# Satanology: The Study of Satan



Our Attitude
Toward Satan

1. Never <u>Underestimate</u> Him (Jude 8-9)

#### Jude 8-9

"Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"

2. Never Overestimate Him (Job 1:21)

#### Job 1:12

"And the LORD said to Satan, 'Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.' So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD."

3. Be On Guard For Attacks (1 Peter 5:8)

#### 1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

4. Do Not <u>Invite</u> His Attacks (Ephesians 4:27)

## **Ephesians 4:26-27**

Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

# Charles Haddon Spurgeon:

"Observe the prince of darkness, how persevering in his endeavors, how unabashed in his attempts, how daring in his plans, how thoughtful in his plots, how energetic in all! The devils are united as one man in their infamous rebellion, while we believers in Jesus are divided in our service of God, and scarcely ever work with unanimity."

5. Be Aware That <u>God Uses</u> Satan For Our Good (2 Corinthians 12:7)

#### 2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

 Be Aware Of Our <u>Defenses</u> Against Satan: The Finished Work Of Christ And Our Testimony (John 12:31-33; Revelation 12:11)

## John 12:31-33

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

#### Revelation 12:10-11

"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

7. Be Aware Of The Intercessory Work Of Jesus (John 17:15)

#### John 17:15

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."

8. Be Aware Of His <u>Tactics</u> (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

## 2 Corinthians 2:10-11

Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

9. Be Aware Of The Defense Provided By Humble Submission To God (James 4:7-8b)

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Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

10. Be Aware Of The Defense Provided By Firm Resistance To Satan (James 4:7)

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11. Be Aware Of The Defense Provided By Employing The Spiritual Armor (Ephesians 6:10-17)

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12. Be Aware Of The Defense Furnished By Prayer (Matthew 6:13; Ephesians 6:18)

#### Matthew 6:13

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

• It's not whether you are afraid of the devil; it's whether the devil is afraid of you.