# The Roaring Lion

# Tonight's three words...

- Sin
- Desire
- Master

Scripture Reading – Genesis 4:1-10

Excerpt - Genesis 4:7...

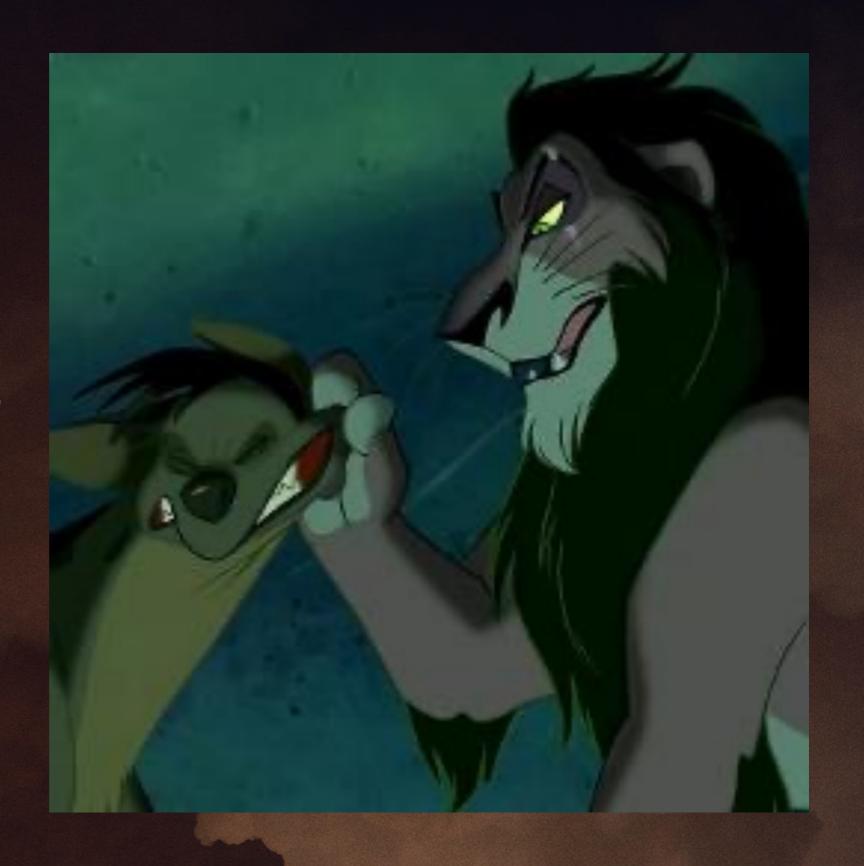
If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, <u>sin</u> is crouching at the door; and its <u>desire</u> is for you, but you must <u>master</u> it."

- Updated New American Standard Bible

"Be Prepared"

"Pay attention!"

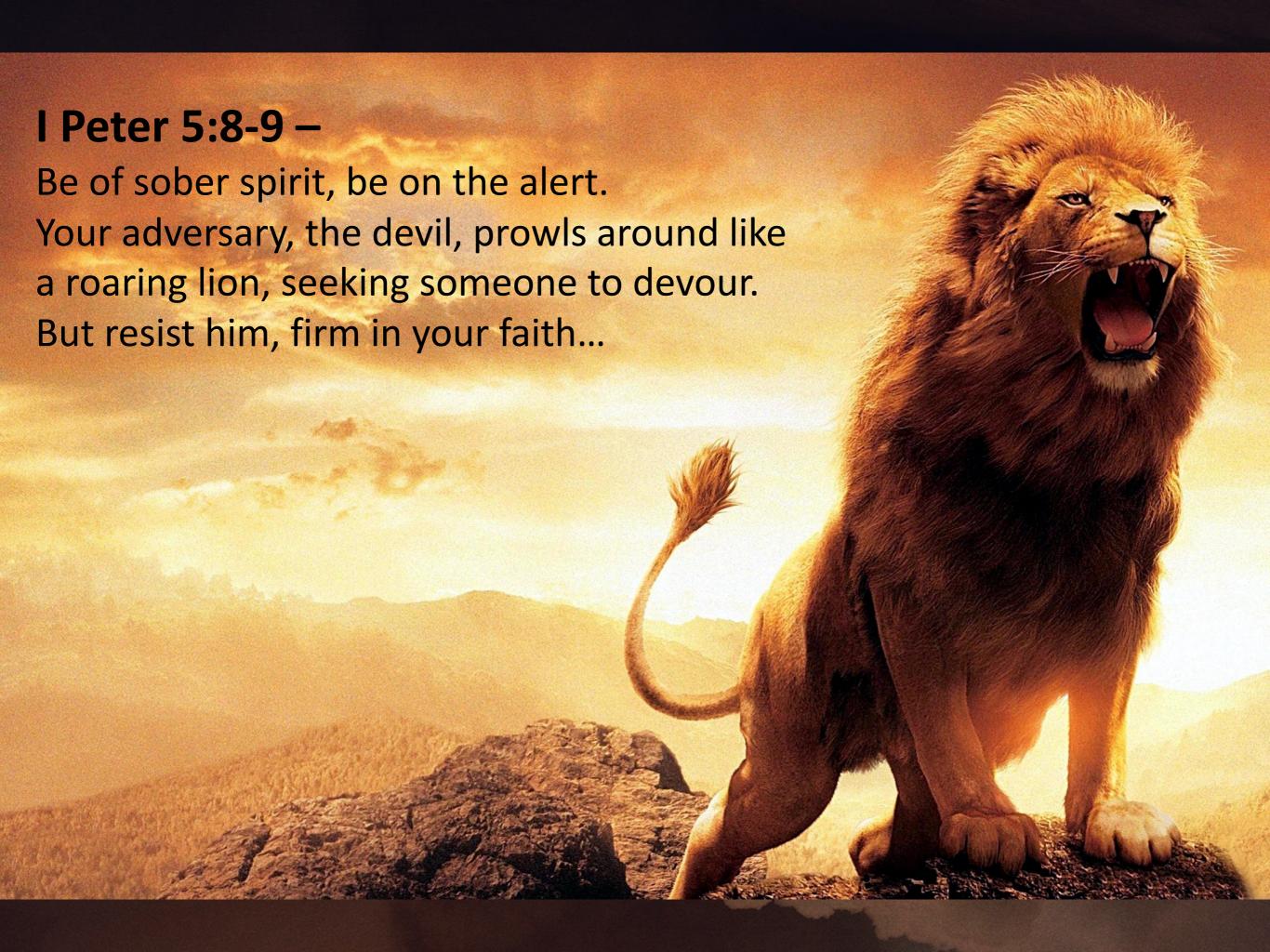
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The Lion King







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### Cain and Abel

- Genesis 4:1-10
  - V4 Abel's offer accepted
  - V5 Cain's offer rejected
  - V7 "If you do well..."

"sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it".

#### Later Bible Commentary

- Heb 11:4
- I John 3:12



#### Sin – Sinful Choices Romans 1:18-32

- V18 "men who suppress the truth..."
- V19 "evident" despite abundant evidence
- V21 "knew God", but "did not honor Him"
- Willful choices!...
  - V21, 22 "became"
  - V23, 25, 26 "exchanged"
  - V27 "abandoned"
  - V28 "did not see fit"
- Freewill versus "Original Sin inherited from Adam".

#### How does God feel about sin? Romans 1:18-32

- V18 "ungodliness and unrighteousness"
- V20 "without excuse"
- V21 "foolish heart darkened"
- V24 "impurity", "dishonored"
- V26 "degrading", "unnatural"
- V27 "indecent", "penalty", "error"
  - "receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error"
- V28 "depraved", "not proper"
- V31 "without understanding"
- V32 "worthy of (spiritual) death"
  - "Victimless sin"? Sin always carries punishment with it!

# How Do We Protect Ourselves From Sin? Ephesians 6:10-18 - The Armor of God

- V10 "strong in the Lord"..." His might"
- V11 "full armor" every piece!
- V12 the devil, sin takes many forms
- V13 "resist"..."stand firm"
- V14 "truth"... "righteousness"
- V15, 17 "helmet", "feet" from head to toe
- V16 "faith with which you will be able..."
- V17 "the sword of the Spirit" = "the Word of God"
- V18 "be on the <u>alert</u>" I Pet 5:18, for a roaring lion!

# Summary and Application

- The Bad News:
  - Sin is in many forms and forces
  - Sin...
    - takes you farther than you want to go
    - keeps you there longer than you want
    - costs more than you are willing to pay
  - Its desire is for YOU
  - The devil is a roaring lion
    - on the prowl
    - crouching at the door
    - wanting to devour YOU.

# Summary and Application

- The Good News:
  - God desires us too
    - Christ died for our sins
    - forgiveness through faith and obedience
    - a home in Heaven
  - We have the whole armor of God
    - to teach us
    - to protect us
  - We can and must master sin

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you" – James 4:7