



To download a copy of
today's lesson go to
TheGoodTeacher.com
and click on "Gospel Meetings"





The Adversaries of God's People

The slide features a dark blue background with two decorative L-shaped lines. One is a light blue line in the top-left corner, and the other is a light green line in the bottom-right corner. Both lines are composed of two parallel segments that meet at a right angle.

1. Adversaries will be present in our life

The adversaries of the Jews

- In Zerubbabel's day (Ezra 4:1)
- In Esther's day (Esther 7:4, 7)
- In Ezra's day (Ezra 10:15)
- In Nehemiah's day (Neh. 4:11)

Our adversaries today

- Unbelievers (Mt. 5:25; Lk. 12:58; 13:17; 18:3; 21:15; 1 Cor. 16:9; Heb. 10:27)
- The devil (1 Tim. 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:8)

The slide features a dark blue background with two decorative L-shaped lines. One is a light blue line starting from the top-left and extending towards the center. The other is a green line starting from the top-left, extending to the center, then turning down to the bottom-left, and finally turning right to the bottom-right. A second, slightly offset light blue line follows a similar path on the right side of the slide.

2. Adversaries can be effective in stopping you

The effect on the Jew

- Work on the temple ceased for 16 years, 536 – 520 B.C. (Ezra 4:24)
- The Jews began to focus on their personal lives instead of rebuilding the temple

The effect on us today

- Attendance ceases
- Growth ceases
- Standing for truth ceases
- Personal work ceases
- Local churches cease



3. Adversaries can come in different forms

The adversaries of the Jews

- Association (Ezra 4)
- Intimidation (Ezra 4)
- Legislation (Ezra 4)

Our adversaries today

- Materialism
- Denominationalism
- Post-modernism

The slide features a dark blue background with two decorative L-shaped lines. One is a light blue line in the top-left corner, and the other is a light green line in the bottom-right corner. The text is centered in the middle of the slide.

4. Adversaries can be resisted with the right attitude

The attitude of the Jews

- The preaching of Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 5:1-2) caused the temple to be finished in four years
- Haggai's four sermons: priority, perspective, purity, and positivity

Our attitude today

- No fear (Phil. 1:28)