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'…don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.' (James 4:4)

'Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.' (Peter 5:8)

World

Devil

Flesh

'I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.' (Romans 7:18)

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The Devil – Satan

Genesis 3, Isaiah 14: 12-15, Luke 4, 10: 17-20, Revelation 12

- A fallen angel
- Tempted Adam and Eve and Jesus
- Lives on the Earth
- Rules fallen angels (demons, powers, authorities)
- Wants to become God
- A liar and a thief
- A predator like a serpent, a dragon or a prowling lion

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How does Satan attack us?

Covert	Overt
Condemnation	Persecution
Oppression	Intimidation
Accusation	Frightening experiences
Temptation	Sickness / injury
Gossip	
Division	

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Taking a Stand

Ephesians 6:10-12, 18

'Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms…

…And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.'

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The Victory of Jesus

Colossians 2:15

'And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.'

1 John 4:4b

'the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.'

James 4:7-8a

'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.'

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