

Again, today our lesson comes in the way of a warning of sorts. We find in chapter #3 versus 12 through 15 that Haman has managed to get the king to issue a decree which will destroy, kill, and annihilate all of the Jews. As a side note the end of verse #15 tells us that many in the city were perplexed or they simply didn't understand what this was all about.

The warning here is for every believer to truly understand the enemy. Our enemy makes promise this is that all sound good and will at times be profitable, at least for a while. The Bible tells us that the pleasure of sin will last for a while. But every time that pleasure comes to an end. We also are told that the enemy comes for only three purposes to steal, to kill, and to destroy.

I once heard a preacher preach an entire sermon about "poor satan," he seems to get blamed for everything. This minister went on to almost make it sound like he felt sorry for how Christians view satan. I could not believe what I was hearing. Today I boldly say that there is a real enemy, his name as we know him is Satan or Lucifer, and he really does wander about the world, he and his unholy angels, their sole intent is to destroy everything. He gets no sympathy from me, but we must be diligent and be aware that he is not just a passive bad guy, but he is a powerful adversary whose sole intent is the destruction of individuals and families and even the Church of Jesus Christ.

The encouragement for you today is that the God that you serve, who lives down inside of you, is greater than any of his schemes and devices. We as followers of the most high God do not have to dip our banner and acknowledge the enemy's power over us at all. We do however have to stand up and fight for our faith and our relationship with God. No doubt just halfway through our time of fasting and prayer you have been challenged and you have been tempted to slack off and maybe even quit in this quest to get closer to God and to hear His voice plainly. You may have even come up against attacks, which are challenges to your faith, and our challenges to your determination. I trust that you have met these challenges and have overcome. May I remind you that the way that believers overcome the attack of the enemy is by putting on the full armor of God and rely on the shed blood of Jesus Christ to sustain us, to keep us, to protect us, and be our standard of hope. The word of God has been given to you as an offensive weapon to defeat every single attack that comes against you. This is why it is so vitally important that you invest yourself in God's word.

Take a few moments today to solidify your plan of fighting back when you feel that you are under spiritual attack.

May God bless you today. May you sense the guidance of His Holy Spirit. My prayer for you is that your fasting will be effective, and you will take another step closer to His presence this day!

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