

**This We Believe – Satan is Real**  
*(and he has a terrible plan for my life!)*  
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So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. James chapter 1 verse 16 (930)

Jesus prayed, "I'm not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one." John chapter 17 verse 15 (825)

Satan is referred to as "The Destroyer" in Revelation chapter 9 verse 11 (954)

**Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.** 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 8 (937)

- Stay alert - be sober! Show self-control!
- Watch out - stay awake!
- Great enemy - your opponent!
- Devour - to drink down, gulp in its entirety

So RUN!

- **Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.**  
1 Corinthians chapter 6 verse 18 (873)
- **...arguments...jealousy, division, slander, evil suspicions...the love of money.... run from all these evil things.**  
1 Timothy chapter 6 verses 4 - 11 (912)
- **If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights.**  
2 Timothy chapter 2 verses 21-23 (915)

A Final Word...

***A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.***

***Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.***

*Ephesians chapter 6 verses 10-13 (898)*

***...the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.***

*1 John chapter 4 verse 4 (943)*

***I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.***

*Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 (901)*

***But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 57 (880)*

Next Week: God is 3-in-1