

The Prowler:
The Nature of the Evil One
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Three things we are empowered to know about our enemy, The Evil One.

- I. Satan is real. A real created holy angel of God who rebelled against God.

How can we survive the devil's attacks?

First, we are empowered to recognize that he has an army of **evil angels**, demons all committed to evil.

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood...but against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"
Ephesians 6:12

Through the word of God we can learn several specific things about the nature of our enemy.

- * The Evil one is invisible.
- * The Evil one is organized.

*"He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth, because there is no truth in him, when he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a **liar** and the father of it."*

John 8:44

Jesus also said, *"The **thief** does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."*

John 10:10

- * The Evil one is a murderer, a liar, and a thief.
- * The Evil one is crafty and scheming.

*"I am afraid that just as Eve was **deceived** by the serpent's **cunning** (persuasive words), your minds may somehow be **led astray** from your sincere and pure devotion in Christ."*
2 Corinthians 11:3

Three key words in this verse:

1. Deceived.
2. Craftiness.
3. Led astray.

* The Evil one is pure evil.

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

- II. The second thing to know about our enemy – the Evil One never gives up his pursuit of us.
- III. The Evil One has a **deliberate**, willful plan against our life.

What is a satanic attack?

Definition: a deliberate, willful, intentional, and well-designed act intended to bring harm to a person in any way – physical, mental, emotional, relational, or spiritual.

The Evil one has four objectives in his attack on God's children:

1. Satan seeks to draw us away from God.
2. Satan seeks to stop us in God's purpose for our lives.
3. Satan seeks to deny God the glory, honor and praise due Him as we live godly lives of faith and trust in Him.
4. Satan seeks to destroy us – literally and eternally.

"...it is no longer I who lives, but it Christ who lives in me"
Galatians 2:20