

RECAP

Important final words-

- **Humble yourself** - core element of humility is acknowledging our need for God
- **Cast your cares/anxieties on Him** – primary way we express humility is through prayer

1 Peter 5:8-11

Devil – prowling, roaring lion

- **Be alert** – be in a constant state of readiness
- **Sober mind** – clear headed; free from every form of mental and spiritual confusion
- **Devour** – to drink down; as an animal gulping its prey down in one swallow



1 Peter 5:8-11

Relationship with Jesus is secure

- John 10.28-29: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one will snatch them out of my hand.** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; **no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.**
- Rom 8.39-39: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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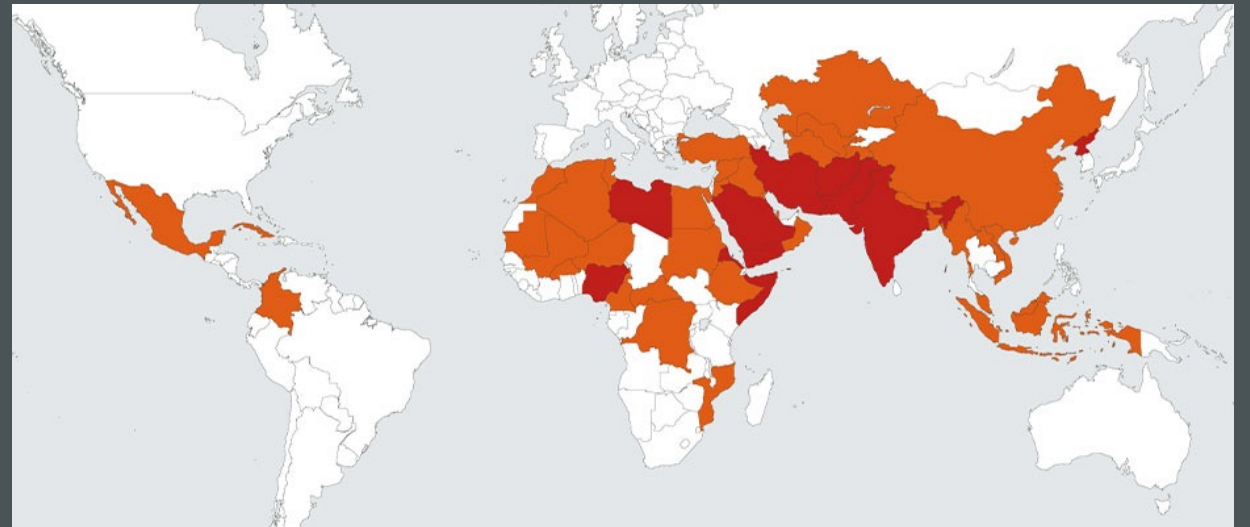
Devil's goal - apostasy

- **Apostasy** – intentional and deliberate rejection of Jesus after sincerely following Him
- **Matt 24.9-10:** Then **you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death**, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **At that time many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other

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Devil Intimidates-

- Persecuted Church - 360mil Christians suffer high levels of persecution and/or discrimination
- Devil can use our fears to intimidate us
- Fear can cause us to deny Jesus by attempting to control outcomes – cast your cares on Him



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Satan Deceives:

- 2Cor 11.14 - And no wonder, for Satan himself **masquerades as an angel of light.**
- **Masquerade** – alter; disguise; change outward appearance
- **Seeing money only as a blessing and not as a temptation** – deny Jesus by trusting in Money vs Him
- **Believing God is more concerned with our happiness than our holiness** – deny Jesus by blaming Him vs turning towards Him in midst of suffering



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Communion

Holy Spirit, search me and know me:

- Show me any places in my heart where fear is tempting me to deny Jesus.
- Show me any places in my heart where I am being deceived.



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Communion

Father, I thank You that You give the Holy Spirit to all who ask.

Please fill me with Your Spirit again this morning. Holy Spirit would You restore me in the places where I am broken, strengthen me in places where I am weak, make me firm in the places where I am shaky, make me steadfast in the places where my foundation is unstable, lead me more deeply into truth in places where I am being deceived.