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THE ADVERSARY

In 1 Peter 5:8 it says, ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”***

Yes, there is an adversary, an opponent to all that you do, and it is the devil. He is constantly looking for ways to “devour” you. Satan is a legalist. In Revelation 12:10 he is called the “accuser of the brethren.” It reads, ***“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”***

You will note it says he “accuses the brethren.” It doesn’t say that he accuses the unbeliever my friends, we are the “brethren.” Satan looks for a legal entry into your life. When there is a door open to sin, he will come in with sickness, lack, destruction, and loss.

Remember, in 1 Peter 5:8 it says he is looking for those he ***“may”*** devour. He must get permission in the courts of heaven to do this. Being a legalist, he takes advantage of every little sin that we do in commission, or in ignorance. He does not play fair! Some think that Satan has been cast out of heaven and down to earth already, but that doesn’t happen until the tribulation. He is accusing the “brethren.” They are believers like you and me.

So, how do we keep this from happening? The easiest way to answer that would be “don’t sin.” But we know that is near to impossible. So, the next best answer is to repent immediately for your offenses and sin, so he has no legal grounds.

When he speaks lies into your ears about you and your sin tell him that it is repented of and under the blood of Jesus. If you haven’t repented, then you should search your heart, so he has no foothold there legally and repent of any known sin.

Yes, the devil is an adversary, but we have an advocate, Jesus Christ that stands in the courtroom and defends us. (1 John 2:1-2.) We are pardoned of sin through repentance and Satan has nothing to use against us in God’s courtroom!