

How to overcome the Devil

Revelations 12:7-12

Two major activities of the devil

1. Verse 8. He leads the whole world astray. How? By giving false hope to people through various religious philosophies.
A few samples are:
 - (1) **Hinduism**. The followers are told to practice a complex set of Rites , ceremonies and festivals around many gods. Life is described as a cycle of rebirths or re-incarnations. To escape this cycle of sufferings and rebirths one must return to the Brahman and this is the chief aim of every Hindu. Brahman is the Supreme soul of the universe. Brahman is not god but is indescribable.
 - (2) **Islam**. Belief in 5 basic principles or pillars.
 - a. Repeating the Shahadah “there is no god but allah and Mohammed is his prophet.
 - b. Salah, the 5 daily prayers.
 - c. Zakat, the giving of alms.
 - d. Sawm, fasting during the month of Ramadan.
 - e. Haj, the pilgrimage to Mecca
 - (1) **Buddhism**. Life is suffering and the end of suffering comes with the achievement of nirvana. So the followers must follow an eightfold path: right views, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration.
2. V. 10. Satan is the accuser of the believers. False accusations. Causing Doubt in our heart. To be falsely accused is very difficult to overcome.

V. 11. His time is short. So he is working overtime!!

What is our defence against the devil?

1. Depend on the merits of the death of Jesus Christ.
2. Be active in witnessing for Christ. Share our testimony.
3. Be willing to make any sacrifice, including death.