

Good Morning Belfield Baptist Church Family and Friends.
Sunday – Sept. 27, 2020.

Our Verse for the day: Matthew 6:23 (KJV) ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Our devotion today as with each Sunday is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for September 27, 2020.

THE DEVIL WANTS AMERICA I PETER 5:6-11

Have you ever stopped to think about how badly the devil wants America? America was conceived on the promise of religious liberty and freedom to worship.

The sad part about this over the years the people, the churches, the Supreme Court, and elected officials have yielded to the desires of Satan and we have lost and are losing our freedom.

I. Let us look at some Biblical concepts.

1. In Genesis we know that mankind had it made in the beginning, but the devil or Satan entered in.
2. Satan was working in the hearts of the people coming out of Egypt, and while Moses was on the Mountain receiving the Commandments Aaron was down among the people making a golden calf. Satan put doubt into the minds of these people, and they turned from God. Exodus. 32. Aaron lied V. 24
3. He caused David to sin with Bathsheba: II Sam 11:2-4 compare Mt. 5:28. Only have to look. Sin is committed with desire!

II. He wants every soul: I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

We cannot think for one second that Satan does not want America.

III. What does Satan want us to do?

1. He wants us to drift away from God and the church.
 - a. Only slowly at first

- b. Some doubt
- c. Hurt feelings
- 2. He wants us to be "at ease in our life" As long as he can get us to live a life that we ought not to, he is happy. (He does not care about your religion as long as you are not faithful.)
- 3. Neglect the Bible
- 4. Quit Praying
- 5. Lower our standards. We know it is not right, but everyone else is doing it.
- 6. Criticize the Church and Christians.
- 7. Lose our tempers
- 8. Act Childishly
- 9. Put off the matter of serving Christ.
- 10. He wants us to turn against America and serve him.

Satan can and does work in many ways. It is very interesting to see the way he does work, but we must as Christians, defeat him.

IV. How can we defeat Satan?

- 1. We can pray. Matthew 26:41: **Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**
 - 2. We can stay close to Christ. As long as we are living the life that we ought to, Satan cannot touch us.
 - 3. We can resist Satan.
 - 4. We can get on fire for God. Not only in church life, but in our lives outside the church. We cannot worship God on Sunday mornings and live like Satan the rest of the week.
 - 5. We can trust in God's strength for deliverance.
- If we put our trust in God, he will protect us from Satan.

If we put our trust in God, America will stay free.

As we move through the COVID-19, let your faith shine for the love of God and the security of the ones close to you.

Today, Sept. 27, as you pray, pray that your faith will be enough to carry you through.

