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## EDITORIAL

### LOOK-OUT FOR THE DEVIL !

Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet. 5:8.

Perhaps no person among the inspired writers was better qualified to give advice concerning the devil than Peter; because, he had had some experience with satan by which Peter was defeated, even after he had become a disciple of Christ. Nevertheless in his battles with satan he had learned how to overcome him, and to live a victorious Christian life. And in his epistles Peter is giving us the benefit of the lesson he had learned.

According to the foregoing scripture the devil is a very real character, and although he is not seen with the natural eye, his works of destruction are visible everywhere. The Apostle says he walks about, seeking whom he may devour. He is out to hinder the progress of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to defeat all who love and serve God, and to drag them down, and damn them in hell.

Every born-again soul that starts out on the way of life, and has turned away from sin and satan, will doubtless come into vital contact with the temptations of the evil one, and perhaps will begin to learn something of his real nature. If he does not tempt us to evil, or try to discourage us from trying to live a godly life, we may well believe that our efforts in that direction are not very strong, and perhaps we have not yet experienced a real change of heart. For Paul says, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things have passed away, and behold, all things are become new. II Cor. 5:17.

And again, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. II Tim. 3:12. Yes we will have to fight the good fight of faith, or perish, satan is against us.

In view of the fact that all followers of Jesus are tempted of satan and whereas, God would warn us of the enemy's power; he has kept on record in His Word, the defeats that some godly men of olden times have suffered at the hands of the evil one.

Not very many who have started out in the Christian race, have finished their course, and kept the faith all the journey through, without suffering defeat some time by the adversary. However they were not conquered but rose again, fought, and won the victory, eternal life, through faith.

And for our encouragement we also have in the Bible the names of some who under most

trying circumstances, did not falter or fail, but by the grace of God, won the victory over the devil in all his attacks. And by these records our God would have us believe that if others endured temptations without falling or sinning against Him, we may do likewise: For He has said, I will not suffer you to be tempted above that which ye are able; but will with the temptation, also make a way of escape.

And our God who is rich in mercy and for his great love wherewith he loved us, has made provision whereby, if one does sin, he may through repentance and faith like King David of old, who had sinned grievously, come back to father's house again, and be restored to divine favor. And so, the apostle Paul has exhorted, Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.

But, our heavenly Father does not want us to fall, and is greatly grieved if we sin against him, but he loves us still, and that we may live a victorious life he has made provision whereby our hearts may be cleansed from sin, by the incoming and sanctifying power and presence of the Holy Ghost, and we may be kept by the power of God through faith ready to be revealed in the last time. I Pet. 1:5. Jude also writes, Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, etc. If we keep ourselves in the love of God, by keeping his commandments.

Notice please, in our text Peter mentions two things that we may do, as a safe guard against satan's attacks. He says Be Sober, Be Vigilant; he does not mean that we should be long faced or sour looking. No, we may be pleasant and cheerful and rejoice in the Lord, and yet if we are God's people, the Holy Spirit will show us that there is a great difference between scriptural rejoicing and that cheap kind of humor which is so common among worldly people, and on the radio. Men are paid big salaries just to produce that which the world wants, and seeks after, just to give them a thrill and keep them giggling.

And the devil, whom Peter says is walking about, is pleased also, and doubtless, giggles too because he knows that frivolity and nonsense keeps people from thinking seriously about their soul needs, and of making preparation for death and the future. Too much social life in our churches, which produces a spirit of levity is not conducive to deep spirituality. Where that spirit obtains you rarely find prayer warriors with a spirit of intercession praying for a lost and needy world, and beseeching God for an outpouring of his spirit in revival power.

In view of world conditions, and the threat of another devastating world war, people everywhere ought to be sober minded, serious, thoughtful, and prayerful, that God will have mercy on us, and save us from complete destruction.

Also Be Vigilant, for while the devil walks about as a roaring lion he does not always roar. Paul says he transforms himself into an angel of light, and it is then that he is most dangerous. Perhaps, he looks so harmless and seems to be seeking our welfare, makes us think that we must look well to our own interests and comfort, even to the neglect of the cause of Jesus. Our Lord called Peter satan, when Peter wanted Jesus to save himself from the cross. He said, get thee behind me satan, thou savourest not the things of God, but of man. Jesus said seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Be Sober, Be Vigilant, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Amen.

### THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN IN CHURCH

Ushers were calling for help in carrying the offering. Ministers insisting that the people attend only one service each Sunday in order to make room for others. A dozen people asking the minister for some really definite work to do during the week. A dozen families asking the ushers to place them on the front seats. Every one in the audience reaching for a hymnbook when the number is announced and then singing heartily. Every head reverently bowed during prayer. No whispering or reading of papers during the service. A choir that does not find a single thing to whisper about during the service. The minister saying, "I have rushed from one thing to another all week. I have spent less than three hours in revising this old sermon which is rather out of date, but I will endeavor to make it fit the occasion." The ladies aid society hoping that the preacher's wife will bring to the next meeting a long list of things that ought to be done in the parsonage at once. The "old timers" graciously giving way to newcomers, confident that the newcomers will be able to do much better work than they have done. No one getting up or moving about or leaving the room during the service. The middle of the pews filled first. Each one speaking to the person next to him at the close of the service and inviting him to come again. The names and address of all strangers handed to the minister at the close of the service.—The Churchman.

### REV. W. E. SMITH'S LAST CONTRIBUTION TO THE KING'S HIGHWAY

#### PRAYER-MEETING

When you're feeling tired and lonesome,  
And your joy is running low;  
When you feel your feet are slipping,  
And the Spirit tells you so—  
Go to prayer-meeting.

And when old Satan whispers  
To you such a nice excuse;  
For you to save your time and strength  
And tells you 'tis no use—  
Go to prayer-meeting.

Lose your life and you will find it;  
Save your strength and you are lost.  
Do you want a new perspective  
Of salvation's awful cost?—  
Go to prayer-meeting.

David once was feeling envious  
Of the wicked, prosperous man;  
Felt he'd made a losing bargain  
In the Lord's omniscient plan—  
Till he went to prayer-meeting.

Go to pray, to sing and worship;  
Go to testify and shout;  
And if you would be real happy,  
Grow in grace and lose your pout—  
Go to prayer-meeting.

You don't want to go? I'll tell you  
What's the trouble in your case:  
You are but a nice bench warmer  
If you would renew the race—  
Go to prayer-meeting.

Yes! the more you pray in secret,  
And heart-victory you enjoy,  
You will want to join with others  
With their songs of grace employ—  
At prayer-meeting. W. E. S.