



WHEN SATAN NEEDS PERMISSION

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he **may** devour.

May: “have permission to.” To have opportunity.

Can: “be physically or mentally able to.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither **can** he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. No Permission Needed.

2 Timothy 2:25-26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, **who are taken captive by him at his will.**

II. Permission Needed from God.

Satan: **Job 1:11** But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

God: **Job 1:12** And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; **only upon himself put not forth thine hand**. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

Satan; **Job 2:5** But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

God: **Job 2:6** And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; **but save his life**.

III. Permission Needed from You.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.
² And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.
³ For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ **To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh**, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

How does the destruction of the flesh come?

Philosophy of the world:

Prosperity is godliness:

Personal rights:

Perversion:

Personality changes:

Physical issues:

Permissiveness:

Perspective:

The fellowship with the world is not like the fellowship with the church.