Satan Our Adversary Unveiled

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you to see behind the scenes and see who is at work, who's positioning the lights, who's pulling the strings.
- But this is more than a story about suffering. It's an invitation to see behind the scenes, to see a main character in your life, who is at work.
- I invite you tonight to come backstage to see our adversary, the devil, unveiled.

1 He Makes His Living Where We Live

Job 1:7; 1 Peter 5:8; John 12:31

- Jesus Himself said that hell is a place prepared for the devil and his angels.
- But for now, he makes his living where we are.
- Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- Jesus calls the devil in John chapter 12 and verse 31 the ruler of this world.
- If he found the Son of Man, Jesus, in the wilderness, and tempted him in the same way, do you really think he doesn't know where you are?

2 He Knows What's Going On in Our World

Job 1:8

- He's not just a passive observer.
- He knew exactly who Job was. In fact, he knew the things that God said about Job blameless, upright, fearing God, turning away from evil. He used those to accuse him to God.
- You must know your enemy. Well, I want you to know tonight that your enemy has knowledge of you.
- I fear tonight that under far less pressure we have buckled our knees of faith and blame God.
- What would the devil say is your breaking point?

3 His Power Is Real

Job 1:12; Luke 22:31; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- He is not a cartoon character with a pitchfork. He's a warrior, and he's involved in a real war, and he has real power at his disposal.
- Paul said he can disguise himself as an angel of light.
- Just as he is not all-knowing, omniscient, neither is he all-powerful, omnipotent.
- Behold, all that he has is in your power. Only do not put forth your hand on him.
- But I want you to notice that he had to ask permission first. Our adversary's power is real. But he is not as strong as God.

- God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also.

4 He Won’t Give Up Until You Do

Job 2:1–5; Luke 4:13

- And again the devil made his presence known. And again, he had some new tactic.
- The devil left him, it says, until an opportune time. Because he won’t give up until you do.
- The devil doesn’t care if he gobbles you up all at once or if he slowly chokes you out little by little, just so long as he gets you away from God.
- He’ll have some fresh form of temptation, some new approach that he has not yet tried, because he won’t quit until you do.

THE CHALLENGE

One question remains. Are you with the Lamb tonight? Because if you are not, you’re fighting against him.

MY NOTES