

Lesson 6

VICTORY IN AND THROUGH JESUS

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,
and they did not love their lives to the death
(Revelation 12:11).

Satan is relentless in his attacks. He is one of the most powerful of all of God's created beings. However, as a created being, he is not the opposite of God. He is in opposition to God, and he opposes the people of God. Although Satan is powerful, he is not invincible.

HOW TO GET VICTORY

Satan attacks at our weakest point, the flesh. He tries to draw us away from a life in the Spirit to a life after the flesh. Despite his tactic, as we read and apply the Scriptures, God teaches us how to prevail.

RELY ON THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

In Revelation 12:7-8, Michael the archangel prevailed against Satan, yet he did not bring any accusation against him but said, "The Lord rebuke you" (Jude 1:9). Likewise, we need to use the name of the Lord for victory and power over Satan. We dare not come against Satan, or the evil in this world, in our own strength. Rely on the Lord to fight the battle.

1. Write Isaiah 41:10.

USE YOUR TESTIMONY

We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ; and therefore, we are debtors to the Lord to live and to walk after the Spirit. Our old nature, our flesh, was crucified with Christ. Today we live a new life after the Spirit. We can overcome the enemy by the word of our testimony. Tell others about God's victory in your life.

2. Write Galatians 2:20.

DON'T LOVE YOUR LIFE MORE THAN CHRIST

We must reckon our old nature as dead, crucified with Christ. When the flesh is reckoned dead, then Satan has no place to attack. He attacks my flesh to get to my spirit. He does not attack my spirit directly since he is already defeated in the realm of the spirit.

3. Write 1 Peter 4:1-2.

4. Write 1 Peter 4:3.

HOW WILL JESUS HELP US?

As a child of God, you are one of Satan's prime targets. Even so, Jesus is praying for you. As our mediator and advocate before the Father, Jesus is making intercession for us.

The word *intercedes* means more than just "to pray." It means that Christ meets with God the Father to speak on our behalf. Jesus searches our hearts and makes intercession for us according to God's perfect will for our lives.

5. Write Romans 8:26.

6. Write Romans 8:27.

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

God allows spiritual warfare so we can mature in our faith. Spiritual warfare is a strength builder. God's ultimate purpose for these testings is to bring us to bring about spiritual maturity and bring us into a relationship with Him where we discover His faithfulness in all our circumstances.

7. Write 1 Peter 1:6-7.

8. Write 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9.

9. Write James 1:2-3.

HOW TO FIGHT

We cannot fight this battle living a life in the flesh. Because it is a spiritual battle, we must fight with the spiritual weapons that God has placed in our arsenal. We must put on the whole armor of God. We need to pray without ceasing, and we must crucify our flesh and live a life after the Spirit. We must come against the enemy in the victory that Jesus accomplished on the cross.

We don't have to live after the flesh, defeated. We have overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb. This is our testimony. This is the place of victory. It gives no place for the enemy. We can live in victory, in His victory, in the strength of Jesus Christ. God has given us everything to win the battle, and right now, He is making intercession on our behalf.

10. Write 1 Corinthians 15:57.

11. Write 1 Corinthians 15:58.