

THINGS THE DEVIL WANTS TO DO TO YOU

Text: Luke 22:31 (KJV)

INTRO: We are warned against the wiles (scheming) of the devil, Eph. 6:11. We are told to resist him & he will flee from us, JS 4:7. We know that he is the founding father of the lie, JN 8:44, & that he walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, 1 Pet 5:8.

In this lesson we will consider 3 things the devil wants to do to you.

I. HE WANTS TO KEEP YOU OUT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH.

A. He knows Christ's church is the house or family of God, 1 Tim. 3:15. No inheritance. READ GAL 3:26-29

B. He knows that when Christ saves folks, He adds them to His church. If he can keep you from being added, he has kept you from being saved. Acts 2:47; 20:28; Eph 5:23-25

C. He knows that to be in the church is to be in Christ.

1. The church is the body of Christ; Christ is Head of the church. If the devil can keep you disconnected from the body, he can keep you disconnected from the Head. Col 1:18; Eph 1:22

2. We are baptized into the body, 1 Cor 12:13. We are baptized into Christ, Gal 3:27. To be in the the body is to be in Christ & vice/versa.

II. IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE CHURCH, THE DEVIL WANTS TO GET YOU BACK INTO THE WORLD (Demas, 2 Tim. 4:10).

A. He'll tempt you with money & possessions. 1 Tim 6:10; LK 12:15; MT 6:24

B. He'll lure you with carnal pleasures. 1 Tim 5:6; Heb 11:25 READ 2 TIM 3:1-7

C. He'll tempt you to seek popularity, please your friends,

family, co-workers. etc. EX 23:2; MT 7:13-14

- D. The devil knows that an apostate is in worse condition than a person who has never become a Christian.

READ HEBREWS 6:4-6, 10:26-31

III. IF YOU ARE IN THE CHURCH & HE CAN'T GET YOU BACK INTO THE WORLD, HE WILL TRY TO MAKE YOU USELESS TO THE LORD RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.

- A. He will try to convince you that you do not need to study the Bible. Take the preacher's word for it. Believe what you've always believed.
- B. He'll try to cause you to be unconcerned for the souls of others. They have Bibles. You don't owe them anything. They probably wouldn't be interested anyway. 2 Tim 2:2; Heb 5:12
- C. He will try to see that you hinder others by bad habits :& careless examples. MT 18:7; 5:16
- D. He will seek to produce in you an unforgiving spirit. MK 11:26
- E. He will try to convince you that you cannot give as you should. READ GAL 6:6-10
- F. The devil knows you will be judged according to your deeds, 2 Cor 5:10. READ ROMANS 2:5-11.

CONCLUSION: Don't play into the hands of the devil. As he wanted to sift Peter--to sift out the good & leave the bad--so he wants to lead you to everlasting destruction. Don't cooperate with his plan for your eternal ruin.

Springhill, LA, April 14, 1974
Jonestown, TX, June 24, 1974 (meeting)
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, September 29, 1974

La Porte, TX, March 20, 1977
Cedar Park, TX, June 4, 1977 (meeting)
Bible camp, Sabinal, TX, June 18, 1980
Weatherford, TX, September 22, 1982 (meeting)
Exton, PA, January 13, 1985
Exton, PA, August 12, 1990
Susquehann, Marietta, PA, July 26, 1998