



Lasso or a Snare

Proverbs 7:23 ... as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.



Suggested Illustration:

Use either a Jake Steer & Roper to illustrate points [right] OR one time [left] Ron roped Francine & the Wranglers really liked that.

Ron uses a Rope throughout this message.



Introduction

This morning we are going to do a little practice roping during the message to help illustrate the sermon today.

The loop is thrown to snare or catch the calf. We practice our roping so that we can snare or catch the calf to help it; like to vaccinate or apply medications.

In team roping, the heeler lays the rope on the ground just a step ahead of the calf's back legs in order to snare the one or both of them.

Did you know that someone out there has laid and will continue to lay snares for you?

1 Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and 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.

We need to understand what to look for so we won't step into these snares. Just like a bird or an animal; when we get caught in one of the snares that the devil has laid for us, our freedom, joy, and quality of life goes away.

Proverbs 29:6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

The Bait:

Amos 3:5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him?

The devil BAITs his snare.

There are attractions to sinful behavior that we must watch out for. We are tempted to do sinful things because we have a sin nature. Our nature is attracted to the bait of SIN!

Let's see if we can name a few sins that can bait us into a snare of the devil:

- Lying
- Stealing
- Cheating
- Disobedience
- Rebellion
- Stubbornness
- Pride
- Arguing
- Coveting
- Laziness
- Bad Friendships
- Indifference to God's Word

He Bedazzles:

The devil wants us to be distracted and caught up in his snare so that we won't think about the Lord or His will for our lives.

He will distract you if he gets you to stop reading God's Word.

He will distract you if he gets you to stop bringing other people to Jesus.

He will distract you if you are doing "good things" **in place of** reading God's Word or bringing people to Jesus.

He Beats:

The devil wants to destroy us.

Proverbs 7:23 ... as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

If we neglect salvation then we won't spend eternity with the Lord in Heaven. Instead, the torment of a place called Hell awaits.

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

He will destroy you if he convinces you that salvation is not necessary for you today.

Present Salvation Here.