

## Prayer and Spiritual Warfare Series – 4

### The Enemy Described

#### 1 Peter 5:1-11

#### **Key Verse:**

**Ephesians 6:11** *“Take your stand against the devil...”*

#### **Introduction:**

##### **The devil’s personality (v.11)**

super-human, greater than man but not divine

##### **The devil’s power (v.11)**

Some of the devil’s names suggest power:-

- “*The god of the age*” – 2 Corinthians 4:14
- “*The strong man armed*” – Luke 11:21
- “*A roaring lion*” – 1 Peter 5:8
- “*The great dragon*” – Revelation 12:3-4

##### **The devil’s purposes**

Some of the devil’s names suggest these:-

- “*The father of lies*” – John 8:42-47
- “*The accuser*” – Zechariah 3:1, Revelation 12:10
- “*An enemy*” – 1 Peter 5:8
- “*The serpent*” – Genesis 2, Matthew 4:1-11,

Revelation 12:9

##### **The devil’s principalities (v.12)**

Satan **has a kingdom** – **Luke 11:8**

Described in Ephesians 6:12 as powers of dominions, darkness and demonic.

#### **Conclusion:**

## Questions

Read 1 Peter 5:8-11 again and discuss the following:-

1. What should we believe about:-
  - the devil (v.8)?
  - God (vs.10-11)?
  - ourselves (v.10)?
2. What should we reject about:-
  - the devil’s authority (v.8)?
  - our situation as Christians (v.9)?
3. What can we change in our attitude towards:-
  - the devil (vs.8,9)?
  - God (v.10)?
4. How should we behave in our attitude to:-
  - living/life (v.8)?
  - the devil (v.9)?
5. What is the devil trying to do with Christians? Has he been attacking you, or the church recently? Give practical examples of what it means to resist him.
6. How aware are you of Christians suffering in the world?
7. How does Christian leadership style differ from that in the world at large (vs.1-4)?
8. What are the main causes for anxiety in the world today? How do people try to alleviate their worries?
9. What are relations across the ag-divide like in this church/town?