

# SATAN'S OPPOSITION TO THE SAINTS

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Let us consider how Satan wars against God's people to destroy them.

**He tempts us to sin against God.** "Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control." (1 Corinthians 7:5) Yes, the natural desire of the sexual union, given as a blessing in marriage, can be used by Satan to tempt us to violate God's law and our marriage covenant. Satan uses our human weaknesses in his quest to destroy our relationship with God. Remember, Satan does not want us to have anything to do with God, and our sin severs any connection between us and God.

**He seeks to devour us.** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Satan is always on the prowl, looking for opportunities to consume our souls. Do you know anything about lions? Lions lie in the bushes looking for the helpless, weak and sickly to pounce on them. Satan works in the same manner looking to catch Christians in a weak moment and cause havoc to destroy one's relationship with God. We must be careful, when we are most vulnerable, to not cave in to his devices.

**He seeks to ensnare us.** "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:24-26) Every false teaching that man devises is an attempt by Satan to deceive God's people. The closer the error appears to be true, the more dangerous it is. Give the devil his due—he is a master at setting a trap. Constant watchfulness is the key to not falling into one of his snares.

Satan is not content to have those who are enslaved in the world, he also desires to mislead us into thinking we are serving God by practicing error. He leaves no stone unturned! Misery loves company and Satan desires to have as many as he can with him in hell—don't be one of them! \*\*\*