

## **Restoration: 3-D Alert!**

*“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him.” (1 Peter 5:8)*

Contrary to modern mythology, Satan is real. In the Bible Jesus mentions the devil or Satan as a real, personal enemy of every believer. Satan’s operations in the world can be described with three “d” words: destroy, deceive and distract.

Throughout the ages Satan has had a plan to destroy or render useless any who would believe God and obey him and thereby give God worship and glory. The devil’s chief tools are deception and fear. Once Satan tempts us to sin, he accuses us, filling us with guilt and shame which drive us from God’s presence.

If we disallow the existence of Satan in our worldview then everything bad that happens, by default, will be blamed on ourselves, on others or on God, which is just what the devil wants. That is not to say that we are incapable of sinning on our own. Of course, we are! However, we need to ask God for spiritual discernment to unveil the very real activities of Satan in and around us. The Bible warns us repeatedly that we are in a spiritual battle. We must be willing to be armed with the truth that will give us the weapons with which to persevere and overcome the real opposition and challenges before us. That is our responsibility as believers.

*PRAYER: “Father, forgive me for thinking that I can win this battle on my own. Lord, open my spiritual eyes to see clearly, give me discernment of good and evil, and equip me to stand in the truth and resist our enemy Satan. Thank you that I have nothing to fear since I belong to you. Amen.”*