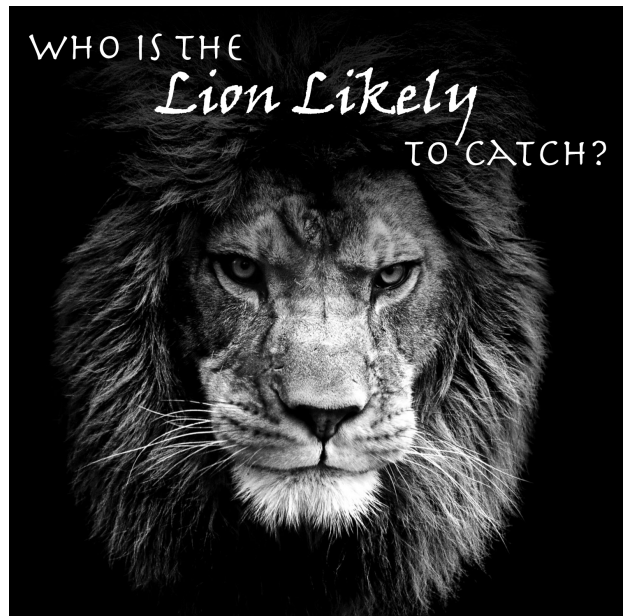


The same Bible that teaches us “the LORD is my shepherd” (Psa 23) also warns us about an adversary who “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Pet 5:8).

Why are Christians targets? We have been washed in the _____ of the _____ (Rev 5:6; 7:14).



Who is This Lion Likely to Catch?

❖ Those who are _____ and _____ from the flock.

- The practical wisdom behind the example of the early church (Acts 2:41-44).
- The reasoned warning to some of our earliest brethren (Heb 10:23-25).
- The “one another” call for interdependence (James 5:16).
- The blessing of leaders who are watching over our souls (Heb 13:17).

❖ Those who are spiritually _____ and _____.

- A real challenge ever since the first century (1 Cor 11:23-30).
- The urging of Paul still applies to us (1 Thes 5:12-14):
 - ⇒ Admonish the _____.
 - ⇒ Encourage the _____.
 - ⇒ Help the _____.
 - ⇒ Be _____ with them all.

❖ Those who are _____ to mature.

- “By this time you ought to be teachers...” (Heb 5:11-14).
- “Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Eph 5:15-17).
- “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!” (Luke 24:25)

❖ Those who are _____ and _____.

- “Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor 10:6-13).