

Overcoming Our Accuser

Revelation 12:7-12

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

1. Describe everything you can about the war that is fought in verses 7-9.
2. Notice the different titles used for Satan in verse 9. What can you learn about him and his tactics against you from each of these descriptions?
3. Verse 10 begins with a triumphant declaration of Satan's defeat. What words or phrases in verse 10 emphasize God's strength in contrast to Satan's?
4. On the one hand, the devil is described as "the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night" (v.10). But in the next breath he is described as the one who "has been hurled down" from heaven. How does "the blood of the Lamb overcome all of the devil's accusations against us (v.11)?"
5. When you have felt assaulted by guilt or shame, how has it helped to realize that Christ's blood was shed for you?
6. A second key to overcoming Satan is our "testimony" (v. 11). How can sharing our faith with others-even in the face of opposition-enable us to overcome the devil?

7. Verse 11 implies that if we love our lives too much, then we will be hesitant to testify about Christ in the face of opposition or threats. Why would this be true?

8. When Christians are martyred for their faith, it appears to the world that they have been defeated rather than victorious. (The same was true of the death of Jesus.) Yet how can their apparent defeat be seen as an ultimate victory?

9. Verse 12 concludes by saying that the devil “is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” Why should this statement keep us from being complacent about our struggle with Satan?

10. How can John’s vision of the war in heaven encourage you in the midst of the spiritual battles you face?