

The Devil Is a Roaring Lion, but His Teeth Have Been Knocked Out

Oh, lovely Jesus! My heart is so full. Your heart, it captivates me. Your beauty fascinates me. I love the way you are. Your refiner's fire has done a great work in my heart. I am so grateful for rescuing me when it seemed so hopeless and my heart was so sick. Now I am so full of joy and life. This extravagant love that passes knowledge has become my portion. In Your light, I see life.

Satan has come to many during this dark time in our nation and is walking about seeking whom he may devour. For example, in our home church, several new converts have been picked off by the great deceiver. Like a roaring lion, he isolates his prey and then devours them.

Remember, the banana that is picked from the cluster is the one that gets peeled. Do not isolate yourself. Stay in the body. Do not forsake the fellowship of the saints and assembling together. It is a time now in the body of Christ to stick ever closer together.

This is true for ministers too. I have minister friends who were contemplating suicide the last two years. Satan bombarded my own mind with such thoughts. I actually had a pastor friend who acted on those thoughts and put a revolver to the back of his mouth and pulled the trigger. His wife found him in a pool of blood in their bedroom. I preached for this man. It was shocking to me that this could happen to such a one.

Friends, the devil is playing for keeps. We must be sober, watchful and vigilant during these trying times. Learn to live in prayer and praise. Give the devil no place. Submit to God and resist the enemy steadfastly. Jesus has defeated him and

it is now our responsibility to execute his eternal defeat. Sing of the Lord's eternal victory and exalt the finished work of Christ in your life. Do not focus on your problems but on Jesus. Do not love this world and the things of this world, but set your affection on eternity and the things above.

One key tactic of Satan is to flood you with guilt, condemnation and shame for your past sins and failures. In those times, remember the power of the blood of Jesus and apply it to your life and soul. Exercise the power that there is in the name of Jesus. The devil will flee from you in terror. The power of God's mercy never ends, but endures forever because of the blood that continually cries mercy and testifies of the Father's love for you. God is your Father, friend! Get acquainted with Him!

Remember that our sufferings produce an eternal weight of glory. I am a witness. I am walking in a glory I've never known before in 35 years of ministry. Saints, our destiny in Christ is to move from glory to glory, increasing all the time. May it be so in your life as you learn to keep your eyes on Jesus and get saturated in His Word.

The glory of the Lord will birth fresh revelation in you, as it has in my life. Your trials can turn to gold and refine your faith to such an extent that all you see is Jesus and nothing else. The words of Scripture will start jumping out of the pages. Your heart will begin to burn. Prayer and praise will flow like water from your heart. Your joy will be so full and the ministry of Jesus will flow out from you to others. You will love everyone you look at.

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