

NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL

(Eph. 4:27)

Football has been described as a game of inches. If you advance the ball enough inches you score a touchdown. Winning teams, of course, do not give "place" to their opponents but fight for every inch of ground. In a similar-fashion believers are admonished not to give "place" to the devil. However friendly he may seem on the surface his ultimate goal is to destroy you. If you give him an inch he will try to take a mile. If you relax your vigil and relinquish and your space he will exploit that opportunity. Peter describes him as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1Pet. 5:8).

The Bible word translated as "place" is "topos". In the King James Version it is translated 27 times as "place" and 5 times as "room". Giving the devil place is bad enough, but giving him "room" sounds even more insidious. Before giving room to a roaring lion please consider the following stories. In Jan. 2004 a woman named Anne Hjelle was biking in the hills of Southern California when she was attacked by a 110 lb. mountain lion. A 911 caller said: "We got a lady that is attacked by a mountain lion on her face. Her face is almost gone. She is in bad condition. I need people out." She lived but has been permanently disfigured.

On Oct. 20, 1999 a zookeeper on the job for less than a month was mauled by a lion at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Gardens. 34-year-old Junius E. Sneed IV was attempting to move Benny, a six-year-old African lion, from an indoor lions den to an outdoor enclosure when the animal clawed Sneed on the right arm and drew it inside the cage biting him. On Jun 24, 2005 a 10 year old boy in Little Falls, Minn. was nearly killed by a lion which escaped from its enclosure. Similar incidents are being reported at an alarming rate across the country by those who keep exotic pets.

On May 15, 2002 a three-year-old girl was mauled by a lioness tied up outside a shop in Romania. The store owner says he was left to look after the nine-month-old animal temporarily for a friend. He has been fined for not preventing the attack and the animal's owner is being investigated by police for assault. Between 1918 and 1926 a big cat known as the "Leopard of Rudyaprayag" is said to have killed some 125 people. The cat was finally killed by professional game hunter Jim Corbett. Corbett had previously killed another big cat sixteen years earlier known as the "Panar Maneater". It was credited with killing around 400 victims. Actress Melanie Griffith was clawed in the face by a lion and almost lost an eye during the filming of Roar (1981) Actress Tippi Hendren created the Shambala Preserve for wild animals in California but she too was mauled by a lion who didn't understand or appreciate her kindness.

Actress Bo Derek was also mauled by a lion while filming Tarzan the Ape Man in 1981. These stories, of course, could easily be multiplied. What we have said, however, should be sufficient for rational people to get the picture. If you give "place" or "room" to a lion you are asking for trouble. The damage done by these earthly lions, however, is tame by comparison to the damage done by the devil. What is there about "eternal damnation" that makes you want to "give place" to the devil?

The context of Paul's inspired remarks involves anger. "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil" (Eph 4:26-27). If there a "place" or "room" in your heart where anger dwells you had better avoid it in the same way you would get rid of a roaring lion. The wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God (Ja. 1:20). Like a vicious animal your anger is waiting for an opportunity to destroy you. That's why we are commanded to put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy communication (Col 3:8). Paul said it like this to the Ephesians: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph 4:31-32) If you are harboring anger in your heart you are giving place to the devil!

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QUIZ NEIHNA TOH KISAI A THEIHTUAK KHENKHAT

1. A hun lap ngeingei diing a kuanchiat diing. Dak 11 a inn apan kipatkiak diing hilou in dak 11 a pattheih dia 11 ma a amun (biakkhawmna mun) tun-chiat diing.
2. Zing ann kibawllou diing ahihman in gilvahsa a kuan chiat diing.
3. Nek leh dawn toh kisai (ahawm leh hepna) enkai diing sehtuam a omkei a **NUNGA** leh tangvalte khut a kingansiah ahi.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Toupa'n van a kipat in mihingte, theisiam a, Pathian bia himhim a om uhiam chih muhtum in ahon ensuk hi (Sam 15:2).

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HONGKIK NAWNTA UH

☛ Kum thum vel paita a sepna toh kisai a Dubai lam a ana zinkhia unaupa Chinpau-te innkuan hiailam a om diing in hong kiknawnta uhi. Amau a innkuan un kallui in damtak in Delhi hongtung ua, tun Dwarka ah omler uhi. Hun sawtkuamtak nung a damtak a mel kimukik thei a i omman uh kipahuai isa petmah ua, honpitu Pathian min i phat uhi. Huan, unaute innkuan toh Pathian phatkhawm theinawn diing a i omna ziaak un leng lungdam huai isa mahmah uh.

TUTKHAWMNA OM

☛ Kal masa sintawpni in unaupa Thangbiakmang inn ah labu toh kisai in labu committe maikaihna in tutkhawmna om hi. Hiai hun ah i labu ua omlou la behlap diing toh kisai etkhawmna banah la thu bawldik tuakte etkhawm in om hi. Zinglam dak 10:00 apan nitak dak 7:30 tan etkhawm himahleh zohsiang hinailou lai hi. Unau phatuam ngaitte phathuai mahmah uh. Maban a leng hiai bang hun zat hi diing in laibu committe lamte'n gen uhi.

MEETING OM DIING

☛ Tukul a kha beinawn diing ahihman in tukul sung ngei in saptuam vai a tutkhawmna om nawn diing hi. A ni diing leh mun diing makai lamte'n hon zaksak i ngaihven chiat diing uh.

ZINGHAL DIING HITA

☛ I ngaklah mahmah uh Bible quiz hongtung petmah diing hita. Zinghal diing hita a, kuapeuhmah i tel chiat diing uh. Kidemna a telloute leng tel ngeingei diing ahi. A tamtheipen tel theihna diing a suti ni kisuam ahihman in unaute'n ngaikhok in i tel siausiau diing uh. Zinglam dak 11:00 in kipan diing a, program zohsiang chiang in nitak an leng omngal diing hi. Lohchingtak a zat leh zoh ahihtheihna diing in i thumna uah phawk chait ni.

SUAKNAWNTA

☛ Khanamsau April - June 2014 issue suaknawnta a lakhanailou bang i omzenzen leh i lachiat diing. A sung a thu kigelhte phattuampih diing in i simchiat diing uh. Unau Manipur lam a omte a diing leng khakkhit hita a, amau leng ana muta uh ahihdan zak ahi.

DAMLOU

☛ Kal paita Toupani aki-pan in unaunu Ngaikhanhoih khosik in ana om hi. Tu'n bel Pathian pan-pihna toh ahoihlam hita hi. A hong damsiangna diing in thumpih ni hang.

AMUN KIKHEK

☛ Lemtang zaw diing gelna in ahongtung diing kiginni kikhopna unaupa Khamminthang inn diing pen unaupa **Thongginlian**-te inn diing a khek ahi.