

**3 Exposing The Enemy's Battle Plan
Lions & Darts & Snares Oh My
Series: Supernatural Struggle**

John 10:10

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INTRO: Over the last two weeks we have discovered The Enemy's **Motives (Dethrone God & Destroy Humanity)** and The Enemy's **Weakness!** (We have access to **God's Power**, We know **His Name, Nature, Plan, Purpose** and **Position**). (We know our Enemy is NOT **Other People**). We know we have Protection through The **Armor of God!**

Today we will **Exposing The Enemy's Battle Plan**

John 10:10 The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. I came that they may **have life** and have it **abundantly**.

Here we see a **Tension** between good and evil which we **experience** every single day! Within this tension you must be aware that there is a:

I. **Gruesome Thief (10a)** The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**.

The word here for **Thief** is **Kleptes**. We get our word **Kleptomaniac** which according to **Webster's** is someone with a persistent **neurotic** impulse to steal, without economic gain. They don't even want the things they steal.

Satan has no need or desire for you. His purpose is to **Attack the very image of God**.

Notice the **Threefold Battle Plan** of Satan.

- A. **To Steal**. To **secretly take you away**. Charcoal
- B. **To Kill**. Carries the meaning of a sacrifice. Satan wants to **sacrifice you!**
- C. **To Destroy**. To put out of the way entirely. Satan wants to **exterminate you**.

I once saw part of a documentary that dealt with the awesome destructive **power of the big cats**. How they would **lie in wait** for their prey, looking for an opportunity to pounce on an unsuspecting victim.

They studied the **power of the claws** and discovered that the claws were not used to kill, but are to **hook the prey** and drag it off to a **Secret** location where the Lion will then use his mighty jaws and teeth to crush the vertebra and windpipe in the neck. Then the Lion **will devour** its prey leaving no trace that it ever existed.

Has Satan sunk his claws into you? **Secret Sin!**

What is Satan trying to **Steal** from you?

➤ **Your Heart!** – Love, Passion, Desires

What is Satan trying to **Kill** in you?

➤ **Your Integrity!** - Honesty, Reliability, Honor

What is Satan trying to **Destroy** in you?

➤ **Your Life!** - Happiness, Joy, Witness, Purpose

Satan wants you to live on **SHiD Row**. Jesus wants to **Restore** your **heart**, your **Integrity**, & your **Life**.

Jesus wants you to **Rediscover** your **lost** glory.
He wants you to have your **Life** back.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being** transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Created in The Image of God in His Glory!

You **can** return to that Glory and as you **Grow in Christ** you move closer to **His Glory**. This is **Progressive Sanctification!** **Take off – Put on**

Now let's look at the other side of this tension! Here **you must recognize** there is a:

II. **Good Shepherd** (10b) I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Saint Irenaeus said: “The glory of God is a man fully alive.”

Jesus is offering You life.

Because of Adam We are all **Born into death!**

A. **You may have life.** Born Again Eternal life

B. **They may have it more abundantly.**

1. **Today:** Eternal does not mean **LATER**.
It means **never ending**.

2. **Forever**

Life for you can **start today and last forever!**

Are you **experiencing** life to its fullest?

Many Christians are much like a little boy who lived far out in the country in the late 1800's. He had reached the age of twelve and had never in all his life seen a circus. You can imagine his excitement, when one day a poster went up at school announcing that on the next Saturday a traveling circus was coming to the nearby town. He ran home with the glad news and the question, "Daddy, can I go?" Although the family was very poor, the father sensed how important this was to his son. "If you do your Saturday chores ahead of time," he said, "I'll see to it that you have the money to go." Come Saturday morning, the chores were done and the little boy stood by the breakfast table, dressed and ready to go. His father reached down into the pocket of his overalls and pulled out a dollar bill-the most money the little boy had possessed at one time in all his life. The father cautioned him to be careful and then sent him on his way to town. The boy was so excited, his feet hardly seemed to touch the ground all the way. As he neared the outskirts of town, he noticed people lining the streets, and he worked his way through the crowd until he could see what was happening. Lo and behold, it was the approaching spectacle of a circus parade! The parade was the grandest thing this boy had ever seen. Caged animals snarled as they passed, bands beat their drums and sounded their shiny horns, he saw acrobats while flags and ribbons swirled overhead. As the clown passed by, the little boy reached into his pocket and took out

that precious dollar bill. **Handing the money to the clown**, the boy turned around and ran home.

What happened? The boy **thought he had seen the circus** when he had only seen the parade! There was so much more for him had he only known!

Are you experiencing all that God has for you?

The Christian life is a marvelous adventure, an exciting journey. Many people-including Christians-seem to be content to float in a sea of mediocrity, settling for second best. Or finding fault and complaining about everything! Do you want the abundant life that Jesus promised? The biggest problem I have seen in the church today is the **unwillingness to Forgive**. In **Matthew 6:15** but if you **do not forgive others** their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

You can have an abundant life.

Wizard of OZ...Lions & Tigers & Bears Oh My

Journey of Life...Lions, Darts & Snares Oh My

Lions: 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary** the devil walks about like a **roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour.

Darts: Ephesians 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the **fiery darts** of the wicked one.

Snares: 1 Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the **snare of the devil**.

We are at War. But with Whom?

Ephesians 6:12 For we **do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Coaches You don't send a **football player** into the game without the proper equipment do ya?

God does not intend for any of you to go into battle **unprepared** either.

You have Access to **Six Pieces** of Armor!

Belt of Truth,

Breastplate of Righteousness, **We ain't Right!**

Shoes of Peace,

Shield of faith,

Helmet of Salvation,

Sword of the Spirit,

What Must I Do to have an abundant life?

1. **The Question** **Acts 2:37** When they heard this, they came under deep conviction and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, **what must we do?**"
2. **The Answer** **Acts 2:38** "**Repent**," Peter said to them, "and **be baptized**, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
3. **The Results** **Acts 2:41** So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.

Story of two wolves.