

Series: The Life of Moses (Red Sea Rule #3)

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“Pharaoh and Satan”

Text: Exodus 14: 5-9

Intro: As we continue this journey and our series within a series, today we will take a look at our enemy and what to do when he is bearing down on us. There are some things that we must keep in mind as we follow the Lord daily. Let's take a closer look.

1) The Enemy's Purpose (v. 5)

- a. **Spurgeon:** They great tyrant has not forgotten you, and he designs your capture and re-enslavement.
- b. Our enemy has one purpose. To destroy.
- c. He is a destroyer of all that is good. He never has your best at heart. He may paint a beautiful picture of what it would look like but his number one objective is to destroy.
- d. The Bible likes Satan to five different animals. In Genesis 3, he a serpent trying to deceive God's people. In Matthew 13, a bird trying to rob God's seed. In John 10, Jesus likens him to a wolf attacking the flock. In 1 Peter 5 he is a lion trying to devour God's children, and in Revelation 12 he is a dragon wanting to destroy God's son.
- e. Note: Pharaoh said that they may be free but we must get them back and enslave them once again.
- f. The tactic of the enemy is the same. He cannot have your soul, but he will not stop until he has your attention, your affection, your commitment and your joy.
- g. Satan understand the trickledown effect. He knows that if he can hurt one, it will hurt many. Example: Addictions, Adultery, Divorce.
- h. When he lays his trap the end goal is not disruption it is destruction.

2) The Enemy's Pursuit. (v. 6-8)

- a. Pursue: raw-daf'
- b. A primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively (of time) gone by): - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).
- c. Many of us may be able to testify of times in our lives where we have encountered a direct front assault of the enemy.
- d. Illustrate: The night that I was home alone and woke up to an attack. Could not breath, and felt like I was going to die.
- e. Often the enemy is more conniving.

- f. Paul warned us about the “wiles of the devil”. He is crafty.
- g. Satan as Pharaoh here will not surrender his prey without a fight.
- h. He pursues with the intent of destruction and re-enslavement.
- i. He may use old friends, coworkers, family, persecution, or a direct missile of temptation.
- j. He will try to trap us and entangle us and corner us.
- k. You can rest assured; our enemy has the chariots assembled and the dust flying. He has whip in hand and fire in his voice. He has hatred for all things God and he has hostile intent.

3) The Enemy's Problem.

- a. He is a loser and he cannot win unless we give him permission.
- b. Pharaoh probably felt like there was no way he could lose this battle.
- c. He had all the chariots and weapons. They had frail, beat down, weary people.
- d. What he did not know was the trap was designed for him.
- e. We can admit this morning that we have a strong enemy. I will acknowledge that today. But we don't need to be intimidated by him.
- f. **Morgan:** Consider the parallels between Pharaoh and Satan. Both are unyielding enemies, coveting the power of God for themselves. Both have been plundered by the Almighty, and both are enraged beyond endurance. Both have assembled vast armies for the destruction of God's people – yet neither seems to realize how utterly defeated he already was and is.
- g. You can resist him in the power of God and by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- h. **Jas 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- i. **Jas 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded
- j. **Eph 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- k. When we resist and trust we bring honor to God.
- l. We must draw near to Christ and keep ourselves under the protective cloud of His Grace.
- m. Illustrate: Chell and I were walking the other day and a dog came running out at us. The reason we didn't run was because there was a fence there. We had a protective barrier between us and the dog. Why do you think people don't look afraid at the zoo.
- n. **Red Sea Rule #3. Acknowledge Your Enemy, But Keep Your Eyes on the Lord.**
- o. Note it does not say “Keep your eyes on the enemy and acknowledge the Lord.