

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 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**
- **The ruler of the world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)**
- **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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- 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

- **1 Corinthians 6:18** Flee immorality.
- **2 Timothy 2:22** flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness
- **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)
 - Truth
 - The Devil is the father of lies
 - Righteousness
 - Righteous living causes the Devil to flee
 - Peace
 - The Devil deceives

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- 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)
 - Faith
 - The Devil uses doubt
 - Salvation/Assurance
 - The Devil uses doubt/discouragement
 - The Word of God
 - The Devil is the father of lies
 - 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.