**Sermon Notes August 28, 2022**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Is Victory Eluding You Today?

**Scripture**: Revelation 6:9-11, 12:10-17, Psalm 103:12, 1 John 2:1, John 3:30, Matthew 23:37-39, 24:15, Exodus 19:4-6, Isaiah 53, 2 Peter 3:18

**Summary**: Revelation is always a book of hope. We are reminded to rejoice in the fact that God protects us daily from the attacks of Satan. We need to live in the victory that comes through our relationship with Jesus. Each one of us has a personal testimony. Are we thanking God for that testimony? And are we sharing that testimony with others?

**Read**: Revelation 12

It’s important for us to be about the work of the Kingdom. I want you to think about your labors for the Lord this morning. Ask yourself what you have done over the past year to labor for God, and where could you do more?

1. **Rejoice!**
	1. Revelation 12:10-12
		1. Satan is the accuser mentioned here.
		2. He spends his time pleading to God about how we have sinned and deserve death.
	2. Psalm 103:12
		1. God gives us an assurance for forgiveness.
		2. Satan holds no power over us because God has actually forgiven our sins.
	3. 1 John 2:1
		1. Jesus has promised us protection when we ask forgiveness.
	4. Satan is on a rampage
		1. Fury / wrath – out of control anger.
		2. He is focused on keeping as many people from salvation as possible.
	5. Eternal victory over sin through Jesus.
		1. The keys to victory in verse 11.
			1. The Blood of the Lamb.
				1. The once and for all final sacrifice, granting us entrance to heaven.
			2. By the Word of Their Testimony.
				1. Are we proclaiming our testimony? (See G.O.S.P.E.L below)
				2. Give your testimony in 30 seconds or less.
				3. What When, How, Where, and Why? Keep it simple.
			3. Not Loving their Lives.
				1. Those who claim victory choose Jesus over the things of this world.
		2. G.O.S.P.E.L.
			1. God created us to be with Him. (Genesis 1-2)
			2. Our sins separate us from God. (Genesis 3)
			3. Sins cannot be removed by good deeds. (Genesis 4 – Malachi 4)
			4. Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (Matthew – Luke)
			5. Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. (John)
			6. Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Acts – Revelation)
	6. John 3:30
		1. Increase your walk and humble your talk.
2. **Satan’s Persecution**
	1. Revelation 12:13-16
		1. Satan is intently targeting Israel.
		2. He understands God’s Word and wants to do everything he can to prevent the Jews from recognizing and turning to Jesus.
	2. Matthew 23:37-39
		1. Jesus promises he will not return until the Jews recognize Him as Messiah.
	3. Exodus 19:4-6
		1. Jesus promises that he will protect Israel for all time.
		2. In Zechariah 14 God presents a route of escape for 1/3 of the Jews, thwarting Satan.
3. **Persecution of the Remnant**
	1. Revelation 12:17
		1. The remnant is those left on earth at this point in the Tribulation.
		2. When the woman escapes Satan’s grasp, he wages war with anyone who believes in Jesus.

**Application / Next Steps**

God is expecting us to grow spiritual.

**2 Peter 3:18a (ESV),**

**Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

As God’s people the responsibility to grow in the Word falls to our shoulders.

What will your testimony be? Will you share it now or later? Not if you’ll share it.

When did you last give thanks for even having a testimony?

God is listening, will you respond to His calling?

If you don’t know how to start, then you need to be in the new believers and members class on the 18th.