

**Wed PM - 5/16/2012**  
**"Our Enemy's History" – James 4:7**

Read James 4:1-8

Tonight's last look at James 4:7:

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

**Exegesis:**

Literal Translation of James 4:7

Submit yourselves

ὑποτάγητε

(APlmp 2<sup>nd</sup> p.pl. of ὑποτάσσω)

therefore to God

οὖν τῷ θεῷ

Resist (oppose) the

ἀντίστητε δὲ τῷ

(AAImp 2<sup>nd</sup> p.pl. of ἀνθίστημι)

devil, and he will flee

διαβόλῳ καὶ φεύξεται

(FMInd 3<sup>rd</sup> p.s. of φεύγω)

from you.

ἀφ' ὑμῶν

**Key Words in James 4:7**

SUBMIT - HUPOTASSO (HUPO [under]+STASSO [stand]) to submit to the authority and advice of another; this is in the aorist passive (also to be considered the middle voice) imperative; we are responsible for submitting ourselves to God and His Word

RESIST - ANTISTETE - To resist, to withstand, take a strong stand. Don't give up

DEVIL - DIABOLO (DIA=through + BOLO=ball) he can cast evil right towards us

FLEE - PHEUGO - To take flight to safety, To be a fugitive, to be one who escapes or one who flees.

**Introduction:**

1. Satan is a created being, created as an angel, originally called Lucifer (Psalm 148:5-6; Colossians 1:16), the highest and most beautiful angel became Satan, the ruler of fallen angels (Matt 9:34) because he disobeyed God.
2. His first sin was pride (Isa 14:12-15).
3. He influenced 1/3 of the angels to go along with him (we do not know the number); these became fallen angels.
4. He is more powerful than any human being on the earth.

5. He stays busy all the time; he is always trying to make his evil plans successful, day and night.
6. He is very successful because most people are not aware of his tricky ways.
7. The only way we can know Satan's evil ways is to know the way of the Lord, which is the Bible, the Mind of Jesus Christ.
8. Satan will not always be successful.

#### Know your Enemy

- He Exists / He is Subtle
- He has Power / He Has Strategy
- Our Only Protection - Truth in the Soul

#### Know the Schemer

1. He is a Liar
2. He is Pseudo-superficial
3. He is Destructive
4. He is Persuasive
5. He is Knows Scripture (Matthew 4)
6. He is Invisible
7. He blinds people
8. He is headstrong and subtle
9. He is characterized by selfish love

#### Names for Satan

1. A common name for Satan in the New Testament is "the devil", meaning "slanderer" or "false accuser".
2. He is called "the tempter" (1 Thess 3:5)
3. He is called "Beelzebub" (Matt 12:24)
4. He is called "the wicked one" (Matt 13:19, 38)
5. He is called "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31)
6. He is called "the god of this age" (2 Cor 4:4)
7. He is called "Belial" (2 Cor 6:15)
8. He is called "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2)
9. And, He is called "the accuser of our brethren" (Rev 12:2)

### Falls of Satan

**(Fall I)** Isa. 14:13, 14; Ezek 28:15 – Comes before man's creation from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven (the air).

**(Fall II)** Isa. 14:12; Ezek 28:16 – Comes at the middle of the tribulation, in the continuation and consummation of the Age of Israel (Luke 10:18; Rev 12:7-9)

**(Fall III)** Isa. 14:15; Ezek. 28:18, 19 - Comes at the end of time, after the millennium.

Will the gospel be proclaimed during the time of the 7year tribulation? We will not be here, if we are believers now *before* the tribulation. There are scriptures showing that indeed, the Gospel will be proclaimed world-wide, at least 4 times during that time: Rev. 7 - 144,000 Jewish evangelists; Rev 14:12, 13, tribulational saints will proclaim the Gospel and people will accept Christ even during this terrible time; Rev. 11:3 Moses and Elijah proclaim the Gospel; Rev. 14:6, 7 tell us that angels will be witnessing to the people.

### The History of Satan:

Look again at James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist (oppose) the devil, and he will flee from you."

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The first sin is arrogance and pride, as found in Ish 14:12-15, where we see his 5 "I wills", beginning in verse 13.

He influenced 1/3 of the angels to go with him; he stays busy, and is very successful, as most people are not aware of his tricky ways; we must have the Mind of Christ and study him and his falls.

### Satan's Methods:

1. He is always opposed to man's best interests, but the Power of Christ has broken through that opposition, via the crucifixion and the resurrection.
2. None of his methods are more characteristic than his strategy of temptation that comes to us while we are in fellowship with Christ (Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5).
3. Satan uses temptation in various ways. Sometimes he uses direct suggestion, as with Judas Iscariot in John 13. Sometimes, Satan uses agents who disguise themselves as messengers of God (2 Thess. 2:9). However he does it, he is always very subtle about it. Sometimes temptation comes through our own personal weakness, the trends of weakness in our own old sinful nature (1 Cor. 7:5).
4. Satan tempted Christ directly, trying to lead Him to compromise in relationship to authority, and in relationship to His power (Luke 4:5-8).
5. Satan delights in deception; his lying nature stands in direct contrast to the Truth of our Lord. He advances the falsehood that good can be obtained by doing wrong. This is apparent all the way back to Gen 3. He is an expert in falsifying the Truth (2 Cor 11:13-15)
6. Satan's methods designed ultimately to silence and obscure the gospel. He can get any one of us to draw false conclusions.
7. When the gospel is preached, Satan tries to blind their understanding, so they cannot grasp the meaning of the message (2 Cor. 4:3, 4; 2 Thess 2:9, 10).
8. At times, Satan opposes God's work by violence and disorder; he brings disorder into the world, afflicting human beings. Often, God even allows this for the purpose of correction (1 Tim 1:20). We live in a time of intensified conflict; we cannot be successful now if we do not know the Truth. Satan is in the business of clouding the minds of everyone, including all believers.

### Satan's Defeat:

Satan is destined to fail in his schemes; his final defeat is predicted in Luke 10:18, John 12:31 and Rev. 12:9.

He may be busy throwing gasoline on the fire, but he does so, because he knows his time is short. We ought to be able to see that we are responsible to know the Truth, so that we will know when Satan comes our way, we will know what he is doing and see through his lies.

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"FLEE from you" is future middle indicative, 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular.

The middle voice tells us that it is beneficial for us for him to flee.