



THE MESSENGER

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NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
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Weekly Bible Studies
All temporarily being conducted via Zoom. Check our “friends” page on Facebook for more information.

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
7:30 PM

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ON SATAN'S TEAM? MAY IT NEVER BE!

1 Peter 5:8 gives a graphic picture of Satan. He is said to prowl around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. There are several things worth noting about this passage. It is easy to picture a lion on the hunt, roaring with great energy as he anticipates mealtime just a few leaps and bounds away. However, roaring while hunting is not characteristic of lions. They may roar after the hunt to draw in others in the pride to feed. Older lions unable to actually bring down the prey will roar to force the prey closer to younger lions better equipped to kill. But even though lions do not roar when hunting, they spend a lot of time roaring and are well-known for that reason. The devil, as a beast who preys on others, certainly fits the description of a roaring lion.

How does our adversary hunt? He hunts like a lion. He prowls around looking for someone to devour. One on the prowl is more interested in concealment than exposure; in stalking than fair combat. The lion skirts the perimeter of the herd, taking advantage of high grass, and keeping downwind. He avoids the herd's guardians. He is looking for a quick kill, not a prolonged struggle. He is looking for the weak and vulnerable, one who has strayed too far from the protection of the herd. More often than not such hunting techniques prove successful, for both the lion and for Satan.

Another point worth noting is perhaps the most gruesome. What do lions do after a successful hunt? They begin to rip and pull apart the carcass, and then with a chunk of meat to their liking they lie in the shade and eat. 1 Peter 5:8 states our adversary is looking for someone to devour. Those he gets to sin become his meal. He drags the sinner, metaphorically speaking, away to feed. It's not a pretty picture, is it?

Picture that lion, lying concealed in the tall grass watching a herd of Impalas. A young Impala, not realizing that a lion lies undetected

Members Needing Our Prayers

Janet Brundige, Jackie Litmer, John Thompson, Mary and Emmett Weatherholt, Alexa and Charlie Lake, Bennie Poynter, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Sarah and Jake Chandler, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Rachel Knollman, Michael Hogan, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Jen Victoria Poynter, Andy Kincaid, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Cindi's niece, Dana, and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Mark (Carol's son), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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less than a hundred yards away, wanders further and further away from the herd. It has spied some appealing grass and begins to work its way towards it. The closer he gets, the stronger the pull, until he loses any sense of caution and eventually his life.

While Peter explains the part Satan plays in sin, James 1:14-15 explains how the sinner is involved. Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed (drawn away) by his own desire. We all have desires, many of which are essential for continuing life. Others are artificial and dangerous to our spiritual lives. And so, a desire enters our mind and we see the means to satisfy it. Satan, having taken note, begins to stalk and conceal himself, deceptively tempting that the way is free and clear.

In Matthew 4 we are told Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted by the Devil. Verse 3 says: *"And the tempter came and said to him..."* Yes, Satan is the master tempter, but he cannot be successful alone. He must work upon and with one whose desires make one vulnerable. Both Peter and James provide warnings so that we do not team up with Satan to our own destruction. 1 Peter 5:8 begins: *Be sober-minded; be watchful.* (The Amplified Bible says, *be alert and cautious at all times.* The passage in James 1:14-15 is followed in verse 16 with: *Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.* John Thompson

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
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John Thompson	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

