



Sunday Morning, June 13, 2021 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

**Message Title:** The Faith Full Family: Realizes the Enemy

**Message Text:** Genesis 3; Ephesians 6:10-18

### **Introduction:**

When it comes to the home and family, there is only ONE real enemy. We make think it is circumstances, challenges, set-backs, worry, anxiety, illness, difficult employers or co-workers, those ruling over us, but really it is satan. Today, let's gain some understanding both realize our real enemy and stand against him in our homes and families.

## **1. Our Enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:1-5)**

*Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

SERPENT—satan

*Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

DEFINITION—SUBTLE: crafty; marked by skill in deception, treacherous

*John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and 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.*

SATAN DECEIVES IN THE VERY WAY HE APPEARS

*2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

SATAN WORKS IN THE SHADOWS AND LOVES SECRECY

*Genesis 3:1 ...and he said unto the woman...*

SATAN SETS A SUBTLE SNARE WHICH IS TO GET US TO SIMPLY QUESTION THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

*John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

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## 2. Our Enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:6)

Satan's tool box of temptation has \_\_\_\_\_ devices.

*Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

*1 John 2:15–17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

### THE LUST OF THE FLESH

*“And with the woman saw that the tree was good for food...”*

GOOD—desirable, pleasant

QUOTE: The lust of the flesh is everything that appeals to carnal and physical appetite. Although natural body desires are not inherently evil (e.g., the need for food, drink, and sexual fulfillment), the devil can use these licit desires (licit within their own limits) to enslave man (1 Corinthians 6:12).

See Matthew 4:3

NOTE: Satan often tempts us to make desires based on maximizing our personal comfort.

### THE LUST OF THE EYES

*“...and that it was pleasant to the eyes...”*

PLEASANT—desire inclination to want and greed

QUOTE: The lust of the eyes is everything that appeals to the eye's insatiable demands (Ecclesiastes 1:8). In this category of temptation, Satan uses external attraction (whether inherently good, as a desire for a house or a car, or inherently bad, as a desire for a neighbor's wife) to produce covetousness.

See Matthew 4:8-9

### THE PRIDE OF LIFE

*“...and a tree to be desired to make one wise...”*

MAKE WISE—To have success; understanding

QUOTE: The pride of life is everything that appeals to haughtiness, arrogance, and pride. In this category of temptation, Satan uses contemplation of personal

achievement (e.g, popularity, academic success) to produce an anarchical self-sufficient attitude.

See Matthew 4:5-7

NOTE: Each of these temptations are directly apposed to the call of Christ.

*Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

*2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

### 3. Our Enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:7-14)

*1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

DEFINITION—DEVOUR: to swallow up; to gulp whole

QUOTE: Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst;  
he promises honor and pays with disgrace;  
he promises pleasure and pays with pain;  
he promises profit and pays with loss;  
he promises life and pays with death. —Thomas Brooks.

### 4. Our Enemy can be \_\_\_\_\_ Against (Ephesians 6:10-18)

*1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

*Ephesians 6:10–13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

DEFINITION—STAND: to endure, withstand, to face and withstand with courage; to be there. (Personal choice)

NOTE: The idea is that we must choose to stand!...but before we do, make sure we are wearing God's provided armor.

WE HAVE ARMOR TO PUT ON!

Belt of Truth — Absolute truth as provided in God's Word (14)

Breastplate of Righteousness — Both the positional righteousness we are given at salvation and practical righteousness grow in as we follow and obey Jesus. (14b)

Shoes Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace — the readiness inspired by the Gospel which grants us peace in our hearts, a sure footing in our journey and confidence in the spiritual battles of the Christian life. (15)

Shield of Faith — The protective trust, dependence and reliance on God by which we deflect the dart's satan hurls our way (16)

Helmet of Salvation — The protection of the hope of our salvation (17a)

Sword of the Spirit — The specific words of God's Word (17b)

Prayer — Communication with our master for direction and wisdom in the daily battle. This is to be couple with watchfulness. (18)

## Conclusion—Run to God!

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

*Psalms 91:1-4 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, And from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, And under his wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

## Questions to Consider

Am I careless or cautious about my enemy—satan?

In what areas of my life have I begun to listen to his questioning of God's Word?

Am I presently putting on the armor of God so that I can withstand the subtleness of the devil? Am I leading and encouraging my family to do the same?

Do I expect spiritual battles in the day ahead of me?

