

Lenten Devotional 2019 – Day 27

The “I AM” is the shepherd of the sheep, the protector of the weak, the provider for those in need, the “rest” for the weary, and the “high tower” for those in need of safety. He really is ALL WE NEED!

He is also our strength in time of temptation. If the devil left Jesus after the great temptation, it certainly was not because he was defeated. He promised to return at a more opportune time.

The enemy walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. His mission is to deceive and destroy.

You may have seen the video where the male gazelles are “locked horns” competing for supremacy with the herd. They are fighting each other. Off in the distance, a lion sees this conflict and runs full speed. He does not crouch and he does not seek to disguise himself. He knows that this is a free meal because the gazelles are totally oblivious to his presence because they are fighting each other.

The same holds true for us as believers. When we fight amongst ourselves, we are unaware of the activity of our enemy. We are instructed to be ‘vigilant and sober’ regarding our adversary, the Devil.

Pastor Peter J. Gomes writes: “The devil awaits that opportune time with us, that time when he can appeal to our injured pride, our wounded ego, our fear of not being appreciated, our anger at being ignored. These are those opportune times when the devil’s persistence reaps great benefits.”

Making the most of our Lenten observance requires that we look inside ourselves and rid out the corruption that defiles our entire self. Only then can we look forward to the ultimate celebration of our resurrected selves because of the resurrected “I AM”.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, make me aware of your presence and power in everything I do. Give me courage to look at my own sin, before I look at the sin of others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.