

**Sermon: “You Have An Enemy (Whether You Believe It Or Not)”**

**Text: I Peter 5:8-9 (page 1017 in pew Bible)**

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.<sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”

## **I. Satan and his existence**

**Genesis 3:1** “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.

### **Revelation 12:3 and 7-9**

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down -- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

## **II. Satan as your enemy. “Your adversary the devil!” vs. 8**

### **A. Two descriptions**

#### **1. “An angel of light” (to deceive)**

“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”

II Corinthians 11:14

#### **2. “A roaring lion” (to intimidate), vs. 8**

### **B. Two defenses (rising from those two descriptions)**

#### **1. “Be sober-minded; be watchful” vs. 8 (since Satan is a deceiver)**

#### **2. “Resist him”, vs. 9 (since Satan is an intimidator)**

## **III. Satan the Accuser**

**Revelation 12:10** “The accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night.”

### **1. His persistent accusations**

**Zechariah 3:1-4** 1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

### **2. Christ’s All-Powerful atonement**

**I John 2:1-2** “We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”