

HOW CAN WE WITHSTAND THE DEVIL'S FIERCE ATTACKS?

1 PETER 5:8-9

- I. **REALIZE WE EXPERIENCE OPPOSITION if we are serving Christ:** We have an adversary (Misc. passages, Eph 6)

- II. **Therefore... we must THINK RIGHTLY AND BE WATCHFUL** because our adversary seeks a spiritually vulnerable believer to devour (8a)
 - A. Because of the danger (8b), **we are commanded to be sober minded** (8a)

 - B. Because of the danger (8b), **we are commanded to be watchful** (8a)

- III. **Therefore...we must RESIST THE DEVIL BY FIRMLY TRUSTING THE LORD,** having understood opposition and suffering is the temporal norm for believers (9)
 - A. Because of the danger, **we are commanded to resist the devil**, firm in the faith (9a)

 - B. Because of the danger, **we are to trust the Lord, remembering our suffering is the norm for believers** and He will bring them to a successful completion (9b)