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Victory in Troubled Times, Part 2

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Opening Summary

Why is all this happening? That question will be answered in this vital teaching. You will learn about the tools Jesus gave you to cause you to win every time. Hearing this message and doing what it says will prepare you to have victory in troubled times.

- I. Why do times like these occur?
 - A. It is satan's nature to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).
 - B. Satan knows his time is short (Rev 20:1-3).
 - C. This is the result of satan being removed from human contact (Isa 11:1-12).
 - D. There is no forgiveness for satan (like it is for man), because no one tempted him.
 - E. Deceive means someone is putting forth a theory that is not true (Rev 20:7-15).
 - F. *Nations* means (Gk. *ethnos*) *everyone on the earth*.
 - G. The breadth of the earth is Jerusalem (Rev. 20:9).
- II. God is not your enemy. God never loses. Adam and Eve succumbed to satan's deception, but God will have a people with Him forever who overcome satan.
- III. These are characteristics of an overcomer (Rev 12:9-11).
 - A. They overcame satan because Jesus' blood was shed. They didn't love their own lives.
 - B. What causes them to act in this manner? It was their faith (1 John 5:4).
 - C. Faith is trust, confidence and belief in God.
 - D. Therefore, faith is a big deal! The word *faith* is used in 234 verses in the Bible.
 - E. God wants you to win, because He loves you (Heb 11:6; John 3:16).
 - F. The word *love* is mentioned in 286 verses in the Bible.
- IV. God has *stacked the playing field* in your favor through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
 - A. *Committeth* (Gk. *poieo*) means *continue* (1 John 3:8).
 - B. *Destroy* (Gk. *luo*) doesn't mean to obliterate, but *to loosen*.
 - C. We are surrounded by the works of the devil (Psa. 23:4).
 - D. *Works* (Gk. *ergon*) means *acts, deeds, labor, work*.
 - E. Before we were born again, we were held tightly by the devil's works.
 - F. The blood of Jesus loosened satan's tight hold on us; now we are free.
 - G. Satan's favorite tools have been defeated.
 1. For sickness and disease, Jesus provided healing.
 2. For early death and danger, Jesus provided long life and protection.
 3. For lack of knowledge, Jesus provided wisdom.
 4. For financial lack, Jesus gave provision.
 5. For sin, Jesus has shown mercy.
 6. God gave you all those tools to overcome satan and his works in the earth.

- V. All these are called the grace of God.
 - A. *Grace* (Gk. *charis*): *favor, strength of God* (Heb. 4:16a).
 - B. Grace is not mercy. *Mercy* means (Gk. *eleos*) *compassion*.
 - C. After mercy, God employs grace to help you get it right (2 Cor. 12:9).
 - D. Grace gives you the ability to succeed!
 - E. The Holy Ghost is a person. He is called the Spirit of Grace (Heb 10:29).
 - F. *Comforter* (Gk. *Parakletos*) means counselor, helper, intercessor, advocate, strengthener, standby and teacher (John 14:16).
 - G. *Help* (Gk. *boetheia*) means *aid, support when necessary* (Heb. 4:16b).
 - H. Grace gives you whatever aid or support you need when you need it.
- VI. The context of the deck being stacked in your favor is in Heb 4:14-15.
 - A. Jesus is the great high priest: His blood was put on the mercy seat. God received His blood to wash away your sin.
 - B. Jesus understands what it's like to be in a human body (Heb. 4:15).
 - C. When you miss the mark, God has mercy (compassion), not instant judgement.
 - D. Therefore, you have 1 John 1:9. You must acknowledge your sin (1 John 2:1).
- VII. All the God-given tools that I described are called *salvation* (Gk. *sozo*). It means to save (i.e., deliver or protect, heal, preserve, do well, be make whole).
 - A. All grace is accessible through faith.
 - B. Grace is a gift to you from God! The manifestation of grace can grow (Eph 2:5, 8).
 - C. Salvation and grace are gifts from God; you didn't earn them.
- VIII. The more you know about God the more promises you can obtain (2 Pet. 1:2-4). The more faith you have, the more the Holy Spirit can work on your behalf and the more grace can be employed.
- IX. You can stop your advantages from working for you (Eph 4:17-32).
 - A. *Lasciviousness* is *filthiness* (homosexuality, etc.). *Greediness* is *covetousness* (Eph. 4:19).
 - B. *Lust* is wanting anything other than what God provides (Eph. 4:22).
 - C. Don't carry anything over to the next day (Eph. 4:26).
 - D. Don't let the devil get a foot in the door. Close the door quickly (4:27).
 - E. It is not right to do nothing and receive money from the government (Eph. 4:28).
 - F. *Corrupt* means *worthless*. Let your words build up those that hear you (Eph. 4:29).
 - G. *Grieve* means *to make sad* (Eph. 4:30).
 - H. Christians are not supposed to use profanity (Eph. 4:31).
 - I. *Sake* means *position*. Christ is the head, and you are the body (Eph. 1:22-23). You are Jesus in the earth (Eph. 4:32).

Closing Summary

Meditate upon these things so you will know what to do when satan attacks you. Take your salvation tools and remind the devil every day that He's under your feet. When the Word is implanted in your heart, you will boldly declare in the face of adversity that Jesus already gave you the victory.