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Job 1; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

- Job used his wealth generously for the good of others. (4:1-4; 29:12-17; 31:16-32) He was a faithful and good **steward** of his wealth.
- Job was obedient to the will of God as expressed by Paul to Timothy concerning rich people in 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
- **HIS REPUTATION:** “the greatest of all the people of the East”
  - ✓ Job was approved by **GOD** (vv. 1, 8) and . . .
  - ✓ Approved by **men** (v. 3)
- **HIS “RELIGION”:** Job **regularly** “interceded God” on behalf of his children (v. 5).
  - Job was **serious** about his religion and his (as well as his family’s) **relationship** with the Almighty God.
  - Job acted as the **priest** of the family. He represented his family to God.
    - ☆ ALL Christians are **priests** and are obligated to perform the duties of their priesthood. (1 Pet 2:5-9; Isaiah 61:6; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6)
  - For Job there was a time and place for everything. There was time for feasting and partying **but** then he would call his family to their spiritual duties.

**Should We Give More Earnest Heed to What We Are About to Hear?** (Hebrews 2:1) Or will we ignore the Word of God?

**Are You Groaning for Christ’s?** (Romans 8:23-25; Hebrews 9:28)

**Job, the Man** (Job 1:1-5)

- **HIS MANHOOD:** “There was a man . . .” Job was a REAL man.
  - Job was subject to like passion as we are.
- **HIS CHARACTER:** “blameless(or perfect) (  $\square$  tam {tawm} meaning “complete”; “whole”; “morally innocent”; “having integrity and upright”)
  - “who feared God” –
    - “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” – Proverbs 1:7
    - “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” - Prov. 9:10; Job 28:28.
    - “The fear of the LORD is to depart from evil.” – Proverbs 3:7; 16:6
    - “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil.” – Proverbs 8:13
  - ☆ **DO YOU FEAR GOD?**
    - “who shunned (turned away from; departed from) evil”
      - NT saints are commanded “to abstain from the appearance of evil” – 1 Thessalonians 5:22.
- **HIS FAMILY:** “seven sons and three daughters” – plus a wife. A family of **12**.
  - It appears that this was a close family since they met regularly to celebrate together. (vv. 2, 4)
- **HIS WEALTH:** “7000 sheep + 3000 camels + 500 yoke of oxen”
  - Job acknowledged that it was God who made him rich! (Job 1:21)
  - The riches of this world belong to God and He gives them to whomever He wishes. (1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 24:1; 1 Samuel 2:7; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Job 1:10, 21; Ecclesiastes 5:19; Psalm 75:7; Haggai 2:8)

**KNOW YOUR ENEMY: SATAN** (Job 1:6)

- $\text{שָׂטָן}$  satan {saw-tawn’} – meaning “adversary, one who withstands”
  - It can mean “adversary” in general as in 1 Kings 5:4; **11:14, 23, 25; Est 7:6**.
  - In its PROPER NAME form it is used for **Satan** – the chief adversary of God and God’s people.
- We learn about Satan from God’s revelation of him in God’s Word:
  - He accuses the brethren day and night” – Rev 12:10; Zech 3:1-7
  - He is called “**the Devil**” – the slander and accuser. (Matt 4:1-11; **1 Peter 5:8**)
  - The word  $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\varsigma$  diabolos {dee-ab’-ol-os} is the same word use to describe **slanders and false accusers** in 1 Timothy 3:11; 2 Timothy 3:11; Titus 2:3
  - He is the sower of **tares**. (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
  - He is known by the names “*Abaddon* and *Apollyon*” (Rev. 9:11) which both mean “*Destroyer*.”
  - He is known as “*the Dragon, the old serpent*”. (Revelation 20:2)
  - He is called “*the god of this world*”. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
  - He is called “*the prince of this world*”. (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
  - Also, “*the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience*” – Ephesians 2:2.
  - Jesus called him, “*Beelzebub*” – “lord of dung and filth” - the prince of the demons” (Matthew 12:24).

- Satan appears as “a person” possessing intelligence, reason, and craftiness.
  - In the Garden of Eden – Genesis 3
  - In the courtroom seen in Zechariah 3:1.
  - In the wilderness to tempt Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11.
- Jesus taught that Satan was:
  - The **spiritual father of false believers and unbelievers**. (John 8:44)
  - A **murderer**. (Same as those who hate their brothers – 1 John 3:14-15)
  - The father of **lies**. (John 8:44) See *handout: Deceptions of Satan*
- John taught:
  - He was a sinner from the beginning of time. (1 John 3:8)
  - He is the father of all who “do not practice righteousness” (as defined by God). (1 John 3:10)
  - All those who **live in** sin are the children of the devil. (1 John 3:6-10)
  - He is the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev 12:9; 13:4; 20:3, 8, 10)
- Satan is a **created** being who possess intelligence and reason **but** he is **not** omniscient nor omnipresent.
  - Because he is a **created** being he is **limited** by GOD! (Job 1, 2; Luke 8:26-33; 22:31-32)
  - He was **created** for a **purpose**. (See Proverbs 16:4; Colossians 1:16-17)
- He and the demons (angels) that followed him are **destined** (one can say **predestined**) for **hell** and **eternal punishment**. (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:10)
- What are the wiles (deceits, tricks, trickery, craftiness, schemes) of the Devil (Eph. 6:11) of which we should not be ignorant (2 Corinthians 2:11):
  - ➊ He looks to **deceive** just as he deceived Eve in the Garden. (2 Corinthians 11:2-5. He uses “the lust of the flesh and eyes and the pride of life” to do his work. (1 John 2:16)
  - ➋ He uses **religion, culture, and tradition** by masquerading as “an angel of light” to deceive **many!** (2 Cor 11:13-15; Matthew 15:1-15)
  - ➌ He uses **violence/fear** to cause people to turn away from God. (1 Peter 5:8)
- He targets churches - Jude 3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- He is **very well organized**. (Ephesians 6:12)

### Satan: Our Enemy (1 Peter 5:8-9)

- **Should we take Satan seriously? We are COMMANDED TO!!!**
- Peter describes the saints’ ARCH-ENEMY - “YOUR” enemy!
- “devil” διάβολος diabolos {dee-ab’-ol-os} “Slanderer; false accuser”
- “adversary” ἀντίδικος antidikos {an-tid’-ee-kos} – opponent.
- “roaring lion” predator, one who hunts to kill!
  - ★ Psalm 7:1-2; 10:9-10; 17:12; **Ezekiel 22:25-28**.
- “seeking whom he may devour” – “to swallow up”.
- (1 John 5:19) **The WHOLE WORLD lies under the influence of Satan!!!**

### Defeating Our Enemy (1 Peter 5:8)

#### ➊ Be Self-Controlled (1 Peter 5: 8)

- “sober” is νήφω nepho {nay’-fo} and means “to be calm; collected in spirit; circumspect”.
- In the New Testament it carries the idea of being disciplined in the mind; being temperate in all things; avoiding the trappings of the world. (2 Timothy 2:3-4; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4)
- A sober-minded man is FOCUSED on his God-given goal!

#### ➋ Be Vigilant; Be Alert; Watch (1 Peter 5:8)

- “vigilant” is γρηγορέω (gregoreo) meaning “to watch; to give strict attention to; be cautious; take heed lest through remission or indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one”! Same word as in Luke 12:37.
- The Christian life is not only a RACE to be WON, but it is a DAILY BATTLE that must be fought! (1 Cor 9:26; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 2:3-4; 4:7)
- The Christian has **many enemies** – the devil and His demons, the world system, and his own flesh!
- A Christian cannot be “lazy” (Hebrews 6:11-12) or “complacent” (Zephaniah 1:12).
- Christ commanded His disciples to “**Watch** (γρηγορέω) **and pray**, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak!” (Matthew 26:41) Both verbs are present tense; active voice; imperative mood. **MEDITATE!** Are you obeying Christ?
- (Proverbs 4:23) “**GUARD your heart** (mind, emotions, will – your whole person) above all else (with all diligence), for it is the source of your life.” Satan and world target our hearts (minds) constantly.

#### ➌ We are commanded to RESIST him!

- ★ “resist” is ἀντίστημι anthistemi {ah-is’-tay-mee} means to “stand firm against”; “to oppose” by being **steadfast** in one’s faith. (1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23)
- ★ IF we RESIST, he **will** flee! (James 4:7)
- ★ IF we do not RESIST (being vigilant, alert, watching, praying) Satan wins and we become deceived and drift away. (Hebrews 2:1-4)

#### ➍ GIVE NO PLACE to the Devil. (Ephesians 4:27)

#### ➎ PUT ON and WEAR the ARMOR of GOD to stand against the wiles of the Devil. (Ephesians 6:11) - the whole PANOPLY of God.

#### ➏ BEWARE of the SNARES of the Devil. (1 Tim 3:7 2 Tim 2:26)

ALL CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD ARE UNDER SUCH ATTACKS  
BUT WITH DIFFERENT TACTICS!

1 Peter 5:9