

Being Aware of our Opposition

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A journey of hope, healing and forgiveness

The book cover features a vertical rectangular image. At the top, a full moon is partially obscured by white, fluffy clouds against a dark sky. Below the clouds, a vibrant sunset or sunrise is depicted, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow of orange and red. The sun's reflection is visible on the water in the foreground. In the middle ground, a small, dark island with palm trees is silhouetted against the bright sky. The title 'DARKNESS AT DAWN' is centered over the sunset scene in a large, black, serif font. The bottom portion of the cover is a solid black band containing the authors' names in white serif font.

DARKNESS AT DAWN

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1 Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Definition

Satan- means adversary

Other Names

1. Beelzebul- Prince of demons

- Luke 11:15-But some of them said, "By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons."

2. Prince of this world

- John 16:11-and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Other Names

3. God of this age

- 2 Corinthians 4:4-The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

4. Prince of the power of the air

- Ephesians 2:2-in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

3 Wakeup Questions

1. Is there evil in this world?
2. Does evil come from God?
3. Where does evil come from?

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

7 tactics the enemy uses against us

1. Deception

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. Distraction

- 1 John 2:15-Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.
- Colossians 3:2-Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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3. Discouragement

- **Galatians 6:9**-Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

4. Discontentment

- **Philippians 2:4**-not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- **James 5:8-9**-You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

5. Disappointment

- **Proverbs 13:12**-Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

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6. Discord

- **1 Corinthians 1:10-11**-I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.
- **Romans 12:3-5**-For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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7. Disconnection

- **Hebrews 10:25**-not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Quote

“Churchgoers are like coals in a fire. When they cling together, they keep the flame aglow; when they separate, they die out.” -BG

7 Tactics

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3. Distraction
4. Disappointment
5. Discontentment
6. Disconnection
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Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.