

## **Open your Bibles to Exodus 1:8-21.**

- We are continuing our study of the book of Exodus.
- Today we will be considering this theme: God Defeats His Enemies.

## **Now, if you know Exodus, then you know that vv15-21 have to do with the Hebrew midwives.**

- And I just want to say right off the jump that I won't be looking at their story in any real depth today.
- Lord willing, I'll do that more next Lord's Day.
- Instead, like last week, I want to go wide and see a major theme already developing in this opening chapter.
- And that theme, as I've already said, is "God Defeats His Enemies."

## **You know, often Christians feel defeated and discouraged AS CHRISTIANS.**

- And it's easy to see why, to be honest.
- Look around! Especially this month!
- June has turned into the darkest month of the year, in my opinion.
- Sin is celebrated. We can feel ourselves being pushed more and more toward the margins of society because we refuse to applaud what God hates.
- We feel the pressure to conform to a culture that has openly rejected God and the light of nature.
- We are the minority right now. Our culture has abandoned it's Protestant Christian heritage. And so, it's easy to become discouraged and feel defeated.

## **But it's more than just "Pride Month."**

- We see the church dwindling in general in the West.
- We see the need for a reformation among the churches that remain.
- We see worldliness in the lives of many professing Christians.
- We see large organizations that call themselves churches but are really social clubs for entertainment.
- We see our government starting to bare it's teeth in various ways toward the People of God.
- And we feel the cultural animosity toward true religion on a regular basis.
- Sometimes it feels like the walls are closing in on the Church in America. And, in some ways, they really are right now.
- And we find ourselves saying things like, "What's next? It seems like the world is winning. What's the use in fighting? How long, O Lord?"

**So, it's really easy to be down and discouraged and have a pit in your stomach and have joy sucked out of you.**

•I know that's the case for me a lot of the time. I know that's the case for some of you as well.

**But, brothers and sisters, let me challenge you: That is not all we should see as we look at the world.**

- That's not always where our minds should go.
- Now, we certainly shouldn't bury our heads in the sand and act like everything is fine. Everything is most certainly NOT FINE.
- It would be unbiblical and foolish to walk around with a

Pollyannaish attitude all the time.

- There are fire to put out. There are battles to fight. There is a spiritual war to be waged in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- BUT we should be a smiling people. We should be a joyous people. We should be a people who seem crazy to unbelievers, given the cultural moment.

- And why? Because our Lord Jesus wins. Our God wins.

- He will strike down all His foes in time and eternity, in one way or another, either by grace or by judgment.

- And we belong to Him. That Lord is our Lord. That God is our God. That King is our King. And we are His People by covenant.

### **I hope to encourage you this morning from Exodus.**

- I want you to see a big God who destroys all who oppose Him and thwarts the plans of those who try to thwart His.

- I want you to see that truly YOUR GOD REIGNS.

- And I want you to see that your Lord really is Lord.

### **Brothers and sisters, if we know that, then we will laugh in the face of the world.**

- We will still mourn what we see. That's for sure.

- We will still fight what needs fought.

- We will not look the other way.

- BUT we will do everything with faith in our God and confidence in the fact that HE WINS. He always wins!

**This sermon will be simple.**

- But I think it is also full of hope for us.
- May God bless the preaching of His Word.

**If you would, and are able, please stand with me now for the reading of the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God.**

### **Exodus 1:8-21**

**[8]** Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

**[9]** And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us.

**[10]** Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

**[11]** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.

**[12]** But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.

**[13]** So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves

**[14]** and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

**[15]** Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

**[16]** “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you

shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.”

**[17]** But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.

**[18]** So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?”

**[19]** The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.”

**[20]** So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.

**[21]** And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

### **(PRAY)**

*Our Great God and King,*

- *You are God over all. And you reign through your divine Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, over all things.*

- *We ask now that you would give us a glimpse of your might and power.*

- *Open our minds to receive the Scriptures. Open our hearts to believe them.*

- *Grant us grace and change us by your Spirit working through the Word.*

- *Show us your glory. And give us hope through the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.*

- *Make your Word effectual to the salvation of our souls.*

- *We ask these things in Jesus' Name and for His sake.*
- *Amen.*

## **1.) Brothers and sisters, our God will conquer every enemy.**

- I think that's one big theme we can take from this passage and many others in Exodus.
- But how do we see that here?
- Well, to begin, we have to see the enemy of God presented in this text.

## **In this passage, Pharaoh is shown pretty clearly to be an anti-God figure.**

- He is God's enemy in the book of Exodus.
- And he is defeated in many ways over and over again.
- So, in this, Pharaoh serves as a figure of every human being who opposes God, and is even a picture of Satan.

## **But how do we see that? Where is that in the text?**

- Well, let's consider broadly what's going on here:

**1.** As I mentioned last week, Exodus picks up where Genesis left off.

- And Genesis ends with the account of how God blessed Egypt and the surrounding nations with Joseph.
- God used Joseph to prepare Egypt for the famine that was coming. And, in doing so, Joseph saved the nation and many people from starvation and death.
- BUT, as v8 tells us, a new Pharaoh arose who did not

know Joseph. That is, he did not CARE about Joseph.

- This new Pharaoh felt no obligation to Joseph's memory or his family, the Israelites.
- And this shows us that Pharaoh despises the work and kindness of God.

### **God had been kind to send Joseph to save lives.**

- But this Pharaoh spits upon the kindness of God. He forgets Joseph. He doesn't care about what God did through Joseph.
- And so, he discounts how merciful God has been.
- This is something that a hater of God does. He is God's enemy.

**2.** Next, we remember that the Israelites were the People of God.

- God had made them His People through the Abrahamic Covenant.
- God had claimed them as His own and made promises to them. God had promised to be their God and they His People.
- But what does Pharaoh do? He enslaves them.
- That is, Pharaoh functionally makes the Israelites "his people." He makes them "his servants."
- So those who were set apart by God to serve the Lord, have been taken and set apart as slaves to serve Pharaoh.

### **Do you see what Pharaoh has done?**

- Pharaoh has attempted to take the place of God over His covenant People.

- Pharaoh is opposing the reign of God over the Israelites and has, in a sense, “stolen” them from God.
- This is something only an enemy of God would do.

**3.** In v7, we read that God blessed the Israelites with a great growth in population.

- And we know that God did this in accordance with the promises He made to Abraham. (That He would make Abraham into a great nation.)

- So the Israelites began to multiply like animals and were swarming all over the land.

- They were being blessed by God with many children.

### **But what does Pharaoh do?**

- In v10, we read that Pharaoh attempts to decrease their numbers.

- He is going to use slavery to try to make their numbers decrease. (Work some to death, make them not want to marry or have children, give them very little free time to attempt to procreate, etc.)

- And in v10, Pharaoh says that he is doing this, “...lest they multiply...”

- Pharaoh is trying to keep their numbers down.

- Pharaoh opposes God’s promise to the Israelites.

- Pharaoh is hostile to God and His work.

**4.** We see also that God continued to bless the Israelites with even FURTHER population growth.

- In v12 we read, “But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad...”

## **But what does Pharaoh do again?**

- He attempts to kill their numbers. But this time it's much worse than slavery alone.
- In v16, Pharaoh commands the Hebrew midwives to murder the male babies when their born.
- Pharaoh hates God's People. Only one with raw hatred brimming within them could command or condone the slaughter of children.
- And to hate God's People is to hate God Himself, because God so loves and identifies with them.
- Pharaoh is an enemy of God.

**5.** Lastly, we know that God had promised to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land.

- We read that in Genesis 15 and 46 and many other places in Genesis.
- God had promised to bring them out of Egypt and into the land that He had given to Abraham.

## **But what does Pharaoh do?**

- Pharaoh tries to keep them in the land through slavery.
- In v10 we read, "Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and ESCAPE FROM THE LAND."
- Pharaoh does not want them to leave Egypt. He wants them to remain under his dominion. He wants them to be his slaves forever.
- Pharaoh opposes God's plans and will.
- Again, Pharaoh is God's enemy.

**At every turn in this narrative, Pharaoh is anti-God.**

- Whether he consciously realized it or not doesn't really matter. Pharaoh set himself against the Lord.
- And, in doing so, Pharaoh gives a vivid example of man in rebellion against God.
- He is a perfect picture (or wicked picture) of the unregenerate, unbelieving human.

**You see, the natural man, the people that we're born, apart from God's grace, the natural man is the enemy of God.**

- You could say that the natural man is the natural born enemy of God.
- By nature, mankind is a slave to sin and hostile to God.
- Just like Pharaoh, mankind in general despises the work and kindness of God, attempts to take the place of God, care nothing for God's promises, hates God's People, and opposes God's will.
- As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:7, "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God..."
- The natural man, the fleshly man, is a hater of God. We are born God's enemies.
- Our hearts are far from Him, apart from His grace. We are turned away from Him and will turn toward literally anything else.
- The enmity is deep. And unless God graciously converts the sinner, the enmity will remain for eternity.

**NOTE:** And this is EVERY PERSON apart from the grace of God.

- From the sweet but unconverted old lady down the street, to the child murderer, and everyone in between.
- Everyone, no matter how different their actions or how things appear on the surface, everyone apart from divine grace, everyone who has not been converted to Christ, is an enemy of God and, in some measure or another, displays this enmity in their thoughts, speech, or actions.

**But not only is Pharaoh a picture of unregenerate man. Pharaoh also serves as a kind of Satan, the great enemy of God.**

- Think about it for a minute: In Pharaoh, the Serpent is attempting to kill the Seed of the Woman, Jesus Christ.
- In Pharaoh, Satan is attempting to keep God from keeping His promises to bring about the Messiah, the Savior, Jesus Christ, through Abraham's line.
- Pharaoh is trying to stamp out Israel. And, if he succeeds, then the Messiah cannot be born, for God had promised that the Messiah would be the Offspring of Abraham.

**Satan stands behind Pharaoh.**

- Satan animates him. Pharaoh is his instrument to try to thwart the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- So, we can see that Pharaoh stands for the Devil as well as unregenerate man.

**But how does that go for him?**

- How do things go, ultimately, for an enemy of God?

**2.) I want you see the "battle," if we can**

## **call it that, between God and Pharaoh.**

•In some ways, Exodus is something of the story of the “contest” between God and Pharaoh (God and His enemy).

### **So, what do we see happening?**

**1.** Pharaoh enslaves the Israelites to try to keep their numbers down.

•But God continues to bless them. They continue to grow.

•As v12 said, “But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied...”

•God wins. Pharaoh loses.

**2.** Pharaoh functionally makes the Israelites “his people” by enslaving them.

•But God will still claim them as His own throughout Exodus and will eventually free them so they can serve Him in the wilderness.

•God wins. Pharaoh loses.

**3.** Pharaoh commands the murder of Jewish baby boys.

•But the midwives refuse to obey because they fear God more than man.

•They are used by God to stop Pharaoh’s plan.

•God wins. Pharaoh loses.

**4.** As we will see, Pharaoh eventually commands the whole nation of Egypt to murder the Hebrew baby boys.

•But God will use Pharaoh’s own daughter as the

instrument to protect and save God's chosen instrument of salvation, Moses.

- God will thwart the plan of Pharaoh using a member of Pharaoh's own house to do so.

- God wins. Pharaoh loses.

**5.** And then, Pharaoh will attempt to keep the Israelites in Egypt at all costs.

- He will refuse to let them go free, as God commands.

- But God will bring strike down Egypt with plagues, kill Pharaoh's son, plunder Egypt, and bring His People out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

- God wins. Pharaoh loses.

### **God blesses His People. And Pharaoh attempts to stop the Lord.**

- He opposes God in every way that he can. But at every step, God defeats the attempts of Pharaoh.

- At certain times, it seems as if Pharaoh has won. But then God comes back in and defeats him.

- And, finally, as we know the end of the story, God decisively and fully defeats Pharaoh in judgment and wonders and frees His People.

- Pharaoh rebels against, rejects, and defies God. But it doesn't really matter because God cannot be stopped.

- Rather, God's enemy is conquered and eventually destroyed so utterly that Moses can sing,

- “I will sing to the LORD for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The LORD is

a man of war; the LORD is His name...Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.” (Exodus 15:1-3, 6)

**Brothers and sisters, I want you to see the lesson here:**

- God will conquer all of His enemies.
- God will cast down all who oppose Him.
- No one can stop God from doing His will.
- No one can successfully oppose the Lord.
- Pharaoh is a byword among the People of God.
- As you look around the world and see so many standing against our God, I want you to say to yourself, “Remember Pharaoh.”

**Let me say this in the most clear way that I can:**

- Those who oppose God are FOOLS.
- Who can overpower the Almighty?
- Who can outsmart the One who is Wisdom?
- Who can override the Sovereign?
- Who can prevent the God who predestines?
- Who can judge the Judge of all the Earth?
- It is a fool’s errand to fight against the Lord of Heaven and Earth.
- God gets His way. And God strikes down His enemies.

**There is a saying I heard a long time ago that I like:** “Dogs get put down.”

- That is, bad dogs get put down.
- When you hear of a murderer being put to death: Dogs

get put down.

- When you hear of an evil political regime coming to a violent end: Dogs get put down.

- When you see someone meet their own demise because of their own wickedness: Dogs get put down.

**Brothers and sisters, when you look out at the world and see all the madness, all the wickedness, all the rebellion, all the hostility toward God, remember this:**

- Dogs get put down.
- It cannot last. God will get the last word.
- He may allow the wicked to rebel against Him for a season. But He will not permit it forever.

**Let me draw your attention to something:** Did you ever notice that no Pharaoh is ever named in Exodus?

- Surely, Moses knew the names of the Pharaohs. But God did not inspire Moses to record them.

- All kinds of other names are recorded. Genealogies are given, even. But no Pharaoh is named.

- Why? I think God was making a point with this.

- Pharaoh was the most powerful man in the world at that time. But God doesn't record His name.

- Why? Because He is UNIMPORTANT.

- Why? Because He opposed God without repentance.

- He isn't even worthy of being named because God dumped him on the trash heap of history.

- All of God's enemies are destined to be defeated. And if they never repent, forgotten.

## **At this point, let me ask you something:**

- Do you oppose God?

## **Believer, are you opposing the Lord in some way?**

- Is there some kind of willful disobedience you're harboring?
- Is there something the Lord is pushing you to do, some good you can do for His glory and the good of His People, but you're refusing?
- Is there some secret sin you're refusing to give over to Him?
- If so, that is defiance of the Lord God. And God will conquer you.
- He will humble you. He will defeat your opposition in some way or another.
- He will discipline you and bring you to repentance.
- Now, He will not ruin you utterly. You are His child through faith in Christ. But you may have to go down the hard path.
- The Lord will defeat your defiance. And you will glorify Him.
- So I appeal to you, do not oppose Him, but submit to Him gladly. Take the easier path. Remember Pharaoh.
- God will have you. But it may be a painful road.
- Do not oppose Him any longer.

## **If there is an unbeliever or falsely professing Christian among us, know this:**

- You are opposing God for certain.
- You are just like Pharaoh. Your enmity toward God may not be as externally visible. But it is just as real.

- You disobey Him. You deny His reign. You attempt to be your own God. You despise His promises given through Jesus Christ. You spit on His mercy and kindness toward you. And that is a dangerous, dangerous place to be.

- You must submit to the Lord, repent of your sin, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and salvation of your soul.

- Your time is running out. You will not oppose God forever. Don't be a fool.

- Consider what the outcome of your rebellion will be: The damnation of your soul.

- Remember Pharaoh. And turn to the Lord Jesus. There is forgiveness of sins in Him. There is peace with God only in Him.

- Through Christ, your enmity with God will end.

**Dear congregation, see this simple but profound truth: God will defeat all His enemies.**

- Learn the lesson from Pharaoh: Only a fool rebels against God!

**3.) Brothers and sisters, all of this preaches Christ.**

- God's victory over Pharaoh in the Exodus points to God's greater victory in Jesus Christ.

- God triumphing over Pharaoh and Egypt prefigures an even greater triumph in Jesus Christ.

- Just as God conquered them, God Incarnate, the Lord Jesus, conquers all His enemies.

## **1. Our Lord conquered Satan by His Cross.**

- That great enemy of God was crushed by the blood of Jesus.
- Our Lord has defeated Satan, the great enemy, the dragon, the ancient serpent.
- Satan tried to stop the birth of our Lord throughout Israel's history. But Christ was born anyway.
- When Christ was born, Satan used Herod to try to murder Him as a baby. But Christ's family fled to Egypt and Jesus lived.
- Satan tempted Christ to go a different way than the Cross, but Christ refused and triumphed.
- Satan tried to take Christ's life through mobs, but Christ could not be taken before His time.
- And, eventually, our Lord did go to His Cross and willingly lay down His life for His sinful People to make a full atonement for them.

## **All that Satan had tried to do from Genesis 3 onward was crushed into pieces by the Cross of Christ.**

- All that Satan had done to bring ruin and misery and death and damnation was undone for God's People. For Christ purchased their peace with God, the redemption of their souls, the resurrection of their bodies, and everlasting life in His death on the Cross.
- Christ died and was raised. And, in doing so, He satisfied the wrath of God in the place of His People, reconciled God's enemies to Him, and purchased every blessing for them and the world.
- By His life, death, and resurrection, Christ undid the work of the Devil. He rendered Satan a vanquished foe

in principle.

### **And Christ has bound Satan.**

- Revelation 20 tells us that, since Christ has come, Satan is in chains and can no longer deceive the nations.

- He can no longer wreak havoc on the scale that He once did because Christ has bound the strong man.

- Christ's Gospel now goes out to the world to convert the nations and there is nothing that Satan can do about it.

- The world was once held firmly in the grip of Satan. But Christ has bound Him and is taking His People one soul at a time.

- And one day, Christ, having crushed the snake, will cast Satan into the Lake of Fire where he will be day and night forever and ever. Not just defeated in principle, but in every way possible.

- The great enemy of Christ has been defeated.

**2.** Christ has also defeated each one of us who have come to trust and love Him.

- He defeated you, Christian. He conquered you by His love.

- You were His enemy at one time. You were not born a Christian. You were born with a heart hostile against Him. You were born at enmity with the Lord.

- But what did He do?

- The Hound of Heaven, Jesus Christ, ran you down. You tried to run, but He caught you.

- And the Great King unsheathed His Sword of the Spirit and ran your heart through with His Gospel.

- And He shattered your stony heart. And then He replaced with a beating heart that loves Him.
- He conquered our rebel hearts. And He exercised His kingly dominion and made us His own willing people.

**We fought Him. We rebelled. We opposed Him. But it didn't matter. Our resistance was futile.**

- The Lord Jesus overcame us. He overcame His enemies by His grace and made us able and willing to trust and love Him. He overpowered us and changed us.
- View yourself this way, Christian: You are a former enemy of Christ, whom He conquered.
- And not only us, but EVERY ELECT ENEMY will be conquered by Him in this way.

**Brothers and sisters, see this:**

- Christ will conquer His elect enemies by His grace. And He will conquer EVERY ONE OF THEM.
- He can conquer through judgment or by grace. And for those whom the Father has given Him, He will defeat every one of them by His grace.
- And they will be saved by the One they formerly rebelled against.
- What a God! What a Champion! What a Savior!

**3.** But not only has Satan been defeated by judgment. Not only have we been defeated by grace. But Christ will defeat and reign over the whole world.

After completing His work of atonement by His death on the Cross, Jesus was raised from the dead and later ascended into Heaven.

- And there He was crowned King and Lord of all.
- As Psalm 110:1-2 says, “The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!”
- Jesus is reigning now! He has been reigning since He was enthroned. And He will reign forever!
- This world now belongs to Christ. As Jesus says in Matthew 28:18, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
- It’s all His. ALL authority. If He has ALL authority, then guess how much authority His enemies have? NONE.
- He will conquer every one of His enemies in one way or another in time and eternity. The whole world belongs to Him.

**As Philippians 2:9-11 tells us, Jesus wears the triple crown of heaven, earth, and under the earth.**

- “Therefore God has highly exalted and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongues confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- He is Lord of ALL. He is Sovereign. He is God.
- And everyone will one day bow down at His feet.
- Whether they bow willingly or unwillingly, they WILL BOW DOWN TO CHRIST!
- Whether in love and faith and gladness, or because He has ripped out their knees and forced them to the ground, ALL WILL BOW TO HIM!

- Whether by grace or by judgment, Christ will defeat every enemy.

**The Lord Jesus reigns. Everything is His. He purchased it all by His blood. And He will conquer all His enemies in history and eternity.**

- This is why Psalm 2 says that God laughs at those who rebel against God and His Christ/Anointed.

- God has already set up His King. And His name is Jesus. IN SPITE OF the rebellion of the world, God has still made Christ King!

- And the Psalm goes on to say that God has promised Jesus saying, “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall rule them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

- God tells His Son, “Ask me. And I’ll give you the world.”

- I believe Jesus has asked. And this world is His.

- The nations and the ends of the earth belong to Christ. And he will crush all those who do not repent and submit themselves to His reign.

**This is why the Psalm ends by saying,**

- “Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.”

- The kings of history are warned to kiss Christ, the Son.

- Why? Because everything is His. And only those who

take refuge in Him by faith will remain.

**Brothers and sisters, those who oppose the reign of the risen Christ are destined for failure.**

- What a message for us to hear! (Especially this month.)
- The world rebels. And God laughs. For God has given the world to Christ.
- And it's just a matter of time before the reign of Christ is realized in history.
- As Psalm 110:1 says, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- Christ will reign from heaven UNTIL every enemy is conquered. He will reign until every enemy is subdued.
- And then He will return.
- So this world may seem to win for a time. But it won't win for real.
- God will thwart all of His enemies. Christ will conquer.

**Brothers and sisters, take this with you!**

- Hold onto this!
- It's part of the Gospel. Christ has purchased not only our salvation, but the WORLD by His blood!

**And one Day, one blessed, glorious Day, our Lord will return in power and glory.**

- And He will fully and finally, in every way, defeat all His enemies in the Final Judgment of all mankind.
- In the most literal way, ALL HIS ENEMIES WILL BE DEFEATED.
- Christ will most certainly do it. This world is His. Time

is His. Eternity is His.

**Brothers and sisters, this is good news for those who belong to Christ.**

- Just as Pharaoh and Egypt, the enemy of God's People, were cast down, so also will all our enemies be cast down.

- Those who hate and oppress God's Church really are hating and attempting to harm HIM.

- Remember the words of our Lord to Saul in Acts 9:4, "Saul, Saul, why are persecuting ME?"

- The enemies of Christ's Church are the enemies of Christ Himself. For Christ loves His Bride.

- And Christ will conquer them. It's just a matter of time.

**And one Day, all sin, Satan himself, and death itself will be removed from this world.**

- All enemies will be defeated. And we will dwell with Christ in the peace that we have so longed for all our lives.

- Christ wins. So we win in Him.

**4.) So, brothers and sisters, REJOICE!**

- Heaven belongs to Christ. Earth belongs to Christ. History belongs to Christ. Eternity belongs to Christ.

- And you belong to Christ.

- He has conquered Satan. He has conquered you. He will conquer the world. And He will be the Final Judge of all men and angels.

- Every enemy will be conquered, either by grace or

judgment.

**Christian, your Lord gets the last word.**

- So you can, with holy joy, laugh in the face of a world that hates your God.
- Why? Because they don't win. Christ does.
- God triumphed over Pharaoh. And God in Christ will triumph over the world.

**Brothers and sisters, don't go around this world frowning all the time.**

- Yes, things are really bad in a lot of ways.
- Yes, sin is celebrated and normalized.
- Yes, the church needs reformation.
- Yes, it seems in some ways that Satan has the upper hand right now.
- But we know this: Christ has already won. And the rebellion cannot last forever.
- As Hebrews 2:8 says, "...Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not YET see everything in subjection to Him."
- YET. We do not YET see everything in subsection to him. But that means that we will one day.

**Christian, face the world joy and gladness and a holy boldness.**

- Laugh in the face of the wicked.
- For Christ reigns. Christ wins.
- Amen.

