



Seeking Someone to Devour

1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be watchful.
Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring
lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Pet 5:8 LSB



- The devil wants to destroy you and me (1 Pet 5:8).
- Satanic ABILITIES go beyond temptation to include hindering, oppressing, and afflicting us (1 Thess 3:5; 2:18; 2 Cor 12:7; Acts 10:38; Rev 2:10).

God is stronger than Satan. Be faithful, not fearful!

- The devil uses various APPROACHES against us, his primary method being deception (Gen 3:1-7; Matt 4:1-11; Job 1:1-2:13; 2 Cor 2:10-11; 2 Thess 2:8-11).



Satan promise the best but pays with the worst; he promises honor and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure and pays with pain; he promises profit and pays with loss; he promises life and pays with death.

Thomas Brooks, 1608-1680



- The devil wants to destroy you and me (1 Pet 5:8).
- Satanic ABILITIES go beyond temptation to include hindering, oppressing, and afflicting us (1 Thess 3:5; 2:18; 2 Cor 12:7; Acts 10:38; Rev 2:10).

God is stronger than Satan. Be faithful, not fearful!

- The devil uses various APPROACHES against us, his primary method being deception (Gen 3:1-7; Matt 4:1-11; Job 1:1-2:13; 2 Cor 2:10-11; 2 Thess 2:8-11).
- Satan has ACCOMPLICES to aid him in his personal campaign (Rev 12:9; 2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 5:18-19; 4:1-6).
- We must be on guard (1 Pet 5:8-10; 2 Tim 2:24-26).



Carl Armerding recounted his experience of watching a wildcat in a zoo. "As I stood there," he said, "an attendant entered the cage through a door on the opposite side. He had nothing in his hands but a broom. Carefully closing the door, he proceeded to sweep the floor of the cage." He observed that the worker had no weapon to ward off an attack by the beast. In fact, when he got to the corner of the cage where the wildcat was lying, he poked the animal with the broom. The wildcat hissed at him and then lay down in another corner of the enclosure. ...



Armerding remarked to the attendant, "You certainly are a brave man." "No, I ain't brave," he replied as he continued to sweep. "Well, then, that cat must be tame." "No," came the reply, "he ain't tame." "If you aren't brave and the wildcat isn't tame, then I can't understand why he doesn't attack you." Armerding said the man chuckled, then replied with an air of confidence, "Mister, he's old... and he ain't got no teeth."

Jesus has removed the "teeth" of Satan. The devil can only devour you if you let him. If you are in Christ, you have already, in a sense, overcome Satan. Are you in Christ?

