

He is not omniscient. God knows much that Satan does not know. But Satan knows far more than any human being or probably than all human beings put together! He knows the inner thoughts you have in your mind. He knows the situations that occur. He knows all past history. He has much more of an idea of what is going to happen in the future than anyone of us can possibly have. But there is that which he does not know.

God is omnipotent. He has all power. Satan has far more power than any human being will have, but he is not omnipotent. He may have more power than any of the individual angels of God. He has far more power than any human being, but he is subject to God's power. Satan is a very brutal force in the world. If anybody doubts it, let him just read what happened this very week in New Mexico.

Where in that prison in N. Mexico where a small group of prisoners managed to break out of the section of the prison where they were. They managed to break through the "unbreakable glass" into the central control place of the prison. There they got the files of the individual prisoners and saw which of them were cooperating with the authorities. Then they overpowered the guards, and went to the cells and brought out those prisoners who had been cooperating with the authorities. They took off some of their organs, and tortured and burned them until they died. They rushed through the prison utterly destroying everything.

There were at least 30 of the prisoners who were killed by these other prisoners and they think it may very well come to 50 for a part of the prison which was burned is not yet in a condition where they can examine it to find how many bodies are in it. So if anyone doubts there is evil in the world, and that there is an incarnate spirit of evil in the world, let him just look at what happens occasionally in our Western world, and what is happening in Vietnam where thousands of people are in such utter misery that they get into boats to try to get away.

And even though they know that half of these boats are seized by the pirates and the women raped and the people killed and many are drowned. Or in Cambodia where more than 2 billion people have died in misery and hundreds of thousands are starving today. Can anyone doubt there is tremendous evil in the world and that there is a great spirit that directs much of the evil. There is nothing the devil hates worse than the idea that one can be saved from his power through simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that one can completely escape from his power, not by fighting against him but by submitting to Christ and availing himself of the power that Christ will make available to him.

But I'm not speaking now today of personal lives and relation to the devil, but trying to have you aware of the devil's power. Because when you read of what happened in the prison in N. Mexico it seems a long ways off from us. We can't think of anything like that happening around here. We read of what's happening in Vietnam and in Cambodia, it seems a long ways from us. But it is very real and there is nothing Satan hates worse than the fact that people can completely escape from him through putting their trust in Jesus Christ and looking to Him for deliverance and direction and putting him first in their lives.