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed.

Mat 26:75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Mat 27:1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;

Mat 27:2 and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.

Mat 27:3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Mat 27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!"

Mat 27:5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

Joh 21:1 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

Joh 21:2 Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

Joh 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

Joh 21:4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Joh 21:5 So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

Joh 21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

Joh 21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

Joh 21:8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

Joh 21:9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread.

Joh 21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught."

Joh 21:11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

Joh 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

Joh 21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

Joh 21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

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The devil convinced Judas to take his own life. He missed out on having breakfast with Jesus.

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1Sa 15:1 Then Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the LORD.

1Sa 15:2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

1Sa 15:3 'Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

1Sa 15:4 Then Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah.

1Sa 15:5 Saul came to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the valley.

1Sa 15:6 Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, so that I do not destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:7 So Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is east of Egypt.

1Sa 15:8 He captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1Sa 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

1Sa 15:10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

1Sa 15:11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the LORD all night.

1Sa 15:12 Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal."

1Sa 15:13 Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have carried out the command of the LORD."

1Sa 15:14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

1Sa 15:15 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."

1Sa 15:16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Wait, and let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak!"

1Sa 15:17 Samuel said, "Is it not true, though you were little in your own eyes, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel, 1Sa 15:18 and the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are exterminated.'

1Sa 15:19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"

1Sa 15:20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:21 "But the people took some of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

1Sa 15:22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."

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1Sa 15:20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek. Saul obeyed only the part that suited him.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Mat 7:22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Mat 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Mat 7:25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Mat 7:27 "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

1Co 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

Don't be fooled by the devil!

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God loves you!

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.