THE REAL ENEMY

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Today -- I have the opportunity to give a sermon

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Title -- The Real Enemy
     Beginning verse -- 2 Corinthians 2:11
                   Names and Tactics
     Serpent
          Gen. 3:1 -- methodical question
                 4 -- contradicted God
          Job 1:6-12 -- recommended -- loss of what he had
          Job 2:1-7 -- recommended -- loss of his health
     Devil
          Matt. 4:1-11 -- 3 temptations
     Called god of this world
          2 Cor. 4:3-4 -- blinded them from light of gospel
     Angel of light
          2 Cor. 11:13-15 -- called himself an angel of light
     Prince of the power of the air
          Eph. 2:2-3 -- desires of flesh & mind -- wrath
     Dragon, serpent, devil, Satan
          Rev. 12:9 -- deceives whole world
          Rev. 20:1-3 -- bound for 1,000 years
     Let's go back to 2 Cor. 2:11 -- (a follow-up to 1 Cor. 5)
                    Being too easy upon other people -- and ourself
1 Cor. 5:1
               a well-known sin within the congregation
               in this case -- the congregation was too nice
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                    there should be a consequence
                    Being too hard upon other people -- and ourself
2 Cor. 2:6-11
                    discussing the previous punishment
               punishment -- sufficient
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               time to forgive and comfort
               reaffirm your love
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               Paul -- to see if you are listening to me
                    forgive -- lest Satan gains advantage over us
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               "for we are not ignorant of his devices"
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2 Cor. 10:1-2 meekness & gentleness -- proceed to boldness restore -- spirit of gentleness