Your Adversary

If you are in a battle with someone, the better you know your opponent or enemy, the better chance you have of defeating him. We all are in a spiritual battle or war with Satan. Let's take a look at some of the ways he is described in the Bible so we can know how to defend ourselves against him and defeat him. He is...

- I. Satan (I Chronicles 21:1) he will try to be your adversary and stand in your way to heaven.
- 2. Devil (Matthew 4:1; I Peter 5:8) he will try to accuse you of wrong-doing.
- 3. Enemy (Mt. 13:39) he will try to hurt you as an enemy does his foes.
- 4. Liar (John 8:44) he will try to tell you lies instead of truth.
- 5. god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4) he will try to control you with his power.
- 6. Old serpent (Rev. 12:9; Genesis 3:4) he will try to trick and deceive you.
- 7. Prince of this world (Jn. 12:31; Ephesians 2:2) he will try to rule over your life with sin.
- 8. Tempter (Matthew 4:3) he will try to lure you into sin.
 - Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Conquering self is one of the greatest victories in life.
- As you walk with God in life make sure you are always the one in second place.
- What you weave in time you wear in eternity.
- By the time a son realizes his father was right, he may have a son that thinks his father is wrong.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

"You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing" - Psalm 145:16 –

Mankind Has Needs

God made mankind with physical needs to be satisfied (Genesis 1:28-29; Proverbs 5:19). We have physical, emotional, and sexual needs that are fulfilled in marriage.

God also made mankind with spiritual needs to be satisfied (Genesis 1:27; Acts 17:27). We have a spiritual need to seek out our Creator and worship him.

The proper satisfaction of these needs is from God. The improper fulfillment of needs is from the devil. The devil wants mankind to fulfill these needs outside of marriage and in false religions.

Friend, in what do you find satisfaction? What fulfills your needs and desires? What makes you feel good? Let's take a look at how the world often satisfies it's needs.

Worldly Satisfaction

Some worldly people when they get hurt by others look for satisfaction in revenge – "get even". Jesus and Paul tell us not to do that (Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:19-21).

Some worldly people when they are stressed look for satisfaction in venting anger – "tell them off". We are told in God's word that this is not wise and it's sinful (Proverbs 12:14; 13:2-3; 18:20; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8).

Some worldly people who are hateful look for satisfaction in the misfortunes of others. We are not supposed at any time to want others to get hurt (Acts 7:9; Genesis 42:21; Romans 12:15).

Some worldly people who are earthly minded look for satisfaction in material things like money. We are not to be greedy and covetous and have a love of money (Proverbs 27:20; 30:15; Ecclesiastes 1:8; 4:8; 5:10; Isaiah 55:2; Ezekiel 7:19; Matthew 16:24; I Timothy 6:9-10,17; Hebrews 13:5).

Some worldly people who are immoral look for satisfaction in the pleasures of sin. We are not to be like this but be pure and holy (Proverbs 14:14; Luke 15:12-17; Romans 6:19,23; He-

brews 11:25).

Godly Satisfaction

To the contrary, Christians find true satisfaction in knowing God's providential care for them and over them (Psalm 17:15; 36:8; 37:19; 63:5; 90:14; 91:16; 103:5; 107:9; 132:15; 145:16; Jeremiah 31:14; 50:19).

Christians find true satisfaction in daily doing the Lord's will (Proverbs 19:23; 13:25; 20:13; Isaiah 53:11; 58:10-11; John 4:34; 8:29).

Christians find true satisfaction in wanting others to be saved (Romans 9:1; 10:1).

Christians find true satisfaction in spiritual activities such as coming together to worship God (Psalm 65:4; 122:1).

Christians find true satisfaction in going to heaven (Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:1-3).

So, what satisfies you? The things that satisfy you show where your heart is now and where your soul will be in eternity. - *Chris Reeves*