

Battling the Enemy
Luke 10:19

If I were to ask you who your greatest enemy is what would you say? If I said, "Who is giving you the greatest amount of difficulty right now," how would you answer?

This is our final message in the series on "Battling Your Enemies" and we will conclude by looking at the giant enemy, Satan. Note: It is important to acknowledge Satan, not people, as our primary enemy.

In 1 Peter 5:8 the phrase, *walketh about* means "to make use of opportunities." Yes, as a "roaring lion" Satan seeks to take you, just as he sought to devour Christ. Just as Satan tried to destroy Christ, he attempts to destroy Christians today.

I. Know Your Enemy 2 Cor. 10-11 & Eph. 6:12

We must not give Satan an advantage over us regarding this matter of who the *real* battle is waged against. We must understand that people really are not the problem. If this is what you believe, Satan has diverted your attention off of the real battle and onto a person. Who is it that we wrestle against?

A. Understand who he is

1. Devil—means "accuser"

Revelation 12:10 tells us that the Devil is the "*accuser of the brethren.*"

2. Satan—means "adversary."

He is the enemy of God.

3. Tempter—He is continually focused on our demise.

He does not rest in his quest to destroy you. Matthew 4:3 communicates the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. This is the name used of Satan here.

4. Angel of Light

2 Corinthians 11:14b "*Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*"

5. Murderer, liar, the god of this age. John 8:44b

B. Understand what he can do

He is a strong enemy. We must understand what he is capable of doing. Never underestimate him—he is not compared to a lion and a dragon for no reason.

1. He is strong.
2. He is subtle. - *Wiles* means "cunning, crafty, a strategist."

