

## Satan's Resume

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- **Satan's Resume**

I want to expose Satan for who he is. The Bible tells us about who the devil is and how he operates. If you are aware of who your enemy is and of his tactics, you will be able to defeat him. If you are not aware of how he operates, he can defeat you. The Scriptures give us great insight of who the devil is and what he would like to do with your life. John 10:10 says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The word "cometh" in this verse means "constant coming." Satan will constantly try to destroy you. The word "steal" means "to take without the owner's consent." He would love to steal your marriage, your relationship with Godly leaders and friends, your possessions, health, joy, and, most of all, your relationship with Jesus Christ. The word "kill" means "to slaughter." Satan has no aspirations for your life or future. He wants to destroy everything that God wants to accomplish in your life.

- **The Strategies of the Devil**

The Bible warns us in 1 Peter 5:8 about the strategies of the devil: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." "Sober" and "vigilant" mean "to be watching." We need to be praying, and that means having some sleepless nights, praying to Jesus to help us overcome every attack that the enemy would launch towards us. "Adversary" means "opponent." The devil is not your friend. He's not on your side; he's your opponent in this fight. Another name that Peter used to describe the devil is "lion." He wants to sneak up on you when you are weak and feeble. That is why Peter is warning us to pray so the enemy can't get an advantage on us.

- **The Devil Is a Deceiver**

Revelation says he is a deceiver. Revelation 12:9 says, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world..." He cannot be trusted. If God tells you one thing, the enemy will try to deceive you and tell you the opposite. Don't listen to him. Rebuke him and quote the word of God to him as Christ did in the wilderness. When you meditate on the Scriptures, then you will know what the truth is and you won't give in to the deceptions of the enemy.

- **The Devil Is a Murderer and a Liar**

In John 8:44, he is described as a murderer and a liar: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

- **The Devil is the Accuser of the Brethren**

Revelation 12:10 says, "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 the brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Don't believe the lies of the enemy when accusations come to you against the people of God. That is the work of the enemy. He wants to divide the body of Christ. So we see the names that the Bible uses to describe our enemy.

- **How We Can Defeat the Devil**

Now that we know who Satan is, he is exposed. That means we can defeat him. And how do we defeat him? Revelation 12:11 gives us our answer: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Christ overcame him, and so can you. The Bible says he has left us an example that we should also walk in. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, because the great Lion, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who is the real Lion and not the counterfeit, is fighting for you. He said to Peter that he has prayed for him that his faith fail not. And he is doing the same for you. He is on the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us night and day!