TALKING LOUD



AND

SAYING NOTHING

1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Peter's Portrait Of The Devil

- Peter provides a specific depiction of the devil. Peter says that the devil is our adversary; he is as a roaring lion, and he seeks who he may devour. Peter is qualified and able to depict the devil in this fashion because of his personal experience and knowledge of the devil.
- Peter had a great awareness of the devil and his tactics because Jesus said to him in Luke 22:31-32; "SIMON, SIMON, BEHOLD, SATAN HATH DESIRED TO HAVE YOU, THAT HE MAY SIFT YOU AS WHEAT. BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEE, THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT; AND WHEN THOU ARE CONVERTED, STRENGTHEN THY BRETHEN."
- When Peter stated that "...THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION, WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR," he was reiterating to us that "THE DEVIL WANTS TO SIFT US AS WHEAT." Therefore, we must be sober and vigilant. In other words, we must be straight-forward, serious, watchful and constantly on alert when it comes to the devil.

Purpose For Being Sober and Vigilant

- We are encouraged to be sober and vigilant because Satan is a good ventriloquist and a master illusionist.
- The devil is a good ventriloquist because he is able to make himself sound as if he is a ferocious lion, when in reality it is nothing more than the meow of a little baby kitten.
- Satan is a master illusionist because he is able to project his shadow so that it appears to be that of a Rottweiler, when in reality he's nothing but a Chihuahua.
- A person must always be on the alert with the devil since he will try to fool them into thinking that he is a "BIG DOG" running the neighborhood, when in fact, the devil is nothing more than a "PUNY LITTLE PUPPY DOG whining on the curb."

The Smooth Sounds of Satan

 Satan is the smooth operator of sound. He has a variety of sounds in his repertoire that are all designed to distract and deceive.

- Satan is:
 - The Ambassador Of Attractive Analogies
 - The Doctor Of Delectable Dialogue
 - The Prince Of Persuasive Phrases
 - The Sultan Of Seductive Statements
- Proof that Satan has a diverse collection of sounds is confirmed in Ezekiel 28:13 where it declares; "THE WORKMANSHIP OF YOUR TIMBRELS AND PIPES WAS PREPARED FOR YOU ON THE DAY YOU WERE CREATED."

Satan's Job and Trade

TALKING JIVE IS SATAN'S JOB AND TALKING TRASH IS SATAN'S TRADE.

- Many people may think that jive talking became popular as a result of a hit song by the Bee Gee's and that trash talking was invented on the streets and playgrounds of America. However, that isn't true.
- Jive and trash talking are the brainchild of the devil himself.
- In John 8:44, Jesus revealed that Satan is not only the originator of jive and trash talk, but that Satan is also an expert when it comes to talking loud and saying nothing. Jesus said; "HE WAS A MURDER 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."

Satan's Theme Song

Satan's theme song is entitled "LIES."

- He Lies About His Ability And Authority
- He Lies About His Condition And Control
- He Lies About His Motives
- He Lies About His Purpose, Position And Power
- He Lies About His Place Of Residence (Better Known As Hell)
- He Lies About His Role In The World's Problems

The Devil Thrives On Talking Noise

The reason the devil talks so much noise is because he believes it improves his opportunity to trick people into believing that he knows what he's talking about.

- There is a old phrase which says, "AN EMPTY WAGON MAKES A LOT OF NOISE." This saying describes the devil and his talk perfectly. Satan makes a lot of noise because he is nothing but empty words.
- The devil is not only nothing but empty words, but he has made a career traveling across the earth making empty promises, empty statements and empty suggestions. The bible provides evidence to support this point.
- We find this evidence in Job 1:7 where it reads; "AND THE LORD SAID UNTO SATAN, WHENCE COMEST THOU? THEN SATAN ANSWERED THE LORD, AND SAID, FROM GOING TO AND FRO IN THE EARTH, AND FROM WALKING UP AND DOWN IT."

Beware Of Satan's "Sweet Nothings"

We have heard of the phrase, "SWEET NOTHINGS." These are words that someone utters to stimulate, excite, or convince someone else into doing what they otherwise would not do.

SWEET NOTHINGS are also the creation of the devil and he has used them many times to his advantage. The one thing that people must understand about SWEET NOTHINGS is that "THEY MAY SOUND SWEET BUT THEY LEAD TO NOTHING BUT TROUBLE."

Consequences Of Satan's "Sweet Nothings"

- Satan's Sweet Nothings In The Garden Of Eden Led Mankind To Nothing But Blood, Sweat And Tears.
- Satan's Sweet Nothings To The Children Of Israel Led Them To Nothing But Forty Years Of Wandering In The Wilderness Of Sin
- Satan's Sweet Nothings To David On His Balcony Led To Nothing But Adultery With Bathsheba; The Death Of Bathsheba's Husband Uriah, And The Death Of The Child That Bathsheba Conceived And Bare As A Result Of The Adulterous Act.
- Satan's Sweet Nothings Continue To Lead To The Rise Of Alcohol Abuse, Drug And Gambling Addictions, Fragmented Families, Gang Violence, And Promiscuous Activities; Causes Innocent Bystanders To Become Collateral Damage In Senseless Acts of Violence; Contributes To Society's Decline; Disrupts Communications And Connections Aimed At Peaceful Human Relationships; And Victimizes Virtuous Values.

Agenda For The Devil's Talk

We Must Understand That All Of Satan's Talking Is Designed To Achieve His Sick And Selfish Agenda And That Is To Rob, Steal, Kill And Destroy.

The Devil's Primary Agenda Is To:

- Rob You Of Your Anointings
- Steal Your Blessings
- Kill Your Relationship With God, Jesus Christ And The Holy Ghost
- Destroy Your Opportunity At Eternal Life

Don't Be Fooled By Satan's Talk And Noise

- •Don't Be Fooled By The Loud Talk And Noise Of Satan.
- Every Word He Utters Is Nothing More Than Empty Phrases And Sweet Nothings.
- Never Forget That Every Thing That The Devil Says And Does Is Designed To:
 - Divert People, Especially God's People, Away From The Word
 That Leads To Eternal Salvation And Satisfaction
 - Attract People To The World That Leads To Eternal Separation and Suffering

Your Antibiotic Against Satan's Sin Laced Sounds

- When it comes to dealing with the devil's talk, we are not ignorant. We are well acquainted with James 4:7 which says; "SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU."
- When we submit ourselves to God we are able to resist all the jive, trash, and sweet nothings of the devil. The way we submit to God is to submit to the Word of God.
- THE WORD OF GOD IS A MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL ANTIBIOTIC. It helps to build up our resistance to Satan's loud talk and noise. Therefore, whenever the devil starts uttering his sweet nothings, we can resist them with the Word of God.



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