

## ***Our Ancient Foe (Ephesians 6:10-13)***

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Illustration: Martin Luther threw his inkwell at the devil
- B. Review of the context – a real war with a real foe
- C. The first of two reconnaissance meetings
- D. Outline of sermon (‘ABC’): *An ancient foe, a brutal foe, a cunning foe*

### **II. An apologetic: Is a sermon on Satan really necessary?**

- A. Science fiction or invisible reality
- B. Who is Satan?
  - 1. He is a created being (Ps 148:5, Col 1:16)
  - 2. He has *intellect, emotion* and *will* (1Co 11:3, Rev 12:17, 2Tim 2:26)
  - 3. He is called *ha satan* (Job 1:6-12, Zech 3:1, Mt 4:10)
  - 4. The **devil** - *diabolos* (Matt. 4:1; 13:39; Eph. 4:27; Rev. 12:9; 20:2)
  - 5. **Lucifer** – *light bearer* (Is 14:12, 2 Co 11:14)
  - 6. **Anointed cherub** (Ez 28:14)
  - 7. **Evil one** (Mt 13:19, 38; Jn 17:15; Ep 6:16; 1 Jn 5:18,19)
  - 8. **Ruler of this world** (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
  - 9. **Prince of the power of the air** (Eph. 2:2)
  - 10. **Serpent** (Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2)
  - 11. **Dragon** (Rev. 12:3, 7,9)
  - 12. **Accuser of the brethren** (Rev. 12:10)
  - 13. **Tempter** (Matt. 4:3; I Thess 3:5)
  - 14. **Deceiver** (Rev. 12:9; 20:3)
  - 15. **Murderer & Liar** (John 8:44)
  - 16. **Beelzebub** (Mt 10:25; 12:24,27; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15)
  - 17. **Belial** (2 Cor. 6:15)
  - 18. **Roaring lion** (1 Pet. 5:8)
- C. Are we fooling ourselves if we believe in a literal devil?
  - 1. Is the devil relevant?
  - 2. Is this a theme that will turn off intellectuals?
  - 3. Satan would love nothing more than for the church to ignore him
    - a. Remember Pearl Harbor

### **III. An ancient foe**

- A. Job 1:6-12 (an ancient account)
- B. Genesis 2:8-17, 3:1-6 (striving with man from the beginning)
- C. Satan’s origin - Ezekiel 28:11-19
  - 1. Satan’s pride - Isaiah 14:13-14
  - 2. Satan’s rebellion - Rev 12:4
  - 3. Satan’s demise - Is 14:12, Ez 28:16-17, Rev 20:10

IV. **A brutal foe**

- A. He is an **invader**
  - 1. of *individuals* (Legion and Judas)
  - 2. of *the church* (Mt 13:25, 2 Cor 11:26, Gal 1:6-9, Ro 10:1-3, Mk 13:22-23)
- B. He is a **thief** (Mk 4:15)
- C. He **opposes** your ministry (Zech 3:1, 1 Thess 2:18)
  - 1. He opposed Christ from beginning to end (Lk 4:2, 22:44)
  - 2. He opposed Paul in Ephesus (1 Cor 16:8-9, Acts 19:8-40)
- D. Satan's plan is to conform you into his image
  - 1. but ... James 4:7 (Submit to God, and resist the devil and he will flee)

V. **A cunning foe**

- A. 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15 (*an angel of light*)
- B. John 8:44 (*The father of lies*)
- C. Satan's lie that he himself believes

VI. **Conclusion:** *In light of the formidable nature of our enemy, how then are we to **stand**?*

- A. 1 John 3:8 (Christ destroyed the works of the devil)
- B. Romans 8:31-37 (we ARE more than conquerors through him)
- C. Colossians 2:14-15 (Christ defeated Satan at the cross)
- D. John 12:31-33 (Satan was judged in the cross)
- E. Acts 2:32-36 (this crucified Savior is risen and is both Lord and Christ)