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Don't ever believe for a minute that names are not important. Names in Scripture denote character. They describe who a person really is and what that person's nature reveals when their bout with time is over and a description of their life is etched into the history books.

Thus, God changed certain names to denote that He had changed their nature. God used names to paint pictures on the backdrop of His Word so we would know what to expect of a man or woman's life.

And, of course, God Himself is known by His names. He is the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He is Alpha and Omega. He is King of kings. He is the Good Shepherd. He is Almighty God. And with each name given Him, there comes a graphic photograph of a part of who He is. With every name comes an expression of His character. Thus, when you have worshipped Him, name by name, you will have worshipped Him for who He is, for His name is who He is. When Moses asked God in Exodus 33 to show him His glory, God passed by and left His calling card. He gave Moses His name. He said:

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. (Exodus 33:17-19)

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

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And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. (Exodus 34: 5-8)

God told Moses His name. He said "I AM. I am mercy. I am grace. I am patience. I am goodness. I am truth. I am forgiveness. I am righteousness. I AM. That is God's name. It is His nature.

So what we call God both in our private worship and in our teaching will demonstrate just who we think this God we serve really is. His name will tell us. In like manner, Scripture has given many names to God's great enemy, Satan. Those names are descriptive, as well. And as we wind down our look at the satanic host of demons who bolted from the fold of the Good Shepherd and began wandering after the false shepherd, we continue our study of what demons do all day. Part of that study must focus on how God refers to them and to Satan, in particular, in Scripture. He has described them by naming them, and by ascribing those names to their chief, the devil himself.

What does God call Satan? And what do those names say about him? And what can we look for as a result of learning those names? That will be the thrust of this lesson on the not-so heavenly host. Our title will be, "The Tempter Came."

The reason for the title is that if you want to capsule who Satan is, you might simply see him approach the Lord Jesus in Matthew 4, and then see how each of his other titles is, in reality, a sub-title, for each simply describes his work as the tempter. Here is how Scripture describes Satan in that great confrontation:

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4: 1-4)

"The tempter came." What a simple statement. That is his profession, It is his underlying purpose for living. It is a reflection of the deception that dominates his every thought. He lives to tempt you. He lives to tempt me. He lives to trick us by dangling before us something that either appears good but isn't, or by luring us with something that appeals to the senses, hoping that we will

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take the bait, bite on the lure, and be snatched into his basket of captives, out of the reach of our Rescuer. Of course, we never get out of the reach of the one who lives to make intercession for us. But again, Satan, the deceiver, has deceived himself, so he doesn't realize that. Again and again we see that his one purpose in existing is to get at God, and because he cannot touch God Himself, he pursues his next best option, God's children.

"The tempter came." And the tempter tempted Jesus three times. The second of those temptations was to dare God to perform a miracle for the sake of performing a miracle. He was asking God to prove Himself to Himself. He was tempting God. Jesus answered and said,

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (Matthew 4:7)

"Satan, you cannot tempt God," Jesus responded. That is impossible. We read in James, chapter one, God's explanation of that statement:

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren. (James 1:12-16)

God cannot be tempted, and God cannot tempt you. It is an impossibility. God's holiness and omnipotence prevent Him from being tempted. He cannot even look upon sin; He is holy. He is omnipotent; no temptation is strong enough to touch Him. And God's mercy and God's grace prevent Him from ever being able to tempt us to do evil. He cannot do it. No, we are tempted when we choose to be, according to this passage. Our own lust responds to the temptation, and we choose to be enticed.

But the one who is doing the tempting, often with lots of help from us, is Mr. Satan himself. He is named in Scripture as "the tempter". Now how does he do what he does all day? What kinds

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of things does he and his unholy cohorts do to tempt us? We have looked at a few already. Let's now look at God's descriptions in Scripture of more of the names of the enemy and, thus, at more of how he does what he does. Our goal will not be to focus on Satan; he's not worth it. Our goal will be to look at Satan just long enough to understand what a wonderful God we have, because:

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

(I Corinthians 10:13)

So our goal will be to praise God for His deliverance, but the journey will take us through the maze of tricks and trials that the evil one has placed in our path. Remember: they often appear quite harmless, but they have a stated goal. They are there to tempt us to do evil; to do anything that defies the total Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives. First of all. . .

### HIS NAME IS LIAR.

Perhaps one of the most descriptive names in Scripture for Satan is found in John, chapter eight. There he is described this way:

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

(John 8:43a,44)

Now listen to his title:

(He) abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

(John 8:44c,45)

Look what that one passage teaches us:

- 1- Satan's name is "liar".
- 2- He tempts us and motivates us to lie.
- 3- He does not comprehend truth.
- 4- He does not possess the capacity to tell the truth for the truth's sake.
- 5- All lies originate with him.
- 6- He has to lie, because his character or nature demands it.

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7- He deceives men and women, so that when they hear the truth, they do not recognize it.

Three more facts surface as we apply these truths. One is that while no truth abides in him, he will attempt to use the truth wrongfully, in order to deceive those who are seeking the truth. Thus, he used Scripture to try to tempt Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus responded with truth that upheld truth. The fact that someone quotes Scripture or even claims Scripture does not mean that they are in the will of God. Satan loves to deceive you by misusing Scripture.

The second fact is that Satan is not a liar because he lies. He lies because he, by nature, is a liar. That is his name. In fact, he cannot tell the truth, because there is no truth in him.

The third fact is that every aspect of Satan's nature is the opposite of some attribute of God's. The reason Satan is a liar is because God is truth, and there is no lie found in Him. Satan opposes God by often pretending that lies are true, even as he did with Eve in the garden. The truth, however, is that he is incapable of truth. Every lie he concocts, then, is designed to deny the truth that "God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

How then should the truth about this liar affect us? It ought to affect us dramatically, and it ought to be taught specifically to our young people and to our children in school. Telling the truth is a spiritual issue. If your boss asks you to lie in order to protect him or his company, Satan and God are vying in the battle of battles to win a victory in your life. Satan has won a major victory if you bend the truth. Actually, the truth won't bend. It is rigid. To bend it, you have to ignore it. So any variation from the actual, total truth is a victory for the enemy.

The next time you are tempted to lie to your wife or your children or a customer or anyone else, think about this scenario:

Satan appears before God and God says, "Have you considered my servant, Sam. He is a salesman for that computer company, and he is a man after my own heart. He always tells the truth." Imagine Satan responding, "Sure, he tells the truth, if it looks good and helps his goody-goody image, but suppose his job depended on it, then what would he do? He would lie like a fish."

Then imagine God saying, "Okay, Satan, tempt him. Put his

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job on the line.” God knew that you needed to be confronted with truth in the area of truth in order to turn knowledge into understanding, and understanding into wisdom. He wanted you to grow spiritually. So he gave Satan the green light.

The next day, your boss comes up to you, and he is in trouble with his supplier. He has to lie to keep from having his inventory repossessed. All he needs is your corroborating testimony, because the supplier knows you are a Christian; and if you say it is so, it will be so. In the heavens, there is a war going on. In your heart, there is a decision to make. Satan, with God’s permission, is testing you in the area of truth. Remember, Satan cannot tell the truth. He hates truth. So any compromise you make gives him a victory. God, on the other hand, cannot lie. He is perfect Truth. All truth originates from Him. The decision isn’t about expediency, then. It is about the kingdom, and the demons that oppose God’s truth are standing in the wings waiting to celebrate. The angelic host, meanwhile, is watching in anticipation to learn from you the miracle of grace, God allowing you to do that which the flesh does not want to do: tell the truth.

That’s how the war works. That decision to tell the truth to your parents, young people, is not a matter of what will be easiest for you. It isn’t a matter of whether or not you will be found out, either. You will be found out. God and Satan are vying for a portion of your heart. They have accessed the hard disk in your mind and opened the folder called “truth”. What they find is of eternal significance. And the decision is all yours.

### HIS NAME IS MURDERER.

If we go back to John, chapter eight, we find another name that God ascribes to Satan. In the same verse, He said this:

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning.

(John 8:44)

His name is “murderer”. Every murder originates in the mind of Satan and is carried out by someone on this earth who either knowingly or unknowingly is doing his bidding. The closer it gets to the end of the age, the more killing there will be. Every Jew killed in the holocaust was killed because Satan was tempting and inhabiting men to destroy God’s people. He thought that he could extinguish the race and thus leave God with no army. Fool. He thought the same thing in the wilderness. If he could circumvent

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the Cross, there would be no salvation. Fool. He is a murderer from the beginning. From the day he said, "I will be like the Most High", his heart became a festering, boiling, antagonistic, evil brew, waiting to overflow into life after life after life. He thrives on seeing normally rational men and women use drugs or alcohol to remove their inhibitions and allow them to do things they would not otherwise do. Read your newspapers. Count the percentage of murders that were committed by men or women who were being affected by some kind of foreign substance that Satan had convinced them would "set them free". It set them free, all right. It set them free to spend the rest of their life in prison. It set them free to live with the guilt of taking a life for the rest of their life. He is a murderer from the beginning.

But, you say, I've never murdered anyone. Oh? Read this

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

(Matthew 5:21-26)

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

(I John 3:15)

What that means is that if bitterness or an angry spirit still rests in your heart, only to be resurrected every time you see that person or every time that kind of situation surfaces, or that incident is remembered, you are a murderer. And to God, it is of eternal significance, because no doubt Satan said to Him, "I know your daughter, Elaine. She is so spiritual. She runs every committee



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in the church. But, ah, given a chance, she would murder her ex-husband. I know, because she hates him so.”

So God will allow Elaine to run into that ex-husband in a situation that is not very conducive to demonstrating the love of Christ. Oh, she probably won't take out a gun and shoot him. Or will she? If she murders him in her heart by allowing all of those past offenses to rise up and cause her heart to beat at twice its normal rate, and if she thinks in her heart, “I hope he gets his...” she is a murderer. And Satan has won a victory, indeed. It's a spiritual battle, and it involves the tempter. His name is murderer. And he loves to enlist you, believer, in his army of killers...even if you only kill in your heart.

### HIS NAME IS SEED-SNATCHER.

This is one of Satan's lesser known titles, but one of the more deadly ones. More deadly than murderer? More deadly than liar? Well, at least as deadly. The reason is that this activity of the tempter takes from you actual spiritual food that was given to you to build up your spiritual body. He is actually stealing food from your soul. And he does it with regularity and with precision, and oftentimes he wears the disguise of spirituality, using the very things that would normally make you spiritual to actually slow your progress down. He is the tempter, indeed. Jesus, in Matthew 13, was telling a story to his disciples; a story that had deep, hidden meaning which would be revealed to those with ears to hear. He said:

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

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And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:1-9)

But Jesus knew that the disciples would need more of an explanation than that, and so would we. So he went on to explain what happens to the seed, and what the seed is. He said:

And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. (Matthew 13:10,11)

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.

(Matthew 13:18,19)

The “wicked one”, Satan, is the villain, once again. God allows men and women to sow the seed of His Word into the hearts of those whose lives would be changed. But then cometh the wicked one...the seed snatcher...and he catches away, he snatches away that which was sown in their hearts.

Before it has a chance to take root, Satan empties his bag of diversions, and before you know it, that conviction God placed on your heart when you heard the word has been supplanted by something else, and before the seed has a chance to go deep enough in the soil of your heart to reproduce spiritual fruit, the seed has disappeared.

How does he do that? Mark 4:19 citing the same parable, describes what happens to the thorny soil:

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (Mark 4:19)

So three of the things Satan uses are:

1- The everyday things you have to do to keep food on the table, the kids in school, the clothes cleaned, the car fixed, etc. The cares of this world just consume us, don't they? And that quiet commitment you made to God during your quiet time yesterday,

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or that sense of conviction God placed on your heart last Sunday, what happened to it? It disappeared in a sea of life's plain old everyday cares.

2- The deceitfulness of riches. Given a choice of focusing on God's Word or making an extra dollar, most of us gravitate towards the dollar and assume we'll get back to spiritual things tomorrow. But by tomorrow, the seed is gone. The word has been choked out of us. It's gone. We can't even remember what it was we were going to do about it.

3- The lust of other things entering in. "Other things". What a broad category, but then God knows the breadth of what tempts us to let the Word go unplanted in the garden of our hearts. Almost anything. A television program. An extended phone call. A trip to the grocery store for something we don't need, shouldn't have and can't afford. Almost anything that appeals to the flesh, or even spiritualized activities. "Didn't have time to memorize that passage, I had three committee meetings to go to at church," you justify. Oh, really? "Other things entering in..." Good things, perhaps, but not as eternally rewarding and potentially fruitful as letting God do that surgery on your heart you promised you would ask Him to do when you were listening to that tape that day, or sharing in your group Bible Study last week. Oh, you meant well. But things just kept happening. Other things entering in.

Finally, those "other things" are sometimes more spiritual food. It is easier to feed yourself more than to stop and digest what you've heard. It is easier to grope for more knowledge than to turn what you have into wisdom. It is more fun to learn theology than it is to be transformed in ever-increasing splendor from one degree of glory to another. Transformation is a process, not an experience. It is often painful, usually slow, and oftentimes humbling. Attaining more knowledge, however, is relatively painless, can be done quickly, and actually adds to your self-concept. You must be more spiritual, you're in five Bible studies. That may be four too many. God isn't impressed with how much you hear. He is impressed with how much you apply. And Satan, the seed-snatcher, will do anything to keep that from happening. And he is often successful. That is his name. He is the seed-snatcher, the wicked one.

### HIS NAME IS BOXER

This is one title that really often escapes us, but the Scripture describes it rather graphically. In II Corinthians 12:7, a passage

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we looked at two lessons ago, Paul was describing his “thorn in the flesh” and he described it this way:

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. (II Corinthians 12:7)

The Greek word translated “buffet” here is:

κολᾶζω, kolaphizo {kol-af-id'-zo}. It means to strike at, to blow with the fist. It is used in Mark 14 this way:

And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

(Mark 14:65)

It is a series of persistent, accurate blows that are aimed directly at a person for a reason, to put him out of the contest once and for all. One blow almost never does it, but a series of blows, one right after the other, can sometimes be what a boxer needs to fell his opponent.

Read the first two chapters of Job again. “While they were yet speaking”, the passage keeps repeating, and then another blow would fall upon Job. In rapid-fire order, the enemy just kept hammering. Look at Jesus in the wilderness. There was no time between attacks. No letup in sight. Hammer. Hammer. Hammer. That’s what a boxer does, and that’s what Satan wants to do to you. A sick child. An auto accident. A late notice in the mail. An angry call from your boss. No message from that one you love. Then you start to get sick. And on and on it goes.

Sometimes none of the blows in and of themselves are enough to get you. But let them come in rapid-fire order, and finally, weakened by the barrage, you sink to your knees, down for the count of nine. Of course, on your knees is where you belong. God knows that. Satan thinks he’s got you. God knows He’s got you...in His everlasting arms. But watch for it. When even those “little” things come at you without stopping, you are seeing the “boxer”, alias “the tempter”, trying to wear you down, so that a seemingly harmless tap that normally wouldn’t faze you, finds you wearied from the barrage, sinking to the canvas. Satan loves to use the machine-gun approach. He loves to beat you to death with consistent blows. But then, he’s the “boxer”, and that’s the way boxers fight.

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In our next study, we'll look at more of Satan's names and faces, and hopefully begin to wind down our look at this persistent, but defeated enemy. Then we can turn our attention towards the angelic host that didn't defy their Lord, and we can see just what they do all day, as well.

In the meantime, watch carefully for the tempter. He has only one goal, and he is merciless in his quest to destroy you. His name is "liar". He loves to do anything that will cause you to think a lie, act a lie, or say a lie. Any compromise of the truth causes the Daring Demon's cheerleading squad to go crazy. They will try to lead you down alleys that seem to have no end but to lie. Don't buy it. The truth will set you free.

He is also named "murderer". He is the author of every murder, rape, or other act of violence on planet earth. It is his name. He lives to foster grudges, to harbor bitterness, to suppress and then release anger. And any kind of foreign substance he can get into your system that will cause you to do things or say things you would not otherwise say or do, is a victory for him. For when you are under the control of other spirits, the Holy Spirit cannot control your life.

His name is also "seed-snatcher". He will do anything to keep you from applying Scripture to your life. He will even, on occasions, just let you learn more, if that will keep you from letting God do something with what you have already learned. And he will see that the "cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in" choke the Word. You will make a commitment, sense a conviction, or yield an area of your life to God, and wake up months or even years later, and wonder why you never followed through. I'll tell you why. The "seed-snatcher" has done his job again.

Finally, his name is "boxer" or "striker". He lives and loves to pummel you with a series of body blows until, weakened by the barrage, you let something floor you that never should have taken you down. But he knows, and we should, that given enough grief in rapid-fire order, we lose our composure, lose our sense of balance, and eventually lose the battle.

That's just a little of who this guy is that is so bent on destroying us. He has an arsenal as big as hell itself, and a team of demonic helpers who get their thrills by seeing us suffer and fall.

But our God is in the heavens. And with every blow Satan heads

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in our direction, God pours out more mercy upon us. With every sign of weakness, He grants us additional grace. With every tear that falls from our weary eyes, He sets His Spirit free to comfort us, and sets the angels free to minister to us, even as they did to Jesus. Oh, we won't see them, and we won't hear them. But we will somehow know, the tempter may have come....he does that, but the Master has allowed it for a reason. And the Master only allows it for a season. For as we read in I Peter 5:

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(I Peter 5:6-11)

The onslaught ought to cause us to automatically do four things:

1- Humble ourselves. So often, Satan is freed by God to attack us for that one reason, just as he was with Paul. We have become enamored with ourselves. We are impressed with our credentials. We think we have arrived, when we have only arrived at an impasse, created by our own pride. So God allows Satan just enough freedom to tempt us, in order to humble us.

2- Cast all your care upon Him. True humility leads to surrender. We can't; He can; let Him. That's the heartbeat of the yielded life. Until we come to the end of ourselves, we simply will not let go. Once we begin to let go, we can literally throw all of our cares at His feet. He cares for us. What can Satan do to someone God loves that much? He can only unknowingly help God release more of His love as He comforts us.

3- Be sober. Don't take the battle too lightly. This isn't dominoes or Scrabble we're playing. The winner doesn't get a box of cookies. This is war, and the stakes are eternal. We have an adversary who isn't a pussycat; he's a roaring, vicious, man-eating lion. You don't wander into the lion's cage at the zoo munching a hamburger,

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daring that roaring maniac to attack you. You stay behind the bars. You know what he's capable of.

4- So you resist him. You stand against him. How do you do that? Having humbled yourself, James 4 reminds us:

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:6-10)

The bottom line is a pure heart and humility of Spirit that lingers in the presence of God with no thoughts of self-importance, but only thoughts of gratitude that a loving God who, in the midst of all these trials, will only be freed to love and comfort us the more. We cannot lose.

Satan is a tempter, but God is the great I AM. And no temptation comes to you but such as is common to man. So, Satan is not the issue. We need to learn how he works so we can see his craftiness for what it is. But fear him? Never. We have no cause to fear. Even as the arrows fly, we only need to cast our cares on Him who cares for us. For...

### WHEN THE TEMPTER COMES

Underneath are the everlasting arms.  
Those arms of love and grace,  
They wrap themselves about our hearts,  
And all our fears erase.

The tempter comes, and as he does,  
His arrows fly about,  
And as we stand amidst the storms  
We tend to grief and doubt.

But then the Master whispers,  
"Child, I will leave you never,  
Fall into My waiting arms  
And rest your soul forever."

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### FOCUS ON APPLICATION

1- What's in a name? Can you find two people in Scripture whose name God changed to denote a change in their character? What does Scripture teach us about the importance of names?

2- How do the names of God denote who He is? Why did God answer Moses the way He did in Exodus 33?

3- The names of Satan are clear-cut examples of his nature. God named him to show us what he was and what he does. What one name seems to typify all the others?

4- How do we know that God cannot be tempted? How do we know that God cannot tempt us? What is the difference between a "test" and a "temptation"? Can one incident be both?

5- One of Satan's names is "liar". What attribute of God's is he trying to oppose? How much of what Satan says and does is really a lie? Can you prove that from Scripture? Does he lie because he is a liar, or is he a liar because he lies? What is he trying to do when he tries to tempt you to "bend the truth"?

6- Another name for Satan is "murderer". What does God say constitutes murder? Have you ever been a murderer? Do the roots of murder still reside in your heart? How does Satan resurrect those emotions when you are weakest? Why is human life so dear to God? Why does Satan so often ply men and women with narcotics or alcohol to get them to murder? How does he use these things to synthetically substitute for the Holy Spirit?

7- What is a "seed-snatcher"? How has Satan succeeded in your life by keeping the seed of the Word from taking root? What can you do about it? Study the things Mark 4:19 says Satan uses to keep the seed from producing life. Do any of them apply to you?

8- Satan, according to Scripture, is a "boxer" or "striker". He loves to hammer at you when you are weakened from being hit over and over. How can you recognize this ploy? What can you do about it?

9- Memorize I Peter 5:10,11 this week. Personalize it and pray it back to God, praising Him as you do for His incredible grace.

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