

JULY 16, 2023

LIVING STONES

THE DEVOURING LION

1 PETER 5:6-11

1) Who is the devil?

- He is the supreme authority over the spiritual forces in rebellion against God.
- He is constrained by the power of God
- He is the adversary of humanity.

2) How does the devil seek to devour us?

- He seeks to devour our faith through:
 - ◇ Indulgence.
 - ◇ Deceit.
 - ◇ Pain.

3) How do we resist the devil?

- We humble ourselves before the Lord.

Ephesians 6:10–11 ... "*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*"

Questions For Lunch

- 1) In what ways do I recognize the spiritual battles going on in my life each day?

In what ways am I blind to them?

- 2) How has the devil sought to destroy my faith in the past?

In what ways did God help to preserve and strengthen my faith?

- 3) Do I feel prepared to stand firm in my faith against the attacks from Satan?

What are two steps I can take to better prepare?

Memory Verse for June-July

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:12–13

From the Resources

"In light of these truths, let's not confuse confidence in Christ with cockiness in the flesh. Never attempt to stand on your own, to wage war against the flesh, the world, and the devil by your own means or with your own methods. As Proverbs 21:31 says, 'The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the Lord.'"

- Charles Swindoll

Swindoll's Living Insights Commentary: James - 1&2 Peter (Pg. 275)