

The Enemy—Satan, part 8

- I.** Satan attacks the rationale, while the sin nature/flesh attacks the soul/emotions (2 Cor. 2:11 cf. 1 Pet. 2:11).
 - 1. Each requires a different defense.
 - 2. Both of these spiritual enemies are defeatable.
- II.** Satan's motivation and characteristics.
 - 1. He wants to be like God—answerable to no one (Is. 14:14).
 - 2. He is driven to make saints fail, thwarting God's plan, to provide a bases for defaming them (Job 1 & 2; Rev.12:10).
 - 3. He still thinks he can win the struggle (Rev. 12:12).
 - 1) Corrupted, ruined wisdom (Ez. 28:17).
 - 2) Workaholic (Ez. 28:18).
 - 4. He uses fallen angels/demons to administer his kingdom (Mt. 26:41).
 - 5. He counterfeits righteousness (2 Cor. 11:13-15).
 - 1) His demons perpetrate counterfeit doctrine by misapplying the Old Testament (1 Tim. 4:1).
 - 2) His false human teachers have a branded conscience (1 Tim. 4:2).
 - 6. He is the father of The Lie—that you can put anything alongside of God (Jn. 8:44; Rom. 1:25).
 - 7. All those belonging to the world system are under his influence (1 Jn. 5:19).
- III.** Satan's limitations.
 - 1. He cannot touch a believer (1 Jn. 5:18).
 - 2. His kingdom is limited to the earth (Eph. 2:2).
 - 3. He cannot generate the works of the flesh, but can manipulate the sin nature by adjusting circumstances (Job.)
- IV.** Satan's methodology.
 - 1. "Wiles", in search of a way, investigates, makes adjustments (Eph. 6:11).
 - 2. "Devices", disrupts the results of workings of the mind (2 Cor. 2:11). Use facts based on Scripture.
 - 3. "Blinded", obscures the minds logical function of discerning the important facts (2 Cor. 4:4).
- V.** Christians can defeat Satan's temptations (1 Jn. 2:13; Jam. 4:7).