

## **Lion's Lunch**

1 Pet 5:5-11

### ***Introduction:***

- A. It is a typical fall evening. The stars are bright. Music fills the still night air. Somewhere out in the darkness of the plains below, lions roar; first one, then another, and finally a third, forming a raw chorus of overlapping, repetitive bellows. Closer, a night bird calls, its sharp notes punctuating the end of the lion roars, while faintly in the distance a family of jackals howls and yips. The night has awakened, and its creatures are proclaiming themselves to the world.
- B. Satan is described by many terms; snake, dragon, prince of this earth, etc. Perhaps one of the more frightening is as a lion.

### ***I. Illustration Of The Lion***

- A. Often the lion is called the “King of the beasts” and for good reason.
1. They are the largest
  2. They are the most powerful
  3. They are the most majestic looking
- B. Lions, while sneaking up on prey are usually quiet
- C. They roar for a variety of reasons
1. To signal ownership
  2. To search of mate
  3. To challenge an intruder
  4. To intimidate prey
  5. When hungry
- D. Devour means
1. To eat up greedily or ravenously
  2. To use up or destroy as if by eating
  3. To prey upon
  4. To enjoy avidly

### ***II. Who Needs Protection From The Lion?***

- A. Young
1. Lions always attack the weakest of the flock, including the young (Satan has no scruples)

2. Young need protection, nourishment, and guidance to know what is safe and what to avoid - 1 Thess 5:14; Rom 14:1-4; 15:1
  3. Certainly not to feed them to the lion - Matt 18:6
- B. Sickly
1. Unable to defend themselves or run away, generally because of malnutrition - Heb 5:11-14
  2. Sickly need to be healed - Heb 12:12,13; Isa 35:3-9; Gal 6:1
- C. Stragglers
1. There is safety in numbers "away on the mountain wild and bare, away from the tender shepherd's care"
  2. Some Christians hang around on the fringes - Mk 14:54
    - a. They are lukewarm - Matt 12:30; Rev 3:15-16
    - b. They worship only to soothe their conscience
- D. Solitary
1. Some purposefully stay away from the flock because of independence
  2. We need the association of others - Heb 10:23-25
  3. Must try to bring back the solitary - Lk 15:4-7

### III. *How To Be Protected*

- A. Don't underestimate the enemy
  1. No sheep ever killed a lion
  2. Pride will destroy us - Prov 16:18
- B. Humble yourselves - Matt 23:12
- C. Place your trust in God - Psa 55:22; Matt 6:25-34
- D. Be sober and watchful - 1 Pet 1:13; 4:7; 1 Thess 5:1-11
- E. Resist the devil and firm in faith - Jas 4:7; 1 Cor 15:58

### *Conclusion:*

- A. Satan is never filled, so we must never relax our guard, or we will be His next meal!