No Room for the Devil

Isaiah 14:12-17 – How you are fallen from heaven, <u>O Lucifer</u>, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶"Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Ephesians 4:27 [AMP] – Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].

Satan – adversary. **Devil** – slanderer.

Jesus totally defeated the devil.

Hebrews 2:14, 15 – Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might **destroy** him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and release those who <u>through</u> <u>fear of death</u> were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

• "*destroy*" – to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative; to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency; to deprive of force, influence, power.

I John 3:8 – He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **<u>destroy</u>** the works of the devil.

• "*destroy*" – [different than He. 2:14] (to loosen) to do away with, to deprive of authority, whether by precept or act; to declare unlawful.

Ephesians 6:10-13 – Finally, my brethren, be **strong** in the Lord and in the **power** of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the **wiles** of the devil. ¹²For we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but **against** principalities, **against** powers, **against** the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against** spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.

- "strong" (vs. 10) [Passive] receive strength DUNAMIS.
- "*power*" (<u>vs. 10</u>) God's manifested power.
- "*stand*" (vs. 11) The verb suggests vigorously opposing, bravely resisting, standing face-to-face against an adversary, standing your ground.
- "*wiles*" (vs. 11) [Where we get 'methods'] cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery.

- *"wrestle*" (vs. 12) a contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck.
- "<u>against</u>" (<u>vs. 12</u>) [2nd thru 5th times] to the advantage of; near; towards, with regard to. [**I.e.**, knowing our advantage]
- "*withstand*" (vs. 13) set oneself against; resist; oppose.
- "<u>stand</u>" (<u>vs. 13</u>) same as verse 11.

II Corinthians 2:10, 11 – Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹lest Satan should <u>take advantage of us</u>; for we are not ignorant of his <u>devices</u>.

- "*take advantage of us*" to have a greater part or share; to overreach.
- "*devices*" a mental perception, thought; an evil purpose.

<u>Matthew 28:18-20</u> – And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "<u>All authority has</u> <u>been given to Me in heaven and on earth</u>. ¹⁹ "<u>Go therefore</u> and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Luke 10:19 – Behold, I give you the **<u>authority</u>** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **<u>power</u>** of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

- "*authority*" freedom to act.
- "<u>power</u>" strength, ability.

<u>I Peter 2:11</u> – Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, <u>abstain</u> from <u>fleshly</u> <u>lusts</u> which <u>war against the soul</u>,

• "*war*" – make a military expedition against.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 – For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵<u>casting down arguments</u> and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [Arguments – imaginations]

Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—<u>meditate on these things</u>.