

SECURITY

I. Need For Security

- A. Every action we take will be met with a reaction
 - 1. We are fighting an active enemy

 - 2. While we are maintaining the offensive we must also protect against the counterattack

II. Security Begins With Knowing Your Enemy

- A. In natural warfare this is called intelligence
 - 1. Think of our own situation in the fight against terrorism
 - a. We must study to understand the mind-set of the terrorist

 - b. We must also collect information on what he is trying to do particularly

B. If we are to effectively fight in the spiritual conflict we must know our enemy

1. This was a great part of the subject of our first seminar on spiritual conflict

2. We must know his strengths

3. We must know his limitations

a. Satan is not God

(1) Limited in power

(2) Limited in knowledge

(3) Limited in understanding

(4) Limited in location

(5) Limited in opportunity

4. Paul says that we are not ignorant of his schemes
 - a. We remain familiar with them as we stick with the Word of God

III. Security Depends on Taking Action on What We Know of The Enemy

- A. We must design a 360 degree defense

- B. In the biblical terms we must be watchful and vigilant
 1. Recognize his presence

 2. Understand his objectives

 3. Counter his attacks

- C. Key Elements in Remaining Viligant
 1. Remaining submissive to the will of God
 - a. Submit --- Resist

2. Maintaining humility
 - a. Do not lay hands on any man quickly
 - b. I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning
3. Maintaining an attitude of faith
 - a. Whom resist, firm in your faith
4. Pray for protection
 - a. Do not lead us into temptaion but deliver us from evil

IV. Remain On The Offensive

- A. We are not here to survive but to build the church for Jesus Christ
- B. Focus on the work of building - fight when you must
- C. Nothing can keep you from hardship
- D. Focus on the Lord as a good Shepherd who will protect from the evil one's designs