

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Our Authority"

Hebrews 2:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. There is absolutely no doubt that we are in the midst of Spiritual Warfare.
2. And the fact is this world is Satan's domain and this is where he has set up his field of operations.
3. **John 12:31**
4. **GOOD NEWS!!!!** We have AUTHORITY!!!
 - a) **Hebrews 2:1-9**
 - 1) Vs 9 "**But we see Him (Jesus)**"
5. **WOW** - If we expect to be winning spiritual battles, day in and day out, week after week, we need to "**see Jesus**".
6. **THAT'S THE KEY TO WINNING IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE!!** Seeing Jesus
 - a) **Hebrews 12:2**
7. When we "**see Jesus**" we see someone who has already won the battle for us.
 - a) It is our inability to see Jesus that limits our authority in the realm of angelic conflict and spiritual warfare.
 - b) When we "see Jesus" we will experience the authority we never knew possible.

THREE THINGS ABOUT JESUS PURCHASE OF OUR AUTHORITY

I. THE MAN JESUS CHRIST

1. **VERY IMPORTANT:** GOD could have crushed Satan the very moment he rebelled.
 - a) But He didn't. God's plan was to defeat Satan through the weakness and frailty of human flesh.
 - b) To defeat the powerful ruler of darkness and evil!

2. **Hebrews 2:9**

A. MAKING GOOD ON HIS PROMISE

1. **Genesis 3:15**

a) Cf. *Galatians 4:4*

2. The Law provided temporary relief for sin until it was time for the Savior.

a) Every time an animal was sacrificed it pointed to the time when "*One day a woman was going to have a baby who would crush Satan's head.*"

3. At just the right time in history when all the conditions were right, Jesus was born.

4. *Galatians 4:4*

a) **NOW WATCH THIS:** The One who purchased our authority over the devil is not just another spiritual warrior!!!!

1) He is God!! He is God in the flesh.

b) "*God sent forth His Son*"

c) "*Born of a woman*"

5. *Isaiah 9:6*

6. This is what is known as the "Hypostatic Union"

a) That means the union of deity and humanity.

b) Two natures Human and Divine.

1) God the Son poured into the seed of the woman.

7. *Luke 2:26-33* WOW!!!

8. Jesus was the fulfillment of *Genesis 3:15*.

9. **NOW WATCH THIS:** *God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, to reclaim the domain that Adam had handed over to Satan.*

B. SATAN'S ASSAULT ON THE SON

1. **NOW NOTICE SATAN'S PLAN OF ATTACK**

a) First to subject Mark "the woman" to humiliation.

1) *Matthew 1:18-20*

b) Secondly Satan tried to kill the baby Jesus.

"But when the fulness of time had come, Jesus was born.

1) *Matthew 2:1-20*

- Satan was doing everything he could to stop Jesus because he knew he had a big problem on his hands.

- God stepped out of the Third Heaven (Time and Space) and entered our world wrapped in human flesh.
 - The eternal Son entered time and space as a man.
- c) Then Satan pulls out his best play.
 - *"And Jesus, full of the Spirit"*
 - 1) **Luke 4:1-15**
 - Satan wanted Jesus to do what Adam and Eve did and act independently of God.

C. THE CONQUEST OF SATAN

1. The reason Jesus didn't just crush Satan when he rebelled was because of His plan.
 - a) A plan to display his power and grace.
2. Jesus had to win the battle as a man, as the seed of the woman.
3. Jesus lived as a man to demonstrate that He had the right to make and to challenge Satan based on His obedience and dependance on God.
4. If only Adam had reminded Eve of what God had said.
 - a) Adam didn't use the Word but Jesus did.
5. **Luke 22:3**
6. **1 John 3:8**
7. **WOW!!!** God would use the cross as an instrument of death and destruction, to destroy Satan's power and purchase for us all the authority we would ever need for spiritual warfare.

CONCLUSION:

1. **Colossians 2:6-15**