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“Every time the kingdom of Jesus is presented in truth and power, it is like another judgment upon Satan and all who share his rebellious spirit. So, where the gospel is preached with divine power, Satan comes down from his throne, in human hearts and human minds, as rapidly as the lightning-flash falls from heaven; and when we see his kingdom shaken, then, like Jesus, we rejoice in spirit.”

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- What joy there is in serving the Lord!
- Where the 9 failed, the 70 succeeded.

- While the 70 were one by one casting out Satan, Jesus was witnessing Satan losing his power and authority in a person's life and it was happening as fast as a bolt of lightning. A bolt here and a bolt there.
- Jesus is talking about how He could see the effects of the disciples' spiritual warfare against the demonic powers, causing Satan to have temporary "falls" from heaven (losing his grip).

John 12:31

31 **"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

- It is both present and future, meaning the future effects of the cross and therefore the defeat of Satan, are being seen even now.
- Satan was cast out of heaven (Is. 12:12), is being cast out of heaven (Jn. 12:31), and will be cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-9)

Satan may win some battles,
but he has already lost the war.

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- That means you are saved, your future is secure, you will not face condemnation. You will not end up in the Lake of Fire.
- **Think about it:** When was the last time you thanked God for your salvation?
- Maybe we need a peek into Hell.
- It is a million times greater act for God to save you than for you to have authority over demons.

"It's way more important that you know Jesus and have eternal life, than whether or not you can prophesy, cast out demons, or work miracles now."

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Rev 13:8

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Rev 17:8

8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world,

Rev 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

***So I rejoice in the sovereign, redemptive plan of God for me!**

*** Think about it: If God had not saved me, it would not have glorified Him as much!**

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- Then again to the disciples the Lord Jesus says "How blessed you are!"
- You are seeing things that Moses, Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and all of the other major and minor prophets wanted to see.
- What would they have given to see and hear what the disciples saw and heard.
- And then there is us. We have even more revelation this side of the cross than the disciples.

1 Peter 1:10

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

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- So many different kinds of people Jesus encountered in His earthly ministry. – lawyers, scribes, religious leaders, demon possessed people, men, women, sick people, healthy people, half-breads, the poor, the oppressed, the rich, tax-collectors, fishermen, prostitutes, alcoholics, politicians, judges, government leaders, people from all walks of life. Scripture let's us see how He handled all those people and situations.
- Lawyers were experts in the Law. They interpreted the Law.
- So this lawyer comes to test Jesus.
- The lawyer wants to know what Jesus is going to say. "Does Jesus know the Law like I do?"
- So he makes it personal – "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- This really is the question of the ages, right? Rich young ruler, Nicodemus, etc.
- This lawyer has nothing to rejoice in at this point. He is not saved.
- Jesus answers with a question – "Look, you're an expert in the Law, what does it say?" How do you interpret it? Jesus always connects with people right where they are at. This guy is a lawyer so Jesus says, "let's talk about the Law."
- So the lawyer quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18. These are the 2 great commandments. Covers all of the Law.
- One relates to man's relationship to God, the other to man's relationship to man.

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- This is the only time in the gospels that it says Jesus rejoiced.
- He weeps, He mourns, He grieves, He has compassion.
- So Jesus rejoices when He prays.
- What does He rejoice in? The Father's plan that salvation comes to those who humble themselves and come as infants to Him for salvation.

• It's not "Celebrities for Jesus," or "Politicians for Jesus", or "Mensa members for Jesus." Look at the Corinthians – "not many . . ."

1 Cor 1:26-28

26 For consider you calling, brethren, that there were **not many** wise according to the flesh, **not many** mighty, **not many** noble;

27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen,

• This again is God's sovereign plan ("well-pleasing") – not to the cerebral, not to the 4.0 student, not to the clever or slick, or powerful, or wealthy, but to babes. Those that have nothing and have done nothing.

• Notice in verse 22 the unique relationship of the Father to the Son, and then the unique relationship of the Father and the Son to those (unbelievers) whom the Son chooses to reveal the Father.

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- Jesus says' "You're right!"
- Keep them both perfectly and you will have eternal life.
- No one except the Lord Jesus has ever done this.

"with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind."

- Jesus has painted him into a corner and he wants out.
- Notice he bypasses loving God. He knows he has failed.
- Maybe he has kept the 2nd part, he thinks. The flesh always wants to justify itself.
- But first he needs to know who his neighbor is. The lawyer thinks he knows, but Jesus is going burst the bubble that this guy is living in.
- We will see that next week.

Application

1. Believers need to realize that what God did for us in saving grace is far greater than what we could ever do for Him.
2. There is nothing greater we can rejoice in than in our own salvation. Thank Him daily.
3. Be thankful that the plan of God is for “infants, like all of us.”
4. Praise God that you live at this time in history. We are very privileged. But we bear a huge responsibility.
5. The sad plight of sinful man is his desire to justify himself.