



LIFEGROUPS

Series: Revelation

Scripture: Revelation 12-14

Date: July 7-8, 2018

Message: *The Woman and the Dragon*

—[LET'S START]—

At the beginning of his sermon, Pastor Dale talked about the fact that you and I are in the crosshairs of the greatest villain to ever exist against God. What are some evidences that you see in our world today of the invisible battle that is being waged against God?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Read Revelation 12:1-9 as a group. What do these verses teach us about the invisible battle that is being waged against God? What do these verses reveal to us about Satan? What do these verses reveal to us about Jesus?
2. Pastor Dale talked about the fact that one of Satan's most powerful weapons is deception. Knowing that deception is a weapon that Satan has used since eternity past, Christ's followers should be prepared to stand up against the devil's deception. Read 1 John 2:18-23 and 1 Peter 5:8-11. What do these passages teach us about how we should live our lives?
3. In Revelation 12:17 we see that the Christians who stay faithful to God under persecution are not exempted from suffering. Rather, it is through their suffering that they triumph over Satan. What are some examples where you have seen or heard about where Christians keep God's command and hold fast to their testimony even when going through suffering?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-16. How does Paul's final charge to Timothy prepare us to live when facing persecution? How prepared are you to suffer for your faith?
5. Read Philippians 3:10-11. What do these verses teach us about God? What do they teach us about us? What is God telling you to do as a result of what you have read today?

—[LET'S ACT]—

In his sermon, Pastor Dale talked about some of Wooddale's global partners. Through our partnership with The Timothy Initiative, Wooddale is working to plant 4,000 churches in five countries where less than 1% of the people know Christ. In many of the villages where these churches are planted, the believers go through persecution. Recently six converts were beaten for their faith in Christ. Sadly three people renounced their faith in Christ, but three others stood strong against the mob and said, "You can beat or kill us if you want. We are not turning our backs on our Savior Jesus Christ!"

Take some time today to pray for the persecuted church. Pray for Wooddale's global partners who are sharing the hope of the Gospel in places that are largely closed to Gospel witness. Pray for God to use you to impart the hope of the Gospel in your neighborhood, workplace and home.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- This week's sermon focused on Revelation 12-14 and the invisible battle that is being waged by the greatest villain to ever exist against God and His creation. While the conflict is unavoidable, it is not terminal. God has provided a way through it and assured us of victory over it.
- Below is an outline of this week's sermon:
 - Satan is the cause of our cosmic conflict.
 - He started in the garden by deceiving humankind into believing that they could be their own god by rebelling against God.
 - We are living in the midst of great spiritual warfare, and Satan's greatest weapon is deceit. His greatest attempt to destroy both the ethnic people of God, as well as those Gentiles who by faith are grafted into the family of God, was to kill the Son of God.
 - There have been many times throughout history that Satan has used evil men and nations to try to destroy Israel.
 - Men and women all over the world are being persecuted and put to death because of Christ.
 - Those under persecution are not offered exemption from suffering. It is through their suffering that they triumph over Satan.
 - By keeping God's commands
 - By holding fast to their testimony
 - We never suffer alone for our faith in Jesus. He suffered for us and He suffers with us.

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