

## Our Adversary the Devil

**Text:** Ephesians 6:11

**Context** - Before describing the armor of God, Paul explains that we must stand against the schemes of the Devil.

**Main Idea** - To effectively fight the Devil, we must stand in the Armor of God and study his evil schemes.

### To fight Satan you must...

#### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ **with the full armor (vs. 11a)**

- A. "Put on" conveys the idea of permanence, indicating that armor should be the Christian's sustained, life-long attire. (MacArthur Study Bible)
- B. Just as an Astronaut must wear a protective suit to survive in space, the Christian must wear the armor of God to survive against Satan.

#### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ **against him (vs. 11b)**

- A. Nowhere in the Bible does it command us to run away from the Devil.
- B. 1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV) Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **Resist him**, firm in your faith...

#### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ **his schemes (vs. 11c)**

- A. The greek word for schemes (methodia) means method, strategy, craftiness, and planned deceitful procedure. In the unfavorable sense methodeia denotes a "trick," "stratagem," or "wiles" with intent to lure, deceive, and ensnare. The New Testament Greek-English Dictionary.
- B. "Christ, the Scripture, your own hearts, and Satan's devices are the four prime things that should be first and most studied and searched. If any cast off the study of these, they cannot be safe here, or happy hereafter. It is my work as a Christian, but much more as I am a watchman, to do my best to discover the fullness of Christ, the emptiness of the creature, and the snares of the great deceiver." (Thomas Brooks, Precious Remedies against Satan's Devices)