

1 Peter

Lesson #17 –Our Adversary
Scripture Reading: 1Peter 5:8-11

Introduction:

1. The devil does not want any to believe in him.
2. If one is to beat the devil, he must be mindful of his tactics.
3. In this lesson we will examine three ways to stand against our evil adversary...

I. BE AWARE OF THE DEVIL -5:8

A. KNOW HE IS REAL

1. The devil of old –Re 12:7-9
2. The temptation of Christ –Mt 4:1-11
3. We are aware of his devices -2Co 2:11

B. TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY

1. Gird up the loins of your mind -1Pe 1:13-16
2. Put on the full armor of God –Ep 6:10-ff

II. TAKE ACTION -5:9

A. RESIST HIM

1. There is always a way of escape -1Co 10:13
2. E.g. Joseph with Potiphar's wife
3. He will flee from you –Ja 4:7

B. BE STEADFAST IN THE FAITH

1. Don't quit the Christian faith
2. Our brethren are going through the same –Ref. Heb 10:24-25

III. FOCUS ON THE GOAL -5:10

A. GOD CALLED US TO GLORY

1. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us –Jn 14:1-4
2. We have a place in heaven reserved for us -1Pe 1:3-5

B. WE PRESS TOWARD THE GOAL

1. We run to obtain the prize -1Co 9:24-27
2. We are hard pressed on every side -2Co 4:8-9

Conclusion:

1. Paul knew when his hour had come that he was prepared –2Ti 4:6-8
2. We too can resist the devil, be faithful to God, and endure to the end.