

# The Spiritual Enemy of God and His People

# Satan: The Adversary

- We learn...
  - Satan opposes/resists us, is our enemy, a combatant
  - He is *the Satan, the Adversary*, being *the* one responsible for all things against God, righteousness, and salvation
- He opposes God's people - 1 Chron. 21:1, 7-8; Zech. 3:1
- He seeks to use even the most dedicated of disciples to hinder God's will - Mk. 8:31-33
- He wants to bind the world in misery, sin and death - Lk. 13:14-16; Rom. 6:20-21

Devil:

## The Slanderer

- We learn from his name that he is unconcerned with truth in his opposition to us - Jn. 8:44
- He slanders God's people, seeking their destruction of body and soul - Job 1:7-11; 2:3-7; Rev. 12:10
- His duplicity is seen in posing as a benefactor while being an accuser - Gen. 3:1-6, 17-19; Rom. 5:12; 2 Pet. 2:18-19
- We should be motivated to put on the whole armor of God to withstand his assaults - Eph. 6:11

# Abaddon and Apollyon: Destroyer

- The king of the terrible locust released from the bottomless pit that would bring great woe on the earth - Rev. 9:7-11
- Abaddon is used in O.T. for the destruction connected with Sheol, the abode of the dead - Job 26:6; Prov. 27:20
- Again, such a repulsive term should show that our adversary has only our destruction in mind!

# Beelzebul or Beelzebub: Lord of Filth

- Philistine lord of the flies was changed by the Jews to lord of the filth/dung
- Used by Christ in warning his disciples of the world's treatment of them - Matt. 10:24-25
- Used when Christ was accused of casting out demons by the ruler of the demons - Matt. 12:22-24
- The Jews applied this name to Satan, showing us that he is uncleanness, stench, evil, and putridity!

# Conclusion

- With these names of our spiritual enemy before us, why would we ever listen to him?!
- Why not believe God's warning? - 1 Pet. 5:8-9
- Despite the wounds we bring to ourselves, there is hope and victory in our Savior Jesus Christ!- Heb. 2:14-15; Rom. 7:24-8:1; 1 Jn. 1:7-9