**Victory Is in His Hands**

**Revelation 12:1-17, Pew Bible p. 1034**

**February 23, 2025**

# **The War Against God’s Plan (V. 1-6)**

## God’s great plan of salvation is a painful process.

## Nothing angers Satan more than God’s plan to save the world.

# **The War Against Satan’s Plan (V. 7-12)**

## Satan has a terrible plan to corrupt the world, but he exists as an enemy that has already been defeated.

## Although Satan is stronger than mankind, God plans to use the very people he corrupted to defeat him.

# **The War Against God’s People (V. 13-17)**

## Until Christ returns, the church will always be the safest place for God’s people.

## Until Christ returns, the church is the greatest reminder to Satan that he has already lost.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Revelation 12:1-17.

2. Explain to yourself the symbol of a woman in childbirth (V. 2) by reflecting on what makes it so painful and good at the same time.

a. Why do you think God compares His plan to save people to a woman in the pains of childbirth (V. 2)?

3. Why do you think Satan hates God’s plan to save sinners so much?

a. In what ways does he try to stop people from being saved today?

4. What does Satan and demons’ exile from heaven tell you about the limits of his power on earth today (V. 8-9)?

a. Why does it matter for us to think of Satan as a defeated enemy rather than an all-powerful one?

5. Why do you think Satan is referred to as the accuser of Christians (V. 10)?

a. In what ways do you think Satan has accused you of deserving of God’s wrath?

b. How does the cross and your personal testimony defend against these accusations (V. 11)?

6. Why do you think Satan hates the people of God so much, according to verse 17?

a. In what ways has God given you wings (V. 13) to escape the hatred of Satan and his world?

b. In what ways do you sometimes still feel vulnerable to his schemes?

7. Pray for our church overcome Satan by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

 **Prayer Guide for Sunday, February 23**

***John 4:21-24 (ESV)***

*21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:**

* PRAYING for both the new believers and strengthened beliers from our Surge College Retreat last weekend.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

* PRAY for missions and missionaries:

Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.

* PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
* PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:

Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law); Naima (“everyone to be a Christian so that it’s not as bad I imagined from the sermon in Revelation 7”)

* PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:

Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband), Jerry (lost loved one)

* PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:

Mimi M. (health), Jared (on ventilator), Marilyn (surgery recovery), Alicia (health), Charity M. (the fires in CA)

* PRAY for others that you are aware of.