

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Satan Is A Defeated Foe"

Job 1; Luke 22; 2 Corinthians 12

INTRODUCTION:

1. Satan has been a loser from all the ages since his rebellion.
 - a) One day he will taste his eternal defeat @ the hands of Jesus in the eternal Lake of Fire.

WHAT SATAN'S DEFEAT LOOKS LIKE

I. SATAN HAS BEEN DEFEATED DECISIVELY

A. IT'S A NO CONTEST

1. Satan was created!!!
 - a) And he rebelled against God who created him.

2. *Ezekiel 28:11-13*

B. TEMPORARY INSANITY

1. The devil uses Optical Illusions against us to get us to think he's bigger and more powerful than he really is.
2. An Optical Illusion - is something that plays tricks on your eyes.
 - a) An Optical Illusion can use color, light, and patterns to create images that can be deceptive or misleading to our brains.

C. USING SATAN FOR GLORY

1. Instead of God obliterating Satan, God uses Satan and his rebellion to bring God more glory.
2. **THIS IS BIG:** God is using Satan to bring Himself more glory than He would have had.....if Satan's rebellion had not occurred.
3. **LOOK AT JOB - Job 1:1-5**
 - a) **Vs 6-12**
 - 1) **OUCH** - So God "*invited*" Satan to consider Job.
 - b) Satan was going to put Job's faith to the test!!!
 - 1) But he had to get God's permission.

4. God knew Job would hold firm and honor Him in spite of severe testing, and in doing so...Job's life brought God more glory than it would have.

1) God will permit Satan to test us too.

5. It's not always easy to keep your focus on God.

a) **Job 1:21**

1) **"Blessed be the name of the Lord"**

b) **Job 2:10**

c) **Job 13:15**

1) **"I will hope in Him"**

6. **BIG:** The focus for job was not what Satan did, but what God could do.

7. **LOOK AT PETER: Luke 22:31-34**

a) Satan asked for permission to get after Peter.

1) Why??? Because Peter got proud.

b) Satan wasted no time but got right to work!!

1) **Vs 33**

8. God gave Satan permission to test Peter severely because He knew that when Peter "turned again" and repented, he was going to be a greater minister on God's behalf.

9. **LOOK AT PAUL - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, 10**

a) Paul struggled with pride.

II. SATAN'S DEFEAT PREDICTED

- **Genesis 3:15**

A. SATAN'S DECLARATION

1. **Isaiah 14**

a) Satan's 5 **"I will"** declarations.

2. The devil declared what he was going to attempt to do.

3. In **Genesis 3:15**

a) Here God declares an **"I will"** of His own.

4. God said He would put enmity (strife) between the woman's seed and the serpent's seed.

5. Notice how the conflict unfolds.

a) **Genesis 3:15** indicates that God's victory would not come without suffering.

1) *"thou shalt bruise His heel"*

b) **Genesis 3:15**

1) *"He shall bruise thy head"*

B. SATAN'S VENGEANCE

1. **Genesis 4:1-2**

2. When Abel was born, Satan probably thought Abel was the righteous seed who would crush his head.

3. **Vs 3-8**

a) God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's.

4. **1 John 3:12**

5. **Deuteronomy 29:29**

6. God always has the last word.

a) Even though Satan got Cain to kill Abel in attempt to get rid of God's righteous seed, God had something Satan wasn't counting on.

C. GOD ALWAYS WINS

1. **Genesis 4:25-26**

2. Seth was God's substitute for Abel.

a) **Vs 26**

3. God had someone else ready to take Abel's place.

a) God always has someone else ready to step up and take an Abel's place.

4. Satan messed up because he didn't know that God had a plan.