

# #4 "Harassed By Hell's Forces" - Part 1

### 1. Satan is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible describes the reality of unseen evil forces:

1 Chronicles 21:1 (NIV) Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

John 13:27 (NIV) As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him....

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Revelation 20:10 (NIV) And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

John 10:10 (NIV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### How does Satan and his forces harass us?

- Lies.
- Intense temptation.

- People influenced by evil forces.
- Long-term attacks and pressures designed to produce weariness, discouragement, and resignation.

## 2. Satan targets \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

#### Vulnerabilities include:

- Unresolved inner pain.
- Unmet needs.
- Internalized anger, resentment, and bitterness.
- Pride and judgmentalism.
- Sinful and undisciplined habits and practices.
- Extended stress, pressure, and fatigue.
- Fear and mistrust.
- Guilt and shame from past failures.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.