

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Ephesians 6:12-17**.
- B. Since we are fighting against the spiritual forces of wickedness it is good to know what Satan will have to offer.
- C. Knowing what tools Satan will use to attack us spiritually, will better enable us to withstand temptation and sin.
- D. We need to see that basically Satan works one way to cause us to sin.

I. SATAN'S POWER IS SUBJECT (INFERIOR) TO GOD AND CHRIST.

- A. The Bible has always portrayed God and Christ as more powerful than Satan.
- B. Jesus said that He would cast out the prince of this world (Jn. 12:31).
- C. Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil (1Jn. 3:8).
- D. God was supreme in power and control of Job's life (Job 1:12).
- E. Even the 70 recognized that Jesus' power was greater than demons (Lk. 10:17-19).

II. THREE GREAT ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH (AND CHRISTIANS).

- A. First, false doctrine (1Tim. 4:1-6; Mt. 7:15; 24:24).
- B. Two, worldliness (1Jn. 2:16; Gen. 3:1-6).
- C. Three, persecution (Mk. 10 :29,30; 2Tim. 3:12).
- D. The question behind these avenues is: What is the driving force behind these three evils'?

III. SATAN WORKS TEMPTATIONS BY DECEPTION.

- A. John tells us that Satan deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9).
- B. Paul tells us that Satan uses deception in appearance (2Cor. 11:14).
- C. An admonition through the NT is "be not deceived" (1Cor. 6:9; Gal. 6:7; 2Tim. 3:13; 2Jn. 1:7).
- D. In times past Satan deceived by the use of false signs, power, and lying wonders (2Th. 2 :9-11).

IV. WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE DECEPTION OF SATAN.

- A. Do not do what others did; exchange the truth of God for a lie (1Th. 2:10; Rom. 1:25).
- B. Simply, do not be deceived (Jas. 1:13-16).
- C. Examine all things carefully (1Th. 5:21). Ex: truth in advertising.
- D. Always remember there is a way out from temptation (1Cor. 10:13).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Satan is the father of all lies (Jn. 8:44).
- B. Satan enjoys deceiving men into sin by making them think what they are doing is right.
- C. Satan has nothing whatsoever to offer the child of God. He corrupts everything that he influences.
- D. It is by-the love of the truth we can overcome this great deceiver of man.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.