



# “Don’t Forget Who Your Enemy Is”

Part 2

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Foundation Scripture: ***I Peter 5:6-9*** (Amplified)

- I. Knowing Your Enemy
  - A. ***Revelation 12:7-9***
    1. ***Great Dragon*** – How He Portrays Himself (Powerful & In Control); This is how the devil thinks of himself.
    2. ***Old Serpent*** – Who the devil really is....a sly and cunning snake that God said would slither on the ground eating dust the rest of his days!
    3. ***Satan & Devil*** – His given name so you can speak the Name that is above every name over any lesser name!
    4. ***Deceives*** – What He does.
  - B. ***II Corinthians 2:11***
    1. The only way to walk in this life without stumbling is by seeing the obstacles that lie ahead.
    2. We must walk in light so we can overcome the darkness (the tactics of the enemy).
- II. Do you know the “What” and the “How”?
  - A. ***I John 2:16*** – “What” Satan uses (only 3 things)
    1. ***Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life***
    2. This is what Satan used in the Garden of Eden and also when Jesus fasted for 40 days...
      - ***Genesis 3:6*** – “Saw it was good for food” – ***Lust of the Flesh*** / “Pleasant to the eyes” – ***Lust of the Eyes*** / “Make one wise” – ***Pride of Life***
      - ***Matthew 4:3-11*** – The desire for food – ***Lust of the Flesh*** / Personal Glory...the kingdoms – ***Lust of the Eyes*** / Becoming Independent...needing no one but yourself... – ***Pride of Life***
  - B. “How” Satan does it
    1. “If” – Notice he always questions your position and power with God.
    2. The Devil and His System (Mind Tricks)
      - He understands the law of the seed better than most.... (for years he has been planting seeds of fear, doubt and despair....those seeds cannot produce a harvest if you do not give them ground to grow in!)
      - The system is in place and has been for a long time....it’s a system of control (Some of the testing ground was how people would react when they were told to wear masks, stay inside, and couldn’t visit loved ones in desperate need while in the hospital). (Dumb to the 2<sup>nd</sup> power!).
    5. If all you know is Egypt, you will react like Egypt (are you in bondage and don’t even know it? - Does the system have a hold on you?)

- *Think about the church.....Was it meant to have over 200 denominations in the U.S. and over 45,000 denominations globally?*
- *How does Satan do it? He knows he can't stop God's power, so he divides it....Satan's hands are all up in God's business here on this earth!*
  - One of the most notable early schisms was in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century over Jesus' relationship with God called the "Arian" controversy; Arius, a priest from Alexandria, Egypt claimed that because Jesus was "begotten" of God, he was of lesser divinity than God. But Athanasius, and Alexandrian theologian disputed him saying, that Jesus was God. This literally split Christians in half in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, a group of scholars and theologians gathered under Emperor Constantine's demand, and they ruled against the Arian belief, but Christians continued to be divided for over a century.
  - Satan controlled the church through these kind of tactics until the Protestant Reformation in 1517. Marin Luther wrote the 95 Thesis which basically said the Bible was the ultimate authority over people, not a church hierarchy.
  - Today, it's no different...the mentality is similar; different beliefs and interpretations create different problems / People fuss over healing, musical instruments, speaking in tongues....etc. WHY?
  - *PRIDE....PRIDE....PRIDE (The need to be right, the need to be first, the need to be GOD!) – This is where the THEORY of evolution comes from...the same source that division in the church comes from....PRIDE, PRIDE, PRIDE.*

C. What Do I Do?

1. Rebuke it like Jesus did with Peter.
2. Rebuke it like Jesus did with Satan himself – Get Behind Me Satan!