

The Enemy



It is not very pleasant to know that we have someone who hates us and wants to destroy us. To have an enemy is not something that any of us wants, because generally every human being wants to be at peace with everyone and to live a quiet life free from fear.

It is an unfortunate fact that you have a mortal enemy that wants to kill and destroy you and your family. The Bible says that Satan, the devil, **is the enemy of our souls.** The Lord Jesus Christ said that Satan came to kill, to rob and to destroy.

Satan is a terrible and cruel enemy and he has come to rob you of your happiness, your health, your money, your energy, your peace, your liberty and many other things. He is seeking a way to destroy your mind, your home, your family and everything that you have. He is doing all that he possibly can so that you and your family will die physically without knowing God through Jesus Christ. His goal is for you to die spiritually and be eternally separated from the presence of God.

The final destiny of the devil is the lake of fire. The Bible says that God created that place of punishment for the devil and his angels, but **the devil does not want to go there alone.** He wants to drag along everyone that he can. **Do not let him deceive you.**

Satan tempts us through our own weaknesses

with the many things that this world has to offer. He begins with filling our minds with unclean thoughts - thoughts of sexual immorality, cheating, drugs, lying, stealing, hate, fear and more.

If we begin to allow these thoughts to stay in our hearts and minds, we will then be tempted to act upon them. Satan's key objective is to have us move our thoughts into action. And once we have acted on these thoughts - his ultimate goal is to see us develop habits of self-destruction. Be honest with yourself. Are you trapped in a life of drugs, alcohol abuse, adultery, homosexuality, fear, hate or deceit? As you read this, does a sin come to your mind that you can't seem to overcome?

There is good news to share with you: **Jesus Christ is greater than the devil.** Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and to destroy the devil himself. Jesus Christ came to set you free from the power that the devil has over your life. There is no reason to be afraid of this enemy who is a liar and a deceiver because the Lord wants to protect and help you.

If you want the Lord to help you, you should first give your life to Christ and ask Him to forgive your sins and be the Lord of your life. Then He can help you defeat the enemy of your soul and remove the enemy's power over your life.

If this is what you want, you are only a

prayer away from having God set you free. Pray something like this: **Dear God, thank You for sending Your only Son Jesus to die for all of my sin. I confess my sins to You and with Your help commit to doing the right things. I invite You Jesus to come into my heart to take control of my thoughts and actions, to save me and set me free from the power of the devil over my life. Amen.**

If you prayed this prayer sincerely and in faith, God has come into your heart, mind and soul through the power of the Holy Spirit. He will protect you from the enemy of your soul. The Bible says "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." God now gives you the power to resist as you continue to spend time with Him in prayer, in study of His Word and even in friendships with other believers.