*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (KJV)

You know as we get nearer to the end the adversary is doing a fourth quarter push to see how many of God’s people he can dupe before the Day of Judgment. The devil does not have power to pull any one out of the kingdom of God; however, one slip of the tongue can put us right back on his turf, just the place that he would like us to fall for.

Job 1:9-12 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? (10) Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. (11) But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. (12) And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. (KJV)

As we go through the book of Job, which is 42 chapters, something you can do on your own, we are going to highlight some verses to see how all these nasty things came about on Job’s family. As we read earlier in this chapter, Job was concerned about his family that they may have sinned, something that he spoke often about. As you see the enemy came along and decided to prey on this situation, one Job put himself into.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (KJV)

The thief’s intentions are no good, and not something that God desires to see His people caught up in, like a snare. For many though they are snared by the words of their mouth; not thinking about what they speak before launching something lethal. The enemy may let a number of words slip through his radar, however, if he catches one of God’s people outside the realm that they should be in then they are open season.

Job 1:18-20 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: (19) And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. (20) Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, (KJV)

So we see that the enemy was having a field day with one of God’s people, taking advantage of the opening that was presented to him.

Job 3:24-26 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. (25) For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. (26) I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came. (KJV)

In the end to sum it up simply, the thing that Job feared the most came unto him because of the words that he spoke in the first chapter. A spirit of fear that did not come from God was preyed upon by the enemy seeking whom he could devour.