

- A. This church loves you --- I love you --- We want to help in your struggles with Satan!
- B. After every service, I ask the Father, “Father, did we help those whom you sent to us today?”
- C. Why would I do that? Brother, when someone comes to church, we had better take them seriously!
 - 1. More than a Doctor would his patients
 - 2. More than a mother over her new born

I mean, we are talking MORE than life or death: We are talking Heaven or Hell, victory or defeat!

I am here to tell you that God loves you and has given you everything that you need, want or desire!

I am here to tell you that you that not only has God blessed you beyond measure, but that you CAN keep those blessings --- and share them with others!

Here is where we start:

Ephesians 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil.”

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

There are two ways we can lose our blessings;

- A. Through Ignorance of the Word
- B. Through un-confessed sin in our lives

Hosea 4:6 (KJS) “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

“HOW TO KEEP WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN!”

John 10:10

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.”

Let me start by asking a question:

“Does God love you as much as a good earthly Father would love his children?”

Before you answer, let’s ask the question in another way:

“Do YOU love your children and want the very best for them?”

- 1. Do you want them to be:
 - A. Sick or well?
 - B. Broke or prosperous?
 - C. In torment or in peace?

2. Galatians 3:13-14

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

God wants us to be a blessed people! Our text says it all:

“I am come ---” (Why did Jesus come?)

--- **“That they** (the believing ones) **might have life** (Not death, sickness, disease, poverty, etc) and get the next part:

---**“And that they might have it (life) more abundantly.”**

2. Or, **“To the fullest, overflowing, with no lack in any area!”**

As a good Father, God wants, and has given us the very best of everything,

- A. Spiritually
- B. Physically
- C. Financially
- D. Socially

Here is how God puts it, His will for each of us:

Galatians 3:29 “And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

3rd John 1:2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

This IS what God **WANTS** for us and has given **TO** us!

Does this describe your life? The life of your family? The life of most people you know? It doesn't??? Here is where the first part of our text comes in:

I. THERE IS AN ENEMY THAT WILL STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

1. Satan has one goal:
 - A. To steal everything you have
 - B. To kill you and everything that is important to you
 - C. To destroy you, hear and finally, take you to Hell with him to burn forever and forever!

2. Satan hates you as much as God loves you! His ultimate desire for you is death and until this happens he tries to steal and destroy all that you have, including your testimony!

3. Actually, there are three things Satan wants to do to you:

Matthew 12:43-45 “When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth [it] empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.”

A. “I will return to MY house---” Satan considers YOUR body, his house!

Our text: John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.”

B. “I will steal, kill and destroy---” This is why he came, this is his goal.

1st Peter 5:8-9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

C. “I will devour---” This is why most lives are in complete turmoil today, and we blame God!

II. THE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP YOU DEVELOP YOUR RESISTANCE TO SATAN AND HIS ATTACKS!