

## *These Perilous Times*

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### **"Protocol for Defeating a Roaring Lion"**

The Bible clearly states that Satan, the devil is going about like a roaring {syn., active, busy, thriving} lion trying to devour everyone he can. <sup>1</sup>

Question. Does God's 'remnant people' have plan of attack to defeat this deceitful adversary?

Answer. Yes, we have a "spiritual course" of action, a divine strategy, found only in Jesus and His Word!

What does this mean for us?

## *Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season*

The words "vigilant," and "sober minded" mentioned in I Peter 5:8 are life-saving precautions as we battle against the devil.

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<sup>1</sup> I Peter 5:8

The word **Vigilant** means. Watchful, attentive, alert, wary, cautious, observant, heedful, and aware.  
The word **Sober** means. Clearheaded, abstemious, serious, temperate, and moderate.

If we will adhere, and take seriously the meaning of Peter's inspired words and apply them to our spiritual walk we will be much better equipped to counteract Satan's attacks.

### A Little History

When I was a young man I had aspirations to become either an Air Force fighter pilot or a middle weight, world champion boxer. I never did make it into the Air force, however I did have the opportunity to work for Butler Aviation where I refueled commercial jet airliners.

My boxing trainer's name was Steve B., a light heavy weight who was privileged, to at one time, fight Gene Tunney, a heavy weight champion in an exhibition bought.

The first lesson he taught me was to protect myself at all times—then he unexpectedly socked me in the

face-known on the street as a "sucker punch." Needless to say I learned my first lesson very well. While in my early twenties I got a call from a co-worker's son, a light-weight champion contender to come and train with him at Maxi Lewis' Gym in Baltimore city, I reluctantly turned down his offer due to a rare eye disease that I was suddenly diagnosed with, that affected my central vision.

During my sixty-eight and ½ years on this planet I cannot recall one incident of a physically intoxicated athlete defeating his opponent-or a professional boxer getting into the ring blind-folded; nor have I ever heard of an Air force fighter pilot flying missions with an obstructed canopy or windshield!

Why is it then that there are those among God's remnant that believe they can contend with the devil in a **spiritually blind**, or **spiritually inebriated** condition?

### **Counsel from God's inspired messenger**

**Satan has summoned the hosts of darkness to war against the saints. We cannot afford to be indifferent**

to his attacks. He comes in many ways, {like an active, busy, lion} and we must have CLEAR SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT, that we may be able to discern when he is seeking to gain possession of our minds, {Mohammed Ali, a former heavy weight champion of the world once said, 'Beat the body and the head will fall-Satan is always attacking and beating the 'body of Christ'}. God calls on those whom the light of truth is shining to take their stand in His army. {Emphasis provided}.<sup>2</sup>

Good news friends, we do not have to be a heavy weight contender, or an Air Force fighter pilot to fight against a prowling lion. Paul gives us the protocol we need to adhere to Peter's inspired words...

**"Put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand against the wiles, {tricks, guiles, deceits, charms} of the devil."** Ephesians 6:12

**Now that we have the protocol, let's apply it!**

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<sup>2</sup> E. G. White. Our high Calling, Chap. 13.

