

### Introduction

#### A. Watch with Sobriety, Cling with Tenacity, and Persevere through the Promises

#### How Shall I be Vigilant Against Satan's Attacks?

#### I. Know Your Enemy (5:8b)

- A. Satan is real
- B. Satan is not omnipresent, but is a savvy General
- C. Satan is exceedingly watchful. Shall we not be more?

#### II. Know your Enemy's schemes (5:8b)

- A. Sometimes he roars
- B. Sometimes he prowls

#### III. Know Your Strategy for Resistance (5:8–10)

How do we resist the Devil and his hordes?

- A. Resisting the Devil requires a Sober Mind (5:8a)
  - 1. A Sober Mind is a mind that is resolutely fixed upon scripture
  - 2. Circumstances and Feelings Intoxicate a Sober Mind
  - 3. Pride Intoxicates a Sober Mind
  - 4. A Sober-Mind is Consumed with Christ
- B. Resisting the Devil requires Watchfulness (5:8a)
- C. Resisting the Devil requires communion with the saints (5:9; cf. Prov 18:1, 27:17)
  - 1. Your brothers are experiencing the same thing. Press into them for fortification in the battle
- D. Resisting the Devil Requires Standing firm by Clinging to the Word (5:9a)
  - 1. Eleazer's Relentless Grasp on the Sword Brought Victory (2 Sam 23:9, 10)
  - 2. The Promise of Assurance (5:10–11)
    - a. He promises to **restore** you
    - b. He promises to **confirm and strengthen** you
    - c. He promises to **establish** you in glory
    - d. The warnings are **means** to establish you

#### IV. To what shall I Cling?

- A. The Enemy's Temptations start as cobwebs, then twine, then rope, then steel cords
- B. Our watching, clinging, and persevering are in service of the Greater Son of David