

Roar



Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. 1 Peter 5:8 HCSB

I've heard this verse a long time... and it was only recently that I started thinking about it. I've watched a few nature shows... and it seemed odd that a lion would roar while hunting. They don't. In a hunt, they prowl. They stay quiet so they won't scare away their prey. So either the Bible is wrong... which it isn't... or I don't know why lions roar.

From what I've read about this, lions roar for a few reasons. One reason they roar is a social roar... to find out where others are at. Another reason they roar is to

know where each other's territory is. They prefer not to start a conflict.

In the Bible we see Satan described as the great deceiver. I can't imagine a roaring lion would be confused with anything other than a lion. Zebras aren't going to hear a lion roaring and think it's a giraffe. And I can't see that if we hear Satan roaring we're going to wander over to see what he's doing... and I certainly don't see him as being a completely inept hunter as to give his position away and alert his prey that he's out there.

In addition to sounding intimidating, like the lions, I believe Satan could be checking to see where we are. Are we alone? Are we able to quickly challenge back saying we are children of the one true God? If we can't, that roar just got a lot more intimidating. It's at that point he can advance onto our territory. Satan knows he's no match for God. If we're found in Christ, we cannot be defeated. If we have wandered away, or have never been in Christ... we're an easy target... one that can easily be devoured.

So if you hear Satan's roar, check your surroundings. Have you wandered away from God? If not, roar back. Let Satan know who he's messing with.

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