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John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The enemy is none other than Satan himself. Although he has many **names and workers**, his ultimate plan is:

- ✓ **To Steal (seize, take, rob, capture, snatch)**
- ✓ **To Kill (slay, murder, assassinate, slaughter, exterminate)**
- ✓ **To Destroy (wipe out, demolish, defeat, annihilate)**

We often underestimate the Enemy's:

Power—god of this world (2 Cor 4:3-4)

Purpose—to deceive and attack the integrity of God.

Provocation—He aggravates and frustrates the Saints.

Since Genesis 3, many references are given to describe some of the activities of Satan, (John 8:44; Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 12:9; and 20:2).

The enemy uses many things to deceive and capture people:

- ✓ The heart, Prov. 23:7; Mk. 7:21-23; James 1:14-15.
- ✓ The flesh, Gal. 5:19; 1 John 2:15
- ✓ Religious men—Ezek. 34; John 10; 2 Cor. 11:13-15.
- ✓ Antichrists—1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7. John speaks of one who is in opposition to Christ. These people oppose the person and work of Christ and therefore, teach another doctrine.
- ✓ Evil and
- ✓ wicked men

- ✓ Idolatry (Things to turn one's mind and heart away from God)
- ✓ Sickness
- ✓ Sin

The enemy has his day coming.

Rev 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel **coming** down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 **He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan,** and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for **a little while.**

NKJV

Rev 20:7-10

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to **deceive** the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 10 **The devil, who deceived** them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- ✓ **We should keep in mind that Satan's chief task is to deceive (Gen. 3:1-7; 1 Tim 2:14; Rev. 12:9; 13:14; 19:20 and 20:3, 10.)**

Rev 12:9

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

NKJV

- ✓ **YOU can only be saved from the enemy if you entered the door.**

John 10:7-16

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to

kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. NKJV

✓ **Jesus Christ is the Door - John 10:9**

John 10:9

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

✓ **The door of salvation>John 10:10**

✓ **The door of peace>John 10:9**

✓ **The door of faith>Acts 14:27**

Acts 14:27

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. NKJV

Christ is the shepherd spoken of in John 10:11. He was prophesied in the Old Testament as a shepherd, Isa 40:11; Ezek 34:23; 37:24; and Zech 13:7. Furthermore, in the New Testament, He is spoken of as the good shepherd (John 10:11), the great Shepherd (Heb 13:20), the chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4), and, the Shepherd and bishop of our souls, (1 Peter 2:25).

✓ **The believers have victory of the enemy.**

1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. NKJV

1 John 2:13

3 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. NKJV

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV

1 John 4:4-6 NOTES

In these verses the apostle encourages the disciples against the fear and danger of this seducing antichristian spirit, and that by such methods as these:

1. **He assures them of a more divine principle in them:** "You are of God, little children, 5:4. You are God's little children. We are of God, v. 6. We are born of God, taught of God, anointed of God, and so secured against infectious fatal delusions. God has his chosen, who shall not be mortally seduced."

2. **He gives them hope of victory: "And have overcome them,** v. 4. You have hitherto overcome these deceivers and their temptations, and there is good ground of hope that you will do so still, and that upon these two accounts:" -

(1.) "There is a strong preserver within you: Because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world, v. 4. The Spirit of God dwells in you, and that Spirit is more mighty than men of devils." It is a great happiness to be under the influence of the Holy Ghost.

(2.) "You are not of the same temper with these deceivers. The Spirit of God hath framed your mind for God and heaven; but they are of the world. The spirit that prevails in them leads them to this world; their heart is addicted thereto; they study the pomp, the pleasure, and interest of the world: and therefore speak they of the world; they profess a worldly messiah and saviour; they project a worldly kingdom and dominion; the possessions and treasures of the world would they engross to themselves, forgetting that the true Redeemer's kingdom is not of this world. This worldly design procures them proselytes: The world heareth them, v. 5. They are followed by such as themselves: the world will love its own, and its own will love it. But those are in a fair way to conquer pernicious seductions who have conquered the love of this seducing world." Then,

3. He represents to them that though their company might be the smaller, yet it was the better; they had more divine and holy knowledge: "He that knoweth God heareth us. He who knows the purity and holiness of God, the love and grace of God, the truth and faithfulness of God, the ancient word and prophecies of God, the signals and testimonials of God, must know that he is with us; and he who knows this will attend to us, and abide with us." He that is well furnished with natural religion will the more faithfully cleave to Christianity. He that knoweth God (in his natural and moral excellences, revelations, and works) heareth us, v. 6. As, on the contrary, "He that is not of God heareth not us. He who knows not God regards not us. He that is not born of God (walking according to his natural disposition) walks not with us. The further any are from God (as appears in all ages) the further they are from Christ and his faithful servants; and the more addicted persons are to this world the more remote they are from the spirit of Christianity. Thus you have a distinction between us and others: Hereby know we the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error, v. 6. This doctrine concerning the Saviour's person leading you from the world to God is a signature of the Spirit of truth, in opposition to the spirit of error. The more pure and holy any doctrine is the more likely is it to be of God."

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