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The Final Answer - A War In Heaven

Part 2 | Revelation 12:1-12

INTRODUCTION

In last week's message, we talked about the War in Heaven as it began to heat up. This war is such a strange concept because you would think heaven is at peace. But in fact, heaven is at war. That's exactly where the war was. That war is also happening right now on this planet. So this week, we are going to continue our study of this war and learn how it impacts us as followers of Jesus.

KEY POINTS

1. A Present Reality Not Seen

As we read these verses, we need to realize that this is John's narrative of the vision that God gave him. It was specifically for John to capture what was happening behind the scenes. Our world is oblivious to this, but God wants His children to understand and embrace this. We need to remind ourselves about our spiritual forefathers, which we rarely consider.

There is a spiritual dimension that is more real than the physical dimension that we experience. The spiritual dimension is happening right now, and there is a conflict occurring in the spiritual world. If you live your life as a believer, only thinking horizontally, and looking at people and circumstances from a political perspective, you will miss out on the depth and understanding that God has already provided you. You must understand what is happening in the spiritual realm, because the spiritual realm is very real. Every believer should be mindful of that dimension.

2. A Reminder Of What We Should Already Know

There are three key truths that we need to remember as we study this chapter of Scripture. First, the woman that is being talked about in this passage is Israel. Second, the dragon that John describes is the devil, or Satan. And third, we need to remember that we win the war! We can go in confident that we will be victorious because God is on our side.

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3. A Conflict To Continue On Earth

As you read Revelation 12, you can gather that the conflict surrounding God's people in Israel continues on earth. Throughout all of history, Israel has faced its fair share of conflict, suffering, and hardship. But one thing that remains true is that God is always protecting and watching out for His people. That has been the case leading up to this point, and it will be the case from here on out. We see by reading this section of Scripture that God intervenes for Israel, because God always intervenes for His children. That is something we can be sure of.

4. The Keys To Victory

There are five keys to victory that we need to be aware of and embrace if we want to remain hopeful and keep a victorious mindset in the midst of the spiritual war going on around us.

- 1. Remember your accuser is already defeated.
- 2. There is power in the blood of Jesus.
- 3. There is power in your personal testimony and the Word of God.
- 4. There is power in courageous, sacrificial living.
- 5. Though the present conflict still rages with our angry foe, we will overcome!

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Do you live life with a sense of victory and hope because of what Jesus has already conquered for you? Why or why not?
- 2. What did you learn about the end times in this message that you didn't already know?
- 3. Where have you seen God use the power of your personal testimony to encourage someone else?

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