**Two Lions**

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 There are two lions that figure very prominently in the Bible. In fact, not only do we read about these lions in the Bible, but we are also affected by these two lions each day. When studying the Bible, we see that these two lions are polar opposites, continually fighting against one another. Specifically, they are fighting over us. As a result of their conflict, we are also affected.

Are you aware of these lions? The Bible contrasts them quite vividly. The Bible tells us that:

* One lion brings fear to us, while the other lion brings comfort (Jn. 14:16).
* One lion fights against us (is our adversary, I Pet. 5:8), while the other lion fights for us (is our advocate, I Jn. 2:1).
* One lion hates us, and one lion loves us.
* One lion wants us to die in our sins, while the other lion died for the remission of our sins (Matt. 26:28).
* One lion roars at us (I Pet. 5:8), while the other lion acts like a lamb toward us (Jn. 1:29).
* One lion wants to devour us (I Pet. 5:8), but the other lion wants to preserve us.
* One lion lies to us and deceives us (Gen. 3:15; Jn. 8:44), but the other lion speaks the truth to us (Jn. 14:6).
* One lion tempts us with evil (I Thess. 3:5; I Jn. 2:15-16), but the other lion does not tempt us with evil (Jas. 1:13).
* One lion is our enemy (I Pet. 5:8; Matt. 13:39). The other lion is our friend (I Jn. 2:1).

 It should be obvious to our dear readers that the two lions the Bible describes are Christ and Satan. When we read I Peter 5:8, we read that, “Your adversary the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” This is the lion that is completely opposed to us and hates us. In contrast, Jesus is described as, the “Lion of the tribe of Judah” (Rev. 5:5). This is the lion who loves us and wants us to be saved from our sin! This lion does not want to destroy us, but wants us to live spiritually.

 Look into the Bible and find even more contrasts between these two lions. When we contrast Christ and Satan in this way, may it open our eyes to see the One who truly deserves our praise, obedience, and love. Jesus, the lion of the tribe of Judah, stands ready to receive us when we render obedience to His will through faith, repentance, and baptism (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38). He wants us to live faithfully for Him all the days of our lives (Rev. 2:10). Why not do that today? What is stopping you from submitting your will to Christ’s? Decide today to leave the kingdom of the devouring lion (Satan) and live in the kingdom of the lion of Judah (Christ)!!

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