

## Satan Is Looking For Someone

Job 1:6-12

### God is looking for someone ...

- Whose heart is completely His.  
**2 Chronicles 16:9**
- Who will recognize God as his Creator.  
**Psalms 14:1-3**
- Who will “stand in the gap,” be useful to God, and go do His work. **Ezekiel 22:30; 2 Timothy 2:21; Isaiah 6:8**
- Who loves the truth and is willing to change.  
**Jeremiah 5:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 2:10**
- Who will humble himself and listen to Him.  
**Jeremiah 6:9-10**
- **But Satan is looking for someone also ...**

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- **Who will serve God only when things are going well.**
  - A fair weather Christian. **Job 1:8-12; 2:3-6**
  - Who lacks firm roots. **Matthew 13:20-21; Proverbs 12:3, 12; Isaiah 37:31; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Colossians 2:6-7**
  - We will be tested ... don't be surprised (**1 Peter 4:12**) and don't throw it all away. (**Hebrews 10:32-35**).
  - We can't afford to fall in love with this life. **Revelation 12:11**

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- **Who isn't paying attention to him ...**
  - Satan preys on those who aren't “sober” and “alert.” **1 Peter 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:6**
  - Who are ignorant of his tactics.  
**2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11**
  - Who perhaps don't really believe he is even real.

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- **Who will walk into his snares ...**
  - Who will provide him with all the opportunities he needs. **Romans 13:13-14**
  - Who will naively go where (and when) temptation is greatest. **Proverbs 7:6ff**

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- **Who only can see the immediate moment.**
  - Esau couldn't see beyond the next meal. **Genesis 25:27ff**
  - Moses looked beyond “the passing pleasures of sin.” **Hebrews 11:24-26**
  - The choice is to focus on “the things above” or “the things that are on earth.” **Colossians 3:1-2**
  - Even Peter fell victim to thinking about what's best for him NOW! **Matthew 16:23**
  - Satan seeks the one who only sees “this present time” and not that which is to come. **Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

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#### ▪Who will refuse to accept responsibility ...

- From the very beginning. **Genesis 3:11-13; Exodus 32:22; 1 Samuel 13:12**; compare with **2 Samuel 12:13 (Psalms 51:1-4); Luke 15:18-21**

#### ▪... and who makes excuses.

- Even with things not sinful. **Luke 14:15ff**
- Justifications always seem right ... **Matthew 25; Luke 10:29**

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#### ▪Who has cut off communication with God ...

- Satan knows that prayer can "*accomplish much*" (**James 5:16**). Why not look for the one not utilizing it or the one who uses it but either doubts (**James 1:6**) or who uses "*vain repetition*" (**Matthew 6:7**).

#### ▪... And is no longer listening to Him.

- Satan looks for the one who no longer goes to the power that is found in the gospel (**Romans 1:16**). He would have us to listen to anything but God's revealed will that will equip us with everything we need. **2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalms 1:1-3**

- He seeks the one with the bad habits. **Hebrews 10:25**

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#### ▪Who will put off doing what needs to be done ...

- He's looking for someone to do nothing ...
- Those looking for a more convenient time to make things right. **Acts 24:25**
- He's looking for those who think we have all the time in the world
  - At least "*many years to come.*" **Luke 12:19**
- Because we put off the day of judgment. **Amos 6:3**
- We think "*tomorrow shall be as this day, (a day) great beyond measure.*" **Isaiah 56:12; 2 Peter 3:3-4**
- What needs to be done is to be washed in the blood of the lamb. **Revelation 12:11; 7:14; Romans 6:3-4**

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#### ▪Who will not make up his mind ...

- He looks for the one who is waffling and uncommitted. **1 Kings 18:21** versus **Daniel 1:8**.

#### ▪Will you make a decision today?