

I Thers. 2:18

SUBJECT: "But Satan
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Unable to visit the new X's, ch. at Thessalonica

1. Not from want of will, lack of desire
Had great attachment to the X's of Thessalonica
earnestly desiring to come - ~~pray~~ pray to come 1 Thes. 3:10
2. Not prevented by God's special providence
Acts 16:6 "forbidden, the H.S. to preach the word in Asia"
"assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not."
3. "But Satan hindered us"
? violent persecution stirred up in Thessalonica? landed Asia to return!
? unable to leave Corinth? divisions in church, philosophical heresies!
? personal illness, inability?

In any event, here is the master of all evil, the prince of the power of the air, intensely watching the journeyings of 3 humble men; far more concerned about their movements than about the doctrine of Titian or Nero. These despised heresies & every his most dreaded foes. They preached the name that makes hell tremble. Satan a fierce hatred of the preaching of the gospel. Not mind social amelioration, show diseases, raised tensions, psychology, class work. But the gospel....

Paul's struggle with Satan

- II Cor. 12:7 "thou .. messenger of Satan to buffet me"
Eph. 6:12 "we wrestle not against flesh..."
II Cor. 4:4 "the god of this world hath blinded the minds"

I Paul met the only one who struggled with Satan
 The testimony, all the saints in heaven - "Satan hindered us"
 the witness, all who have written a line on the holy page - "...
 the word of all who have caused a consecrated name on the
 rock of immortality, "...
 Rev. 12: 9, 10, 12; I P. 5: 8

1. Job.
 Suffered, hurt, broken by Satan. Evil messengers tried
 upon one another's heels; riches & was only close with
 breath & good, property, honor, children, health. In captivity,

2. Moses
 II P. 3: 8 "as James and James with Paul Moses"
 Jude 9 "Michael the archangel when contending with the devil
 A disputer about the body of Moses,"

3. Nehemiah
 2: 19; 4: 1-3; 6: 1-14 Sanballat and Tobiath

4. The Saviour Himself.
 The infant child - Herod's sword
 The beginning ministry - three temptations "left for a season"
 Attack of Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, - in compassed his death
 His agonies - Mt. 22: 31 "Satan ... sift you as wheat"

5. The infant church - to blot it out.
 Like Herod against Belshazzar - all the noble babies to & also.
 Like Agassius - Herod against Modestus - I read.

(1) Persecution, fire, flame, fagot, sword -
 (2) when that availed not, then burnings, & chains

(3) Finally, acceptance of the world. Conquering. Church not
 English all in same day. Tertullian's years refused the church
 accepted. Previous sons of God comparable to fine gold,
 because like another pitch, under the father's hands.
 Did the saints up by the cross? They reject the crucifix.
 "These were of the sacrifice, the Christ. They ground the saints, the more
 all Herod's ministers speak of years and the One in fullish bread, the days
 they speak, the Devil, Rome on the infallible
 bread, the church"

as far as time would permit, your
glory - simulate the gears
candle light - reveal the sun
days in a bed - mistake the great work

} it has
against God's
mastery,
the power of
Satan? but, the
great X.

II. Hinders Us Today

1. Those who would come to Christ

2. New converts.

of Abraham 15:11 you offer the sacrifice, but ministers
which come down upon it; you have need to drive them away.

3. Those who would do God's work.

1. Joshua, Satan at his right hand to oppose his. Gal. 3:1

From all points of the compass, all along the line of battle,
in the vanquish as in the rear, at dawn as at midnight,
Satan hinders. If we fail in the field, he seeks to break
the play handles; if we build the walls he seeks to beat
down the stones.

(1) By what is pleasing.

Pulls us away. That goes to the flesh. Satan never
breaks the brethren, his best is very way. He never
deals with us according to our life, faith. Plows the
bait to the pit.

(2) By plagues, open opposition.

1. Martin Luther. determined to go to Worms "though there
be as many devils as tiles on the roof."
2. Wartburg Castle, a spot on wall, his study where
he was up, stand at devil
of ~~that~~ would, a most fortress.

III. The preservation of the people and church, God.

The devil is defeated from Rev 12:12 "he knows that he hath but a short time"

Jo 12:31 "now shall the prince of this world be cast out"
Col 2:15 "having spoiled principalities & powers, he made a show, when quiet, triumphing over them..."

Rev. 20:1-3, 10

He is strong not so weak
God "ever renewed the universe" ...

what we do?

1. Prayer

The devil flees when he sees
the revealed spirit upon the church

2. a defeated person

1) saw Satan as light of day for heaven?

Jo 12:31

Col 2:15

Rev. 20:1-3, 10