

Title: Defeating the enemy
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Word

Don't underestimate the enemy

1 Peter 5:8-9

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

The twisted spirit of Leviathan

Isaiah 27:1

In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

Job 41: 1, 34

¹ "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?

³⁴ He beholds every high thing; He is king over all the children of pride."

1. Cannot be tamed (v5), must be renounced completely.
2. Encourages breaking of covenant (v4).
3. Twists the truth and operates by deception.
4. Cannot reason with it and it blinds people to the truth.
5. Those under its power become critical (v21), especially of those in authority.
6. Produces a hardness of heart (v24), repentance is difficult.
7. Gains access into hearts through pride, wants control and resists submission.
8. Mocks those in obedience to God, has strong opinions.
9. Causes people to be thick-skinned, truth bounces off.
10. Can only be overcome by the Spirit of God.

Keys to defeating the enemy

1. Fight for covenant relationships = unity.
2. Connect with the word of God.
3. Honor leadership and authority = appreciate, obey and submit.
4. Discipline your tongue.
5. REPENTANCE!

Hebrews 13:7 (NLT)

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.