

## We Wrestle not Against Flesh and Blood (Part 2)

### 1 Peter 5:8-11 (Gospel Resistance)

- The Devil is: 1) **Our** adversary; 2) a **subtle** adversary; 3) an **active** adversary;
- 4) a **cruel** adversary; 5) a **powerful** adversary
- Our only defense: I) Gospel Light Exposes Satan Our Adversary (v.8)

### II) The Gospel Command to Resist Our Adversary (v.9)

- We are commanded, with Gospel light, sobriety and alertness, to resist the devil.
- Threat within the church as angel of light & without by using persecuting tyrants.
- Encouragement: Rom. 16:20
- Jas 4:7 - Christian is not helpless before the Devil (Eph. 6:10-18).
- Real danger is when Christian fails to resist enemy by failing to watch, pray and be armored with the spiritual armour of God.

#### *1) We must resist Satan when he attacks us personally/individually*

- We must **pray**, as Christ taught His disciples – Matt 6:13;
- **Resist** and **flee** temptation - 1 Peter 2:11; 1 Cor.6:18; 1 Cor. 10:14;
- If we do not flee and resist, we follow wisdom of our hearts – Jas 4:14-18;
- We resist when we **stand firm in the faith**;
- We resist when we **walk in the Light**, with **sober watchfulness** – GOSPEL;
- Eph.5:8b-16; Rom. 13:14
- Christian must not just defend, but also **attack**;
- Christian must have a **firm and settled faith** – Isa. 50:7
- We must **give no opportunity to the devil** – Eph. 4:27; Luke 22:3;
- **God's grace is sufficient**; our weakness should not be an excuse! 2 Cor. 12:9
- Js 4:7

#### *2) We must resist Satan communally/collectively (body of Christ)*

- a) We are not alone, but share a mutual bond; b) share in suffering;
- c) suffering is inherent in Christian faith; d) suffering of brotherhood spurs us on to hope...PROMISED LAND IS IN VIEW!