

# THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL

2 Timothy 2:24-26

## INTRO:

- A. The devil doesn't play fair. He uses his own devices to deceive and trap us.
- B. What does he want with us? What can we do?

## I. THE DEVIL'S DEVICES

- A. Lies. John 8:44
- B. Deception. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
- C. Snares. I Timothy 3:6-7
- D. Temptation. I Corinthians 7:5
  - 1. Tempted by our own desires. James 1:14-16

## II. SATAN WANTS:

- A. To test us (sift us like wheat). Luke 22:31-32
- B. An advantage over us. 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
- C. To take us captive. 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- D. To devour us. I Peter 5:8
- E. Us to keep him company. Matthew 25:41
  - 1. Tormented forever. Revelation 20:10

## III. ESCAPING THE DEVIL

- A. Through teaching. 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- B. Through repentance. Luke 15:17-24
- C. Through resisting. James 4:7; I Peter 5:9
  - 1. With Jesus' help. Hebrews 2:17-18

## CONCLUSION:

- A. The devil uses our own desires against us, lies to us and deceives us in order to take us captive.
- B. But through Jesus' blood and obedience to His will we can escape the snares of the devil and have eternal life.
- C. Have you trusted and obeyed Him? Will you now?