

LIFE AS A ‘NON-ESSENTIAL’—19

“The Defiler of the Non-Essentials”

1 Peter 5:8-9

Introduction _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW THE DEFILER IS **DEFINED**. (1 Peter 5:8a).

- A. First, notice the adversary *himself*.
- B. Secondly, note the accused *themselves*.
- C. Thirdly, notice the accusation *itself*
- D. Thirdly, consider the verdict *altogether*.

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW THE DEFILER IS **DESCRIBED**. (1 Peter 5:8:c).

- A. First, he is described as one who *roars*. (5:8c).
 - 1. First, note the fact that most lions roar at *night*.
 - 2. Secondly, notice the fact that lions typically hunt in the *dark*.
- B. Secondly, not how he is described as one who *ruins*. (5:8c) “. . . *seeking whom he may devour*.”

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW WE ARE TO **DEFEND** OURSELVES (5:9).

- First, in defending ourselves, we must not be *surprised* at his attacks.
- Secondly, in defending ourselves we do not need to be *self-confident* in dealing with him.
- Thirdly, in defending ourselves we do not need to be *scared* of him.

WHY?

- Because we know that Satan’s power is providentially *delegated*.
 - Because we know that Satan’s influence is personally *limited*.
 - Because we know that Satan’s time is prophetically *determined*.
- A. First, our action against the devil is to specifically *refuse* to flee (5:9a) “*Whom resist . . .*”
 - B. Secondly, our action becomes more specific when we *rehearse* our faith (5:9b) “. . . *steadfast in the faith . . .*”
 - C. Thirdly, our actions become easier when we _____ our friends (5:9c). “. . . *knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world*.”

CONCLUSION: Two things to remember:

- 1. First, never confuse _____ in Christ with _____ in the flesh.
- 2. Secondly, always remember that suffering is _____ and its rewards are _____. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).