

## 1 Samuel 17:16

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

2 Cor. 2:11

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

I was having a conversation recently and made a comment that has been going through my mind a lot about the adversary of our souls getting an “advantage” over us. This is what the word means:

to be covetous, that is, (by implication) to overreach.

Thayer Definition:

1) to have more, or a greater part or share

1a) to be superior, excel, surpass, have an advantage over

2) to gain or take advantage of another, to overreach.

It occurs in the N.T. only four other times, here is another.

2 Cor. 7:2

2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

Which of the main words read here do you think the word is? Wronged, corrupted, defrauded? If you guessed defrauded, you are right.

The enemy of our souls uses fraudulent means to take advantage of us each and every day without fail. The devil doesn't take holidays off; the devil doesn't go on vacation -- yet most times we in the church are totally blindsided by his devices. Thayer's definition of ignorant is:

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to be ignorant, not to know
- 2) not to understand, unknown
- 3) to err or sin through mistake, to be wrong.

With the Word of God, and the preaching of the Word of God, how can we really not know? There are some times we CHOOSE to be willfully ignorant of his devices. We can't bury our proverbial head in the sand and act like or ignore the daily over-reach tactics the devil uses to defraud us. Here is only one example.

Heb. 12:3

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Here is the meaning of wearied:

Apparently a primary verb; properly to toil, that is, (by implication) to tire (figuratively faint, sicken): - faint, sicken, be wearied.

Like the Philistine, the enemy of your soul uses continual bombardment through his daily taunts.

Are these some of the taunts that have run through your mind today? Where is God now? You're a failure and you're always going to be one. How are you going to make it through the day today? Try all you want, eventually I am going to take you and your family down.

There is a continual bombardment of taunting and a continual bombardment of questions about God and about yourself.

How many of God's people sit on the sidelines because of fear?

It is not going to stop.

Eph. 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Quit thinking you are going to do this by yourself!

Jas. 4:6

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Whatever you're up against, He giveth MORE grace, don't get more wearied, get more grace...

Heb. 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God's grace will always help in your time of need.

You don't understand the continual bombardment of temptation I am under.

Rom. 5:20

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

When the enemy taunts you, when the enemy says you can't, when the enemy says throw in the towel, grace says keep walking; grace says keep fighting; grace says I can do ALL things through Christ.

Mercy there was great, and grace was free;  
pardon there was multiplied to me; there my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.

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