

I. Introduction

Revelation chapters 12, 13, and 14 record the spiritual warfare that the church must fight. Today, we will study spiritual warfare based on this passage.

II. Main Points

1. Four Characteristics of Spiritual Warfare Against Satan (vv. 7-9)

- 1) It is not a battle fought with guns and swords, killing and being killed, but a struggle over position, authority, and dominion.
- 2) Jesus Christ is the central victor in spiritual warfare. (Colossians 2:15; John 12:31-33; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- 3) Satan being cast out of heaven means that the battlefield has shifted from heaven to earth, and that Satan's opponent is now the church. (vv. 12, 13, 17)

Therefore, we are constantly exposed to spiritual warfare (1 Peter 5:8-9).

- 4) The enemy we fight in spiritual warfare is not people, but Satan. (Ephesians 6:12)

Satan provokes and manipulates people to fight one another.

Example: A child watching a puppet show.

Example: Casualties caused by friendly fire.

When we fight against people, it leads to the destruction of the community and ultimately to defeat.

Spiritual warfare against Satan involves loving people and praying for them (Ephesians 6:18).

2. Through the Victory of Jesus Christ, Satan Has Lost the Right to Accuse (vv. 10-11)

God does not listen to Satan's accusations, but people often do.

- 1) Satan accuses us, even though we have been justified by faith.

He reminds us of our past sins and causes us to doubt our justification, producing feelings of guilt.

In Paul's case, he rejected Satan's accusations (Romans 8:1, 33-34).

In Luther's case, he suffered greatly from guilt until he came to understand justification by faith alone.

- 2) Satan also accuses other people to us, causing division and broken relationships.

Only through the blood of the Lamb can we escape Satan's accusations and overcome him (v. 11).

Hymn No. 151, refrain: The cross removes the pain of the heart through forgiveness and love.

- 3) Believers overcome spiritual warfare through the word of their testimony (v. 11).

The Word of God is the only offensive weapon in the armor of God.

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The same is true of the Christian life. If we do not move forward, we inevitably fall back.

3. We Must Rejoice in Victory While Simultaneously Preparing for Spiritual Warfare (vv. 12-13)

We belong to heaven, yet we also live on earth.

4. Although We Are Nourished and Protected by God in the Wilderness, Satan Continually Attempts to Destroy the Church by Pouring Out Water from His Mouth (vv. 14-16)

5. Satan Prepares for a New Spiritual War (v. 17)

He attacks through the two beasts described in Chapter 13.

III. Conclusion

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”
(Revelation 12:11)

Bible Reading

6/1(Mon)	6/2(Tue)	6/3(Wed)	6/4(Thur)	6/5(Fri)	6/6(Sat)	6/7(Sun)
1 Chronicles 22-24	1 Chronicles 25-28	1 Chronicles 29-30	1 Chronicles 31-32	1 Chronicles 33-35	1 Chronicles 36, Ezra 1-2	Ezra 3-6

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Quiet Time Passage

6/1(Mon)	6/2(Tue)	6/3(Wed)	6/4(Thur)	6/5(Fri)	6/6(Sat)	6/7(Sun)
1 Cor. 11:1-16	1 Cor. 11:17-26	1 Cor. 11:27-34	1 Cor. 12:1-11	1 Cor. 12:12-20	1 Cor. 12:21-31	1 Cor. 13:1-7

Sharing Questions

1. Share one new truth you learned or one particular blessing you received from today’s sermon.
2. The pastor explained that spiritual warfare is an invisible battle between Satan and the church. Satan attacks Christians, who are the church, and the church must fight against Satan. How can we win spiritual warfare against Satan rather than fighting against people?
3. The Bible describes Satan as the accuser of the brothers and sisters day and night. However, through Jesus Christ’s atoning death and resurrection, Satan’s right to accuse has been removed, and God no longer listens to his accusations. Therefore, we also should not listen to Satan’s accusations. How can we overcome Satan’s accusations?
4. What weapons has God given us so that we may overcome in spiritual warfare against Satan?