



BOOKENDS

GENESIS

REVELATION

WE ALREADY HAVE VICTORY

REVELATION 12:1-17

SYNOPSIS

In this sermon on Revelation 12, the church is reminded that Satan is a real enemy actively waging war against God's people, yet believers already stand in victory through Jesus Christ. The chapter highlights three failed attempts by Satan to oppose God's plan. Satan could not stop the birth of Jesus, proving that God's providence cannot be overcome. Through Christ's death and resurrection, Satan has lost his place as the accuser because believers are now covered by the blood of the Lamb and defended by Jesus Himself. Although Satan continues to attack God's people in desperation, Christians have been equipped for battle through faith, obedience, God's Word, and the testimony of Jesus. Those who are a part of the Kingdom of God should not live in fear or defeat, but stand with confidence in the victory Christ has already secured and boldly share His truth with the world.

SERMON OUTLINE

Main Idea: Satan is a real enemy waging war against God's people, but through Jesus Christ the victory has already been secured.

- 1. Strike One – The Birth (Revelation 12:1–6):** Satan attempts to destroy God's promised Savior before His mission begins, but God faithfully preserves both the child and His people. The birth of Jesus demonstrates that Satan cannot overcome God's providence or stop His redemptive plan.
- 2. Strike Two – The Battle (Revelation 12:7–12):** Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, Satan is defeated and cast down from his role as the accuser. Believers now stand victorious because they are covered by the blood of the Lamb and represented before God by Christ Himself.

3. **Strike Three – The Desperation (Revelation 12:13–17):** Though defeated, Satan continues to wage war against God’s people in anger and desperation. Christians are called to stand firm with the shield of faith and the sword of God’s Word, fighting against the enemy through obedience, perseverance, and the testimony of Jesus.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Special Leader’s Note: Please remember that we are getting into heavily debated passages of scripture. Some will likely disagree with Pastor Thomas’s choice of interpretation on various symbols in this and coming chapters. That is okay! But be careful to not let the group discussion become a debate on symbol interpretation. Get to the practical heart level discussions around the principles of the text.

GROUP REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. **Observing the Text:** First, make sure to have your group spend time looking at the text, and observing the text without reflecting on the sermon. You want the group to get familiar with the text, and the words, and the flow of thought. Keep making observations until you feel the group has a solid grasp of the entire text.
2. **The Accuser (v. 10):** Satan is known as the accuser, the great liar who desires to separate you from God. One of his best weapons is convincing followers of Jesus that the truths of the Bible do not apply to them. What lies from the enemy do you struggle with (example could include: “I am too broken for God to use,” “My sin is too great to be forgiven,” “God could never truly love me,” “I will never change,” “I have to earn God’s approval,” “I am alone in this battle,” or “My faith and testimony do not really matter”)? How does the truth of the gospel speak against those lies? See Rom 8:1-2, 2 Cor 10:3-6 and 1 Pet 5:8-10.
3. **Living in Victory (v. 11):** Throughout the text, we see God being victorious in every circumstance. It is easy to read in the Bible how God is victorious, but can sometimes be difficult to live in that victory every day in our own lives. What are some areas of your life where you are not sure or don’t trust in God’s victory? What would it look like if we truly believed God has already been victorious in:
 - a. Our mental and emotional struggles
 - b. Our marriages and families
 - c. Our workplace
 - d. Our finances
4. **Spiritual Warfare & Obedience (v. 17):** In Revelation 12, Satan wages war against those “who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” Spiritual warfare is not only resisting temptation, but actively pursuing obedience to God. What are some practical ways believers fight against Satan through obedience, prayer, Scripture, repentance, and community? Which of these spiritual disciplines do you most tend to neglect most when life becomes difficult? How can we help one

another take up the “shield of faith” and the “sword of the Spirit” more consistently? See Eph 6:10-18, James 4:7-8, and Psalm 119:9-11.

5. **Our Testimony (v. 17):** Our testimony is a powerful tool that the Holy Spirit uses to work in the hearts of those who are listening. How comfortable are you with sharing how God has worked in your life? What prevents you from being more outspoken about how God has changed your life? Who are some people in your life that you have not yet intentionally shared the gospel with who would benefit from hearing what God has done in your life? How can our small group support each other in sharing our testimonies?