# HOPE and HOLINESS

in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER

## There's a Lion on the Loose!

1 Peter 5:8-9



### We need to understand our adversary ...

- 1. He's Satan, the age-old enemy of God.
- 2. He's the devil. = false accuser, slanderer
- 3. He's a deceiver, a liar, & the father of lies.
- 4. He's a thief and a murderer.
- 5. He's the god of this world.
- 6. He's the tempter.

Rev. 12:7-9

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

#### 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."

#### 2 Cor. 4:3-4

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

## Eph. 2:1-2

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

#### Matt. 4:3

"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."



Satan is the sworn enemy of God and all who belong to Him. His relentless agenda is to render you useless in the cause of Christ.

- → We need to *understand* our adversary.
- → We need to resist the adversary.



# We need to RESIST the devil!