Satan Knows…

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Text: I Peter 5:8-9

### Intro

1. Peter warns of the dangers of taking Satan lightly…
   1. I Peter 5:8-9: He is alive and well in the world today and is dangerous.
2. Jesus warned – Luke 8:12: Satan doesn’t want any to be saved!
   1. The synoptic gospels each use a different word for the devil (Lk. 8:12) here: Mt. 13:19 has “the evil one,” while Mk. 4:15 has “Satan.”
3. Some may think of the devil as an imaginary being; that he doesn’t really exist.
   1. Some use him as an excuse for sin – Flip Wilson’s *“The devil made me do it”*
   2. Jesus declared Satan as an ACTIVE being!
4. We know God is all-powerful and knows everything about us (Heb. 4:13).
5. There are a great many things Satan knows too, and we should be aware!

#### The Devil Knows Jesus Christ is the Son of God

* 1. Satan tempted Christ in the wilderness – *Mt. 4:1-11*
     1. Mt. 4:3: Jesus was asked to do what no mere man could do.
     2. If just a man, would be no temptation at all, but a physical impossibility!
     3. If Satan could get the Son of God to give in to him, he would be the victor!
  2. Satan is the ruler of the demons – Luke 11:15: The people recognized Jesus’ power as supernatural but called it diabolical.
     1. Mt. 8:28-29; Mk. 3:11; 5:3-7; Lk. 4:41; 8:27-28: The demons knew who Jesus was and called Him, “Son of God” and “Son of the Most High God.”
     2. Jesus would often not permit them to speak or tell who He was.
  3. Satan and his demons know Jesus is the Son of God & tremble! (James 2:19)

#### The Devil Knows Who Every Accountable Child Belongs To

* 1. Child of God
     1. Jn. 1:12: God grants the right to become His child through belief in Him.
     2. Phil. 2:15-16: Possible to be a child of God in the midst of corruption.
  2. Child of Satan
     1. Acts 13:8-10: Recognizable by their opposition to God.
     2. I Jn. 3:10: Unrighteousness and hate are traits of the child of Satan.
  3. Satan knows who is his and who is not, and those that are not become targets!

#### The Devil Knows Most People Have Already Been Secured

* 1. The Unrighteous. Those that do not practice righteousness are his – *I Jn. 3:10*
     1. *Rom. 1:18-32:* Corruption in society begins with the exchanging of the truth of God for the lie of Satan.
     2. Those that do & practice immorality of the flesh are worthy of death, as well as those who condone them. (Rom. 1:32)
  2. The Disobedient. Those that do not know God nor obey the gospel – II Thess. 1:7-9
     1. Those who do not know Him and/or those who do not obey the gospel will be eternally separated from God – dwell with Satan in Hell (Mt. 25:41).
     2. Those on the broad road are walking straight to him – Mt. 7:13-14
  3. Misery loves company and Satan wants all to dwell with him for eternity!

#### The Devil Knows Most People Don’t Realize He is:

* 1. Powerful – Eph. 2:1-2; 6:12
  2. Subtle & deceives men – *Gen. 3:1-6;* II Cor. 11:3
  3. The father of lies – Jn. 8:44
  4. Deceitful, master of disguise – II Cor. 11:14-15
     1. He uses men to try to destroy the church – must see them for what they are!
     2. He knows he can be successful because most do not see him for what he is!
  5. Evil – I Jn. 2:13
  6. Not the master of Hell, but an inmate with the wicked – Mt. 25:41 (Rev. 20:10)
  7. One of his greatest tricks is to deceive the world into thinking he doesn’t exist!

#### The Devil Knows He Has Lost Those That:

* 1. Study – II Tim. 2:15; *Heb. 11:6*
  2. Practice righteousness – Rom. 6:17-18; Titus 2:11-12
  3. Watch for him – Acts 20:28-31; I Pet. 5:8
     1. We are to watch for him in the form of those who do his works, those who come to destroy the church *(II Cor. 11:14-15).*
  4. Resist him – Js. 4:7; I Pet. 5:9
     1. Faith is the key to resisting him: submit to God, draw near to Him, resist Satan.
  5. Fight against him – *Eph. 6:10-16*
     1. Eph. 6:11: The armor of God is to equip saints to be able to stand firm against Satan in our daily fight.
  6. Overcome – I Jn. 2:13
     1. It can be done.
     2. Those who escape his snare (II Tim. 2:24-26) do so by hearing the word of God and obeying it, and standing firm in the faith.
     3. Those who overcome him will share in the riches of Christ – *John 14:1-4 (Rev. 21:7: Inherit Heaven)*
  7. Though he knows he has lost them, he doesn’t just give up!

## Conclusion

1. The devil knows many things, and it’s important we know what he knows!
2. Satan has sought from the beginning to discredit God *(Gen. 3:1-6)*
   1. He lost his war with God to nullify His promise of the Seed of woman *(Gen. 3:15)* that would destroy him.
   2. He lost the war against Christ when he came to tempt Him *(Mt. 4:1-11).*
   3. So he went after His friends: Judas, Peter, all of the disciples *(Mt. 26:56: All fled).*
3. Now he continues to deceive the world, and will do all he can to try to keep you and me from being faithful!
   1. After losing one of his to God, he doesn’t give up
      1. Lk. 8:12-14: He uses temptation and the enticements of the world to try them and test their faith that he might pull them back (The Rocky & Thorny Soil saints)
4. Don’t let him draw you away once you have escaped! *(Luke 8:15; Col. 1:13)*
5. Stand firm in your faith and resist Satan! (I Peter 5:9; James 4:7)
6. If you are not a Christian, Satan already has you. Repent and be baptized!
7. If a Christian in sin, don’t give the devil opportunity to rejoice over you! Repent!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!