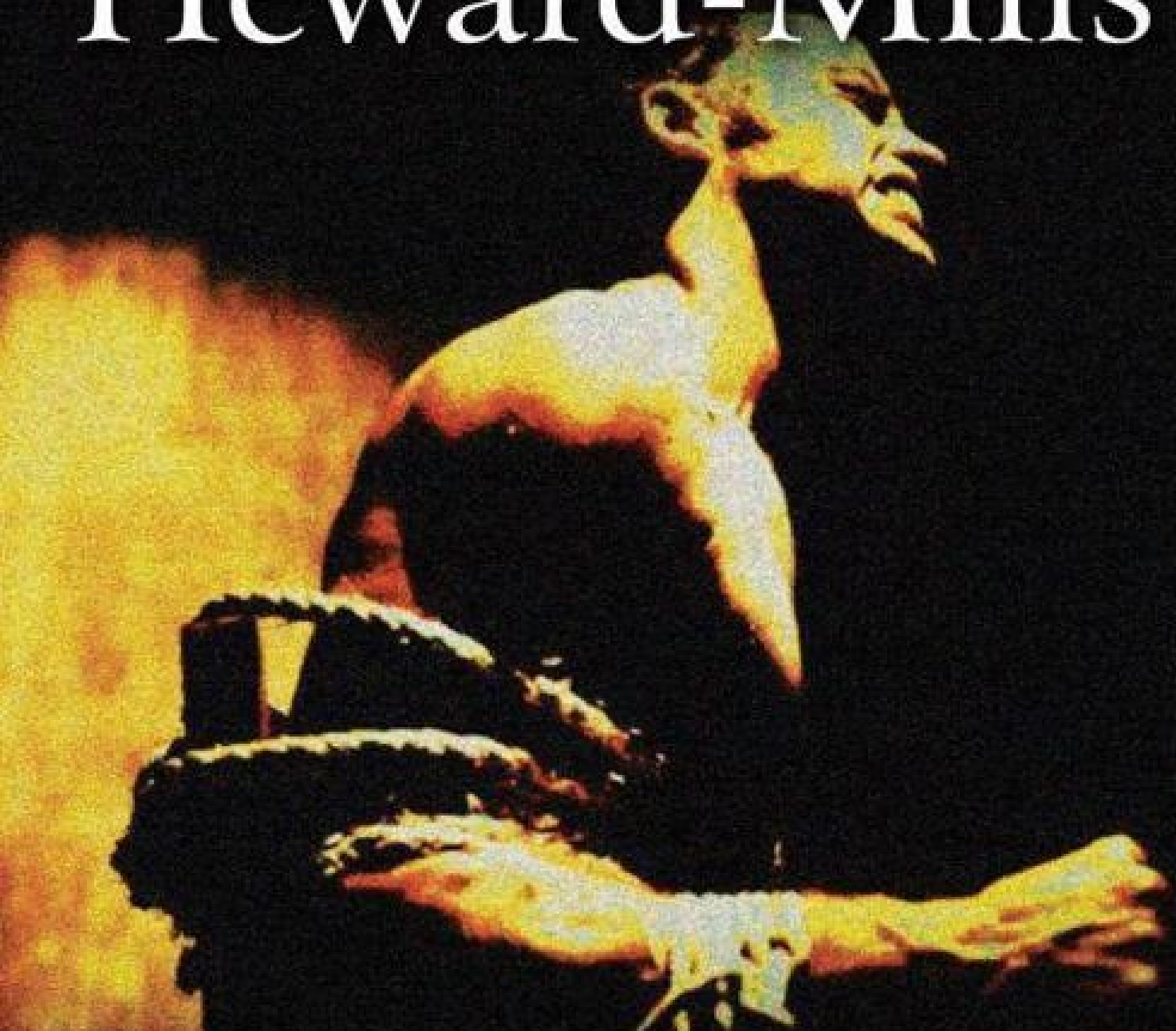


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Chapter 1 - Knowing Your Enemy so You Can Defeat Him

In order to defeat your enemy you must know as much as you can about him. This is one of the most common rules of war. This is why secular armies engage in reconnaissance and intelligence work. Reconnaissance is the art of discovering the strengths, weaknesses, plans and location of the enemy. Without this you cannot even start your war.

One of the ways by which we can know our enemy is to do a quick analysis of his names and titles. After all, a name speaks volumes about a person.

Study the following names or titles of Satan and you will know what you are dealing with.

1. Devil

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a DEVIL?

John 6:70

The word *devil* comes from the Greek word *diabolos*. This is where the English word diabolical comes from. Diabolos reveals the essential nature of this evil being. It means to be inhumanly cruel or wicked. It also means to be outrageous or disgracefully bad.

2. Satan

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and SATAN came also among them.

Job 1:6

This comes from a Hebrew word Satan, which literally means adversary. It speaks of being *diabolical* or *hellish*. This name was first used in the book of Job. It described a very wicked being who murdered the entire household of Job and destroyed his business.

Satan is the archenemy of both God and man. In this interesting passage, Satan is spoken of as a real person who seemed to have access to Heaven. He also seemed to have power to accuse the brethren and to seek their destruction.

3. Accuser of the brethren

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10

This title explains the relentless accusations and slander that are hurled against God's servants.

4. Adversary

Be sober, be vigilant; because your ADVERSARY the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

This name reveals the antagonistic nature of Satan as he fights against everything we do. No wonder there is such resistance, hostility and unfriendliness to the Gospel. Satan's agents, the unbelievers, are often in tune with the spirit of opposition to the church and its leaders. Many nations have laws that are hostile to the establishment of churches.

Even though churches have brought so much health and educational benefits to nations, political leaders have no choice but to oppose the church.

5. Angel of the bottomless pit

And they had a king over them, which is the ANGEL OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:11

This name reveals the final destination of Satan and his cohorts. This can explain the frantic efforts of the devil to capture every corner of this earth. We must rise up now and counteract this desperate devil at every turn.

6. Belial

And what concord hath Christ with BELIAL? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

2 Corinthians 6:15

Belial means worthless. Satan is out to degrade you. Just observe someone who is under the influence of the devil. You will notice how worthless he becomes.

The devil degrades young men into becoming drug addicts, school dropouts, smugglers, etc. Belial turns young ladies into prostitutes with no sense of worth.

7. Beelzebub

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by BEELZEBUB the prince of the devils.

Matthew 12:24

This means the “lord of the flies”. A lord of flies is obviously a supervisor of disease and death. Satan is the author of the famine, disease and death that plague millions today.

8. The god of this world

In whom the GOD OF THIS WORLD hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

“He’s got the whole world in His hands.” That’s the song we all learnt in Sunday school, but is that really the case?

If He’s got the whole world in His hands, then why are there so many wars and famines everywhere? Why is there such unhappiness in the world? Why is half of the world very rich and the other half very poor?

Certainly, this would not happen under the management and leadership of Jehovah. You see, Satan is actually the god of this world. Where Jehovah is in full control (Heaven), the streets are made of gold and the people live in absolute bliss. One day, when the Lord takes over the rulership of this world, there will be a different kind of earth with love, peace, and joy.

9. Murderer

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:44

This is an appropriate title for the devil. He is a murderer. He is a killer and the author of all the bloodshed in this world. When he possesses a head of state, this president may lead his nation into senseless wars which achieve nothing.

As the fathers, husbands and brothers of multitudes are slaughtered, the murderer is living up to his reputation.

10. Prince of devils

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the PRINCE OF THE DEVILS.

Matthew 12:24

This title shows us the organised nature of the forces of darkness. Demons are organised into armies. They have an overall commander who is known as the prince of devils. As we move into spiritual warfare we are battling against an organized and intelligent enemy.

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1. Prince of the power of the air

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:2

This reveals Satan's control over the atmosphere and airwaves in any nation. Look closely at the radio and television waves of any nation. You will notice how Satan has dominated these fields. It is important for Christians to fight for the control of the airwaves. We must fight for the control of the arts, culture and the music of our nations. This is the domain of the prince of the power of the *air* and it is our duty is to dislodge him.

2. Prince of the world

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD cometh, and hath nothing in me.

John 14:30

This reveals Satan's rulership of the world and the systems of the world. As the world develops, everything becomes more and more godless. I recently told a friend, "When I am in Europe I feel as though I am in Sodom." I said to him, "Europe is Pergamos revived!" Pergamos was the seat of Satan and the headquarters of demonic activity (Revelations 2:13).

3. The old serpent

And THE SERPENT said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:4

And the great dragon was cast out, that OLD SERPENT, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:9

In the beginning, he was described as a serpent. In the end, he was described as a serpent. Snakes are some of the most dangerous creatures we know about. With one stroke, they can kill a human being. Yet, snakes manage to live near human beings without being detected. This is exactly how Satan works. He is in the church and the people don't even know it. He is nearby causing damage and yet he is unseen.

As we battle against the devil, we must be constantly aware that even though he is invisible, he is real. Anytime I walk through tall grass I am conscious of the fact that there may be dangerous snakes nearby. Every pastor must be conscious

of the fact that there may be invisible demonic activity nearby.

4. The tempter

And when THE TEMPTER came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:3

Satan is the author of temptation! He creates situations that test our resolve to obey God. He tempted Jesus and he will tempt you and I. But God will come to your rescue. He will provide a way of escape for every temptation.

5. Unclean spirit

When the UNCLEAN SPIRIT is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Matthew 12:43

The word *unclean* is used to describe the devil many times. This is because that is what the devil is. We are fighting a being that has a contagious nature that wants to make you unclean.

The word unclean is translated from the Greek word *akarthartos*. It means impure, lewd, foul and unclean. It is a general term for Satan since his presence makes everything impure. Pure relationships are described as impure when unclean spirits get involved. Pure friendships become impure when the accuser points his finger at them.

6. The wicked one

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the WICKED ONE, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Matthew 13:19

The wickedness of the devil is unparalleled. Occasionally, human beings who have been greatly influenced by Satan display flashes of this hellish character.

The wars of Sierra Leone, the genocide of Rwanda and Kosovo testify to the

wickedness of Satan.

This is the enemy we seek to dislodge and weaken. In the name of Jesus we will defeat the wicked one.

7. Lucifer

How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

Lucifer is the name given to the angelic being that fell from grace. Lucifer is described in great detail in the book of Ezekiel.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:13-15

You can see that he was an awesome being! The descriptions of his glory show us the kind of creature he is. If such a being is corrupted, you can understand the kind of monster that would be unleashed.

Satan's ability in the field of music (pipes and tabrets) is described in this passage. No wonder he has captivated millions through the power of unwholesome music.

8. Father of lies

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He

was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for HE IS A LIAR, AND THE FATHER OF IT.

John 8:44

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and declared war against the rest of the world, he frightened America by saying, “We’re going to have the mother of all battles.”

When someone is described as a “mother” or “father”, it tells us something important. If Satan is the father of lies then he is the parent and creator of all forms of deception. Satan’s power to deceive is unparalleled.

9. Abaddon

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless PIT, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is ABADDON, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:11

This is the angel of the abyss. In the book of Job this word is translated destruction. *If you can't have it - destroy it!* This is the very nature of the devil. Some heads of state that cannot have power any longer, delight in destroying the entire nation through war. They get this idea from their master Abaddon.

10. Principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, wicked spirits

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

In this Scripture, Paul groups the four main agents of Satan’s outreach.

Principalities represent spirits that dominate geographical areas. It is obvious that different kinds of spirits occupy different geographical areas. Amsterdam, for instance, has a principality of immorality. There is a saying that good boys go to Heaven and bad boys go to Amsterdam.

Powers are beings that exert control over individuals. Another name you could give to them is “spirits that influence”.

Wicked spirits in high places speak of wicked entities that exist in the heavenlies. It was such a being that opposed the angel who was returning to Daniel with an answer to prayer (Daniel 10:13).

Rulers of the darkness speak of the spiritual beings that control the darkness in the world. The underworld and the unbelievers are all under their influence without even knowing it. Satan’s plan is to lead entire nations to Hell. By the power of intercession, we will modify the course of history. Intercession means to stand in the gap. It means to become an obstacle to Satan and his agents. People who should have gone to Hell will be saved as we defeat the enemy in prayer.

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