



Worship Guide for July 25, 2021

Sermon Notes

The Accuser Has Been Thrown Down

Revelation 12 (pew Bible pgs. 1034-1035)

From the time of God’s judgment in the Garden of Eden, the serpent has sought to destroy the one whom God declared would one day crush the serpent’s head (Gen 3:15). Here in Revelation 12, we see this cosmic conflict continue when the dragon attempts to kill the woman’s son, the one who is to rule the nations with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5, Ps 2:9). The dragon seeks to kill the child before he can bring redemption to God’s people and usher in the messianic kingdom.

Revelation 12 shows us what can be seen only with eyes of faith, and what we see is nothing less than war in the unseen spiritual realms. Paul writes in Ephesians 6:12, *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* Revelation 12, 13, and 14 pulls back the veil and reveals these “rulers”, “authorities” and “spiritual forces of evil”. We see the origin of the struggles & battles we face – the power behind the kingdoms of men, and the protection of God’s people against Satan because of Christ’s decisive victory over Evil through His death and resurrection. God has provided all we need to prevail in this spiritual battle. Therefore, we need not fear the dragon or his henchmen we see in this section of Revelation. In fact, we need not fear even death itself. (Rev 14:13)

The purpose is to encourage us to persevere in our faith and witness despite persecution. “Here is a call for endurance and faith of the saints.” (13:10, 14:12) We can endure because the accuser has been thrown down; there is no basis for Satan’s accusations! The guilt of our sins has been removed! The penalty has been paid in full. Sin no longer has any hold upon us. The truth of the gospel has set us free. *Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.* (Rev 12:10)

Christ’s Victory Over the Accuser (12:7-12)

Satan’s Relentless, but Futile Fight (12:13-17)

Applications:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life?
In your journal, write your answers and thoughts
in response to the following questions.**

How does Revelation 12 help you understand the grand narrative of the Scriptures? How does it change and even deepen your understanding of the birth story of Jesus?

What do the descriptors of Satan in Revelation 12:9 tell us about his character and his goals for humanity? How can we learn to rest in our security in Christ and his victory over that enemy, especially in considering these descriptors?

Revelation 12: 11 says God's people overcome and conquer Satan "by the blood of the Lamb" and the word of their testimony". Verse 17 says we "keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus". What should this look like in our lives, our relationships, our conversations, etc.? How can believers walk in this victory?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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