Such Reckless Hate

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INTRODUCTION

- Why does he tempt us to sin, knowing that could result in our eternal torment? Well, the simple answer is he hates us.
- Maybe we can better understand our adversary, as it is revealed in God's word, and that no advantage would be taken of us by him.

1 Why Does Satan Do What He Does?

Colossians 1:15–16; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:16

- I think we can conclude, just like all spiritual beings, Satan was indeed created.
- If what the devil has done since the beginning is described as sinning, I think that right there implies that there was a choice in the matter, that he chose to do what he did.
- That might explain maybe that Satan hates you because we're given an opportunity through Christ's sacrifice, but there's no sacrifice for his sins.
- He hates us because he knows he's going to suffer. He knows he's going to suffer for eternity when the final judgment comes, and I think he wants us to suffer with him.
- Another reason that Satan hates us, is that we've demonstrated a willingness to submit to God's word, and that's something that he's rejected doing.
- So much death. What can men do against such reckless hate? I think it really captures what we're talking about, the hate that Satan has for us, that reckless hate.

2 We Need to Be on the Alert

1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 4:27

- Be on the alert, your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- So if you get nothing else for tonight, just remember he hates us.
- There's no rules of engagement with Satan. There's nothing off the table as far as he concerned.
- He will try to drive a wedge between us and God, between us and our brothers and sisters, and get us to lose our faith.
- So perhaps we would be more sober minded, more alert, and much more careful if we respected how much we're hated by him.

3 We Shouldn't Be Surprised

1 Peter 4:12; Ephesians 6:10–17

- Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.

- We've aroused his attention by being here tonight, thinking about spiritual things and remembering the Lord's death.
- You will be tempted. So don't be surprised when it happens. Instead, expect it, and as we're commanded, we should prepare for it.
- Put on the full armor of God so that you're able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
- Do we know how to wield our sword properly? Have we taught our children how to wield their sword? Because Satan hates them too.

4 Overwhelmingly Grateful for What's Been Done for Us

Colossians 1:9–14; Hebrews 2:17–18

- When we realize how much hate is directed our way, it should make us overwhelmingly grateful for what's been done for us.
- For he rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- For since he himself was tempted in that which he has suffered, he's able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

5 Concerned for Those Around Us

Jude 1:22–23

- The hate that's thrown our way should also just cause us to be concerned for those around us all the more.
- Have mercy on some who are doubting, save others, snatching them out of the fire, and on some have mercy with fear.

6 Long for Our Ultimate Salvation

1 Peter 4:12–13

- And finally, we should long for our ultimate salvation.
- But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing. So that also at the revelation of his glory, you may rejoice with exaltation.
- As Tony often brings out, our salvation is nearer to us than we first believed, Paul writes.

THE CHALLENGE

But don't give up. We know Satan's already lost the war. so don't give up. Strive to be on the winning side.

MY NOTES