**Defeat Is in His Hands**

**Revelation 13:1-10, Pew Bible p. 1035**

**March 2, 2025**

# **The Limits of Satan’s Power (V. 1-4)**

## Satan is both against God and dependent on God.

### Satan is created by God.

### Satan is permitted by God.

## Anything that does not exalt Jesus inevitably exalts Satan.

### All self-worship is devil worship

### All idol-worship is devil worship

# **The Limits of Satan’s Victories (V. 5-10)**

## Until Christ returns, Christians will suffer many defeats.

### Those at war with God are many.

### Those who love God are obvious.

## Christians can glorify God just as much in defeat as they can in victory.

### We are not called to be safe; we are called to be strong.

### We are not called to escape; we are called to endure.

**Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Revelation 13:1-10.

2. Does Satan have real power, according to verses 1-3?

a. Where does Satan’s power come from?

b. What does that tell us about the limits of Satan’s power?

3. Does Satan mind promoting the glory of another as long as it takes people’s eyes off Christ, according to verses 2-4? Why?

a. What are some earthly powers or philosophies today that ultimately exalt Satan and how?

4. Why would God allow someone like the beast to conquer His saints?

a. What are some modern or historical examples of Christian defeats at the hands of Satan?

b. What lessons do these defeats teach us?

5. How is it possible for the saints to be conquered (V. 7) and yet still not worship the beast (V. 8)?

a. What does that tell you about what real victory means in the kingdom of God?

6. Are Christians commanded to be safe, according to verse 10?

a. How do you know?

b. Why is it so important to God that Christians endure persecution (V. 10) rather than avoid it entirely?

7. Pray for our church members to grow an unwavering heart to confess Christ amidst all opposition and cost. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

 **Prayer Guide for Sunday, March 2**

***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 those who recently finished the Discover class to be fully assimilated into our church family.

**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.