



## Roaring Lion

Apostle Peter reminds us to be sober and alert because our enemy is always after us. He is prowling around like a raring lion, he said. A lion does not show any mercy to its prey; so is our enemy, the devil. The lion wants to establish his authority of the jungle and show it off to other animals; so is devil, he wants to prove that he is the lord of this world. All other animals of the jungle are targets of the lion; so is every believer, we are all targets of devil. It is very appropriate warning for us to be alert and careful.

In our case we may not always encounter a roaring lion. Sometimes he could be very quiet and calm. He could be very friendly too. His ways and approach may be subtle. We have to be alert about all his tactics. He will use every available means, even some great and useful communication mediums and information technology.

- \*We all know how useful and convenient internet is and how widespread is the use of it. Hasn't it become a great snare to many and the cause of fall from grace for even great men?
- \*Sin and wickedness are infiltrated into many a TV show which is supposed to be a medium of family entertainment.
- \*The lyrics of many secular songs (which many of us do not understand) are poisoning young minds and many are the young people who have become wayward and career criminals.
- \*The initial pleasure and good feeling of drinking, smoking, taking drug etc. are the hooks the devil uses on many people.
- It seems like the devil is getting smarter and inventing new and more attractive tools to get believers into his fold:
- \*The lure of riches and luxurious life has caused many to fall from faith. Even many leaders of churches are victims of this.
- \*Many pastors of fame have gone astray because their fame became a snare which led to all kinds of illicit activities.
- \*The devil is making legislative bodies and judiciaries his allies to enact laws contrary to the Word of God in the hope

that he can get at least some Christians to follow his ways through that means.

- \*For many the Christian life has become so fake that they themselves don't know their real identity.
- \*He has gifted many with great oratory skill so he can spread his false teachings very convincingly.
- \*He has endued many with his power to perform all kinds of miracles through which a lot of innocent people are deceived.
- \*He has filled many churches with leaders and members who accept the ways of the world including the sins of homosexuality and gay marriage.

Let us not be deceived. The enemy is after us always. But we are not alone, we are not helpless. The One who is inside of us is greater than the one who is in the world. "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" 1 Peter 5:8.

Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst;  
he promises honor and pays with disgrace;  
he promises pleasure and pays with pain;  
he promises profit and pays with loss;  
he promises life and pays with death.

Thomas Brooks.

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**"I am the LORD who heals you"**

**Please pray for:**

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom), Pr. Mathew Samuel,  
Bro. Babu Thannickal, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini  
George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty  
Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),  
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair) & all who are sick among us.**

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