

# SATAN'S INROADS

## LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

- I. Since we're in a spiritual battle, you can't afford to indulge the "luxury" of strife.
  - A. If you think that a certain amount of strife is just "normal"—the way you're supposed to live—you're wrong.
  - B. God is a God of peace (Rom. 15:33 and 16:20), and we were created in His image (Gen. 1:27).
  - C. The fruit of His Spirit working in our lives is peace (Gal. 5:22).
  - D. You ought to actively stand against and fight strife, recognizing that every time you get into it, a door is opened for anything the Enemy wants to do in your life.
  - E. Satan has access to you when you're in strife.
  
- II. The devil is trying to destroy your life today.
  - A. You could become overwhelmed with that and be fearful, but God is also going about seeking who will respond to Him.
  - B. He's trying to get His anointing, power, and blessings into your life.
  - C. There's no reason to panic and freeze up in fear, because the Lord is infinitely greater than the devil.
  - D. However, you do need to sober up and realize that you're in a battle.
  
- III. Although many people would like to see blind eyes and deaf ears opened, terminal diseases healed, the dead raised, and financial blessings the way Andrew has (by God's grace), they're not willing to spend the time yielding to and fellowshiping with the Lord in His Word, prayer, and obedience.
  - A. They'd rather be out in the world, indulging their flesh.
  - B. You can't be tempted with something you don't think (Heb. 11:15).
  - C. If you would quit opening yourself up to envy, strife, division, and all the other negative things our society uses for "entertainment," Satan wouldn't have these inroads into your life.

IV. If you want godly relationships, you have to start guarding your tongue.

- A. Strife is much more deadly than a poisonous snake!
- B. You can't tolerate envy, strife, un-forgiveness, or any other negative emotion.
- C. As you give more and more of a place to the devil, I guarantee that it will cost you something.
- D. Sin will take you further than you want to go, cost you more than you want to pay, and keep you longer than you want to stay.

V. You are the one who gives Satan inroads into your life.

***Neither give place to the devil.***

Ephesians 4:27

- A. He takes whatever **“place”** you give him through your thoughts, words, emotions, and actions.
- B. Satan will take advantage of whatever we give him.

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## Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions

1. How does Romans 15:33 describe the Lord?
2. According to Romans 16:20, the God of peace shall do what shortly?
3. The grace of whom is with us?
4. According to Genesis 1:27, God created whom in His own image?
5. In the image of God, man was created both what?
6. What fruit of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22?
7. In Psalm 101:3, the psalmist will set what before his eyes?
8. According to Hebrews 11:15, if Abraham and Sarah had been mindful of \_\_\_\_\_, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
9. James 3:16 reveals that \_\_\_\_\_ can be found wherever envying and strife are.
10. Ephesians 4:27 instructs us not to give place to whom?

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## Lesson 3 – Scriptures

***Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.***

Romans 15:33

***And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.***

Romans 16:20

***So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

Genesis 1:27

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.  
Galatians 5:22***

***I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.***

Psalms 101:3

***And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.***

Hebrews 11:15

***For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.***

James 3:16

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Ephesians 4:27