The Christian’s Three Enemies

Lesson 11
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- The Devil
  - Names
    - Devil: one who slanders
    - Satan: adversary or enemy
      - Matt. 13:25, 39; 1 Pet. 5:8 (adversary)
  - His present abode
    - Heaven (Job 1-2)
    - Earth (Job 1-2; 1 Peter 5:8)
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➢ The Devil

  o The schemes/wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11)
    • Seeking someone to devour (1 Pet. 5:8)
    • He shows you the bait and hides the hook
  o The ruler of the world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
  o the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19)
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- The World
  - The system of human existence which is hostile to God
  - Keep yourself unstained by the world (James 1:27)
  - Friendship with the world is hostility towards God (James 4:4)
  - Christians are hated by the world (John 15:18-19; 1 John 3:13)
  - Christians are to hate the world (1 John 2:15)
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- The World
  - Examples of the world
    - Worldly wisdom (1 Cor. 3:19)
    - The lust of the flesh (1 John 2:16)
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- The Flesh
  - Our fallen sinful nature
    - Crucified at conversion (Gal. 5:24) and still active (Gal. 5:17).
    - Deeds of the flesh: enmity and strife (Gal. 5:20; Eph. 4:27; 2 Cor. 2:10-11)
How to defeat the enemy

➢ Flee temptation
  o 1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality.
  o 2 Timothy 2:22 flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness
  o Proverbs 22:3 The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,
    But the naive go on, and are punished for it.
How to defeat the enemy

➤ Resist the Devil (James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9)
➤ Put on the full armor of God and stand firm (Eph. 6:10-20)
  o Truth
    • The Devil is the father of lies
  o Righteousness
    • Righteous living causes the Devil to flee
  o Peace
    • The Devil deceives
How to defeat the enemy

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➤ Put on the full armor of God and stand firm (Eph. 6:10-20)
  o Faith
    • The Devil uses doubt
  o Salvation_Assurance
    • The Devil uses doubt/discouragement

  o The Word of God
    • The Devil is the father of lies

  o Pray!
1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.