

JANUARY 11

“SATAN GOES AFTER PREY THAT IS WEAK AND ALONE.”

READ

1 Peter 5:8-11

In the animal kingdom, we know that a lion goes after the young, weak, sick and isolated. He knows that a robust animal is much harder to catch and take down, and will fight much harder to stay alive. Just like in the animal kingdom, Satan goes after prey that is weak and alone. That's why it pays to stay strong in the Lord. How do you stay strong in the Lord? Jesus comes and fills us with Himself and gives us the sense and the power to look at sin and say, “It’s wrong. It’ll hurt God. It’ll hurt me.” Run from it! You can’t stand there and argue with it. You don’t tap the lion on the head. You don’t stroke his mane. You don’t play with a snake. You run. You get your mind on something else — sing a song to God or quote Scripture — do something! Aren’t you glad when you overcome evil and even flee the appearance of it? That’s what Peter is saying here: Run for your life! Keep your eyes on Jesus. Walk in the spirit. Read. Pray. Fellowship. Because when you stay strong, the enemy just won’t mess with you and take you down.

PRAY

Greater is He who is in me than he that is in the world. Thank You for Your spirit to guide me, Your Word to instruct me and Your church to strengthen me. Help me be quick to resist the devil and run from evil.