

What You Need to Know About Your Greatest Threat

(1 Peter 5:8)

What is your greatest threat in life? Is it terrorism? Is it natural disasters? Is it a collapsing economy? While all of these things are serious threats you face, none of them are the most severe.

Your greatest threat in life is Satan! Unfortunately, many refuse to believe in Satan. For those who do believe, they have a lot of misconceptions about him. The devil loves this!

Let's make the devil mad and point out what the Bible reveals about him.

I. What do we need to know about our greatest threat?

- A. He is real.
 - 1. He is mentioned in the beginning (Genesis 3:1-5).
 - 2. He is mentioned in the life of David (1 Chronicles 21:1).
 - 3. He mentioned in the life of Job (Job 1:7-22).
 - 4. He is mentioned in the gospel (Matthew 4:11; 12:26; 16:23; 25:41; Luke 22:31; John 8:44).
 - 5. He is mentioned in the epistles (Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; Jude 9)
- B. He is NOT God.
 - 1. He does not possess unlimited knowledge (Job 1:11).
 - 2. He is not omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-12; James 4:7).
 - 3. He is not all-powerful (Luke 22:31; 1 Corinthians 10:13).
 - 4. He is not someone who had neither a beginning or end.
- C. He is powerful (Ephesians 6:11-12). He has more power than us.
- D. He has intelligence (2 Corinthians 2:11).
- E. He has memory (Matthew 4:5-6; Psalm 91:11-12).
- F. He has desire (Luke 22:31). His desire is for us to be lost!
- G. He is your enemy (Matthew 13:39; 1 Peter 5:8).
- H. He is evil (Luke 11:4; 2 Thessalonians 3:3).
- I. He is a liar (John 8:44).
- J. He can be your father (John 8:44).

II. How do we defeat our greatest threat?

- A. We must know the word of God (Ephesians 6:10-11; Psalm 119:9-11). This is how Jesus defeated him (Matthew 4:1-11).
- B. We must trust the word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 3:5-7). This is where Eve really went wrong!
- C. We must obey the word of God (James 1:22, 25). This is how we resist him (James 4:7).

Conclusion: Hell was prepared for Satan and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Do you want to go there? Obey Jesus and you won't have to!