

# JOB'S ADVERSARY

## JOB 1:6-22, 2:1-10

Text:

Introduction:

### **1. HIS PERSONALITY**

A. He makes people doubt God's Word

(Gen 3:1) "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

B. He deceives people

(Gen 3:4) "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:"

C. He cast doubt on the character of God.

(Gen 3:5) "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

## **2. HIS PURPOSE**

### A. To set God and Man at odds

(Job 1:11) "But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."

(Rev 12:10) "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

### B. To devour individuals

(1 Pet 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

## **3. HIS POWER**

### A. Is very powerful

(Jude 1:9) "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

### B. Limited by God what he can do.

(Job 1:12) "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD."

(Job 2:6) "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."

(Luke 22:31) "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:"

1. He may sift the wheat but he cannot devour the wheat.

## **4. HIS PLACE OF WORKING**

### **A. Out of the Lord's presence.**

(Job 1:12) "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD."

(Job 1:7) "And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

(Eph 2:2) "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

(1 Pet 5:9) "Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

## **5. HIS PLAN**

A. Most of the time Satan attacks when we least expect it.

1. When things are going well financially.
2. When we are doing well spiritually.
3. When we are doing well physically.
4. When our family is doing well.

B. Satan sets his eyes especially on those that are doing something for and are pleasing to Christ.

## Illustrations:

- Joseph was cast into prison after he was made overseer and rejected the temptation of Potiphar's wife.
- David was tempted after he had killed Goliath and had become king.
- Elijah ran out of fear after the great victory on Mt. Carmel.
- John the Baptist was beheaded after he preached that Pharaoh should not have his brother's wife.
- Peter denied knowing Christ after he had answered Christ correctly who He was.
- Stephen was stoned to death after he preached the truth concerning Christ.

(2 Cor 2:11) "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

(Eph 4:27) "Neither give place to the devil."

## 6. OUR PROTECTION

(Eph 6:10-17) "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. {11} Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. {13} Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. {14} Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; {15} And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; {16} Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

- A. First thing mentioned is the Lord and His might.
- B. The second thing mentioned is the armor of God.
- C. Nowhere is it mentioned anything of ourselves.

## 7. OUR PROMISE

A. God will never place more or allow more to be placed on us than we can bear.

(1 Cor 10:13) "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

B. God will never leave us or forsake us.

(Heb 13:5-6) "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. {6} So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

(Mat 28:18-20) "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. {19} Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."