

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Satan is Relentless"

Revelation 12:11

REVIEW:

I. ITS IN THE NAME

1. Satan went from "*Lucifer*" - the anointed Cherub...Beautiful and perfect
 - a) To "*Satan*" - the prince of darkness
2. Luke 10:17
 - a) "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven*"
3. In the Bible names speak of character.
 - a) Acts 11:25-26
 - 1) "*Christians*" - A name given to those who worshiped and obeyed Christ.

A. SATAN

1. Satan means adversary. One who opposes.

B. DEVIL

1. "*devil*" - means "*accuser*" or "*slanderer*"
2. Revelation 12:9
3. The devil can't touch God!!!
 - a) Therefore, he *seeks to destroy God's glory* by attacking His people.
5. "*devil*" - as a slanderer or "*one who trips up*" maliciously makes false reports that are intended to injure our reputation.
6. 1 John 2:1
 - a) "*advocate*" - One who pleads another's case.

C. THE GREAT RED DRAGON

1. Revelation 12:1-9
 - a) Vs 3
 - 1) "*great Red Dragon*"
 - b) Vs 9
 - 1) "*the serpent of old*"

D. OTHER NAMES

1. 2 Corinthians 4:4

a) *"the god of this world"*

2. Ephesians 2:2

a) *"the prince of the power of the air"*

3. John 10:10

a) *"The thief comes only to steal"*

b) *"to kill and destroy"*

5. John 8:44

TWO ASPECTS OF SATAN'S USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

I. THE PERSISTANCE OF SATAN

A. WEAPON #1 - POWER AND WEALTH

1. **QUESTION:** Did you know Satan can BLESS you with prosperity?

2. *Luke 4:5-6* WOW!!!

3. *1 John 5:19*

4. **LISTEN UP** - Satan can fix you up and give you "Buying Power" but he will be there to collect heavy interest when the bill come due.

a) Remember Satan's advertised price is always less than what it costs.

B. WEAPON #2 - DECEPTION

1. Everything Satan does is wrapped up in lies because deception is @ the heart of everything he does.

2. *John 8:44*

3. When the thing you ordered shows up...you find out it wasn't what you thought.

a) It all started in the garden and will continue until he deceives the whole world!!

1) *Revelation 12:9*

2) *2 John 7*

b) *John 8:44*

4. *Matthew 7:21*

C. WEAPON #3 - OPPOSITION

1. Now Watch This: If Satan cannot get you to believe one of his lies or fall into one of his traps, he will turn around and oppose and resist anything you try to do for God!!!

a) You can bank on Satan's opposition in your efforts to live for Christ.

2. People who never feel the devil's opposition are probably not doing much for God.

3. When we get serious about serving God, the adversary shows up.

a) Because he's determined to steal God's glory.

4. **We must keep our worship on!!!**

a) Worship is to "**declare worth**". To attribute value.

1) When we worship God, we declare his value in our **TIME, TREASURES, AND TALENTS.**

5. *James 4:7*

6. *Psalm 22:3*

D. WEAPON #4 - ACCUSATIONS

1. *Revelation 12:10*

a) "*the accuser of the brothers*"

2. *2 Timothy 3:1-5*

3. *Matthew 16:13-(18)*

a) "*and the gates (authority) of hell shall not prevail against it!!*"

II. OUR SHIELD AND DEFENSE

1. Remember the goal is always VICTORY.

2. *Revelation 12:11*

a) We have access to these powerful weapons also.

1) "*the blood of the Lamb*"

2) "*the word of their testimony*"

3) *"they loved not their lives even unto death"*

A. THE GOSPEL

1. The blood Jesus shed there not only purchased our eternal salvation, but it renders Satan powerless when we operate under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

2. **Romans 8:31-34**

3. If you are under the blood, you belong to Jesus!!!

4. **Vs 34**

a) *"who is @ the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us"*

5. **1 John 2:1-2**

a) *"advocate"* - legal counsel

B. OUR TESTIMONY

1. **Revelation 12:11**

a) *"and by the word of their testimony"*

2. Our testimony is our public identification with Christ.

a) It has to do with how we speak and live.

b) Do we reflect Christlikeness and point people to Jesus?

3. If you are a secret agent saint, if your witness is invisible, then you will have no visible blessings.

a) We have been called to demonstrate God's glory, wisdom, and power.

4. **Luke 10:17**

a) Jesus is not talking about the animal kingdom here but those who carry out Satan's agenda.

C. OUR FAITHFULNESS

1. **Revelation 12:11**

a) *"for they loved not their lives even unto death"*

2. **BIG** - The saints here in the tribulation loved Christ more than they loved their lives.

a) That's faithfulness.

3. *Galatians 2:20*

4. *Philippians 1:21*

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan wants to use his **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!!!**

- a) POWER AND WEALTH
- b) DECEPTION
- c) OPPOSITION
- d) ACCUSATIONS

2. **OUR DEFENSE**

- a) THE GOSPEL
- b) OUR TESTIMONY
- c) OUR FAITHFULNESS

3. *Psalm 18:1-2*