

present world, and God deals with them individually. Why did God kill Ananias and Sapphira then? He killed them because the church of Christ was bound up in one package at that time, there was one little church here in Jerusalem, which was the starting point and from that it spread out, but there was just one, the light was concentrated in one little place, and it was extremely vital that that little place get a decent start.

When I light a cooking fire out in the woods, ~~where~~ somewhere, as I light the fire, I hold that match fire behind a hat, I watch that match very carefully, I give it painful care, and I give the same care to the little bit of kindling which starts, until the fire is burning. After it's going, this fire over here begins to die out and another part comes up, I'm not worried so much about it, just put some wood on. But at the start you've got to ^{guard} draw that little thing because a whiff of wind may blow the whole thing out. That was the situation in the church in Jerusalem. God dealt with it in care because if the sin of Ananias and Sapphira got started and got established in that church that church would die, it would disappear, and hundreds of churches since then have died, because the sin of disobedience to God's standards has been allowed to get a start and has killed them, killed the churches, killed the schools, it's killed denominations, it ^{has wrecked} threatens the testimony, testimonies that were often very true, have been wrecked because of that sin. God interceded with Ananias and Sapphira but we must watch ourselves in most ordinary circumstances, and God has permitted that task to us, Satan is also anxious to destroy every method that stands out and out for God, he is so anxious to do everything he can to wreck everything, Peter says, in 1 Peter 5:8, Be sober be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world, Resist the devil as a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour, and Paul in Ephesians calls upon us to resist Satan's power, he says in Ephesians 6:10, Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Now we need the armor of God, You might think for when Satan comes as a roaring lion, we need it for the head-on attack, we cannot