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Topic: Your Adversary the Devil

Scripture text: 1 Peter 5:8-9

1. All Christians are called to be soldiers of Christ and the spiritual battle against the devil their adversary will continue for the rest of their lives. Apostle Paul warns us to be watchful and alert to spiritual danger through the right knowledge and response to God's Word.
2. The devil is our adversary, whose mission is to oppose Christians and destroy our testimonies for Christ. The devil was an angel created by God (Eze 28:11-17) but became corrupt because of his desire to exalt himself above God (Isa 14:12-14). He is the god of this world and has power over ungodly men and the nature (Job 1:12, 16, 19). We must be constantly watchful and alert to the ungodly philosophies controlled by the devil.
3. The devil is represented as a roaring lion. The picture is a fearsome and hungry predator ceaselessly roaming about to devour Christians. He seeks to destroy the Christ-like testimonies of Christians and accuse them before God. He did it from the beginning during the time of Adam and Eve and is still action now. We can be assured that our salvation is secure in Christ Jesus and the devil is unable to destroy pluck us from our Father's hands.
4. Apart from being watchful and alert to spiritual dangers, our right response is to withstand the devil through the thorough obedience of God's Word. We must not be conformed to the world but place our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, His Word and promises. Let us stand united with fellow soldiers in Christ by encouraging and praying for one another as we fight our own spiritual battles.