

The Snare of the Devil

2 Timothy 2:26

And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at His will.

Recently, I have found a new and very fun outdoor activity for me to enjoy. It may not be new to you, but to me it is. Trapping small game. I have set up traps and snares in the woods and in my backyard to catch small game. It is indeed fun. I will build my traps and place the bait out. To animals the food looks so scrumptious. They desire of it, so they go up to it and eat it. Unfortunately for the animal, the food was a lure to trap it. Now the animal is stuck in my snare and now I can do anything as I desire to do to the animal. It is at my command and at my will. I can kill it if I wanted too, it is STUCK and it cannot find a way to escape.

Now if you read the verse above, you will know the devil too has snares and traps and they are far better hidden than the traps I made for the animals. They too have bait (sin). You look at that bait (sin) and desire of it. You want it, and yet you have not the slightest idea what it truly is. You are so blinded by your desire of that bait (sin) that you cannot see what it truly is. You take the bait and the trigger launches and the snare takes you. You are now a captive of the devil.

What to do, what to do.

“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil” That is good news! You can find a way to escape, but how? “And the servant of the Lord (the godly outdoorsman) must not strive (in his own works); but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth” – 2Timothy 2:24-25 So the way out of it, is not to strive in your own works and to teach others, in kindness and patience, how to avoid the snare of the devil. And then God shall release from the devil’s snare. This next time be aware that the bait (sin) has a mighty punishment so don’t take the bait and avoid that snare.