

# *The Prey of the Lion*

**TEXT: 1 Kings 13:1-24**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. MORE THAN ONE LION AT WORK THAT DAY( **1 Pet. 5:8** ).
- B. THE LION ROARS TO INSTILL FEAR IN HIS PREY.
- C. SATAN SHOULD BE FEARED ALL THE MORE.
- D. WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO BE DEVOURED

### **I. THOSE ALONE AND SEPARATED FROM THE FLOCK.**

- A. LIONS WORK THE PERIPHERY OF THE HERD, LOOKING FOR DRIFTERS.
- B. WHO ARE THE DEVIL'S VICTIMS?
  1. Those caught up in the affairs of this world( **2 Tim. 2:3-4** )Always too busy.
  2. Little contact with faithful brethren( **1 Cor. 15:33; Rom. 12:9-16** ).
  3. Those who are infrequent in their attendance( **Heb. 10:24-25** )..
- C. WHERE WAS PETER WHEN THE DEVIL GOT HIM( **Luke 22:54-56** ).

### **II. THOSE WHO ARE WEAK.**

- A. HEALTHY ANIMALS ARE HARDER TO CATCH.
- B. WHO IS EASY PREY FOR SATAN? THE UNSOUND( **Titus 1:13** ).
  1. Those weak from lack of nourishment( **1 Pet. 2:1-2; Heb. 5:12-14** ).
  2. The spiritually diseased( **1 Tim. 1:9-11; 1 Pet. 2:1** ).
  3. The wrong perspective( **1 Pet 4:7; Phil. 2:1-5; Eph. 4:1-3** ).
  4. No exercise( **1 Tim. 7-8; Heb. 5:14** ).
- C. CONSIDER( **1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Thess. 5:14** ).

### **III. THOSE WHO ARE SLOW.**

- A. AMONG THE LION'S PREY ARE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.
- B. SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY SLOW.
  1. Encumbered( **Luke 8:14 ; Heb. 12:1** ).
  2. Slothful and slow in spiritual development( **Heb. 5:11-12; Eph. 5:15-17; 2 Tim. 2:15** )
  3. Those who are slothful about their duty( **Rom. 12:11** ).
  4. The indecisive and the faithless( **1 King 18:21; Matt. 6:24; Luke 9:62** ).

### **IV. THOSE WHO ARE CARELESS AND FOOLISH.**

- A. LAMBS AND CALVES ARE THOUGHTLESS. DON'T PAY ATTENTION.
- B. MAYBE OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM.
  1. Can't drift into heaven( **Heb. 2:1-3** ).
  2. The careless stand in wet cement of sin( **Heb. 3:12-13** ).
  3. **We are to walk carefully**( **Eph. 5:15** ). Life is a minefield.
  4. **James 1:13-15**. The best way to overcome temptation is to avoid it( **4:8** ).
  5. Are we too big for our britches?( **1 Cor. 10:12; 1 Pet. 5:8** )

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. THERE IS A LION WAITING.
- B. WILL YOU BE THE NEXT VICTIM.

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