

# 1 - Serving God, a proper perspective

(Mark 12:28-34)

NOTES

## Introduction

- Many of our problems with sorrow, spiritual fatigue and despair come from not having the proper perspective regarding this life (*Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:8-11*)
- Above all things, remember our purpose in life is to serve God (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*)

## Our Text (Mark 12:28-34)

- First commandment (Note: **ALL** your heart, soul, mind, strength)
- Scribe's response (32-33) "*Is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*"

## Applications

- We ought to obey God rather than men (*Acts 4:18-20; Acts 5:27-32*)
- God requires all that we are capable of delivering (*Matthew 25:14-30; Galatians 2:19-20*)
- A life of service is a life of joy (*Nehemiah 8:9-12; Psalm 5:11-12*)
- Even in times of distress, service brings joy (*Philippians 1:12-18; Philippians 4:10-20*)
- Complete dedication comes with reward (*Matthew 6:33; Revelation 21:6-7*)

## Questions

1. When I am distracted by life's difficulties, what can I do to refocus on my true purpose in life, to serve God?
2. What is the one thing in life that is most likely to sway me from my true purpose? What life changes can I make to keep this from being a hindrance to my standing with God?
3. The eternal reward gives me motivation to persist in my service to God. What can I do to keep my goal of heaven ever before me?

# 2 - Abraham (Committed Sojourner)

## (Genesis 12 & 13)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Abraham is the first example we will examine of a man whose commitment of faith led him to serve God despite great obstacles (*Hebrews 11:8-10*)
- By his example, we learn that we should serve God no matter the personal cost. It is a matter of priority. (*Hebrews 11:13-16*)

### Our Text (*Genesis 12 & 13*)

- God's promise and Abraham's response (*12:1-9*)
- The hardship of a sojourner (*12:10-20*)
- God repeats His promise (*13:14-18*)
- God blesses a faithful man (*13:1-6*)

### Applications

- God's spiritual promises are sure to be filled (*John 14:1-4; Titus 1:2*)
- Obedience is the proper response to the promises of God (*Titus 2:11-12; Philippians 3:7-11*)
- Service to God does not guarantee ease in life (*Luke 16:20-22, 25; 2 Timothy 3:10-15*)
- God does grant blessings to the faithful here on earth (*Matthew 6:11, 33; James 5:13-16*)
- We should embrace the testing of our faith, as did Abraham (*Hebrews 11:17-19; 12:3-11*)

### Questions

1. What are some traps to avoid that may make me too comfortable on earth? That will make me feel more a citizen of this world than a sojourner?
2. Give some practical suggestions that will positively impact my efforts to live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age.
3. The Bible clearly teaches that God answers our prayers and keeps promises. Why are my desires not always satisfied by God when I pray to Him? How should I respond to this disappointment?

# 3 - Super Conquerors

## (Romans 8:31-39)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Our text in this lesson is one of the most inspiring in scripture, teaching us that our victory in Jesus is complete! (*1 Corinthians 15:57*)
- While our victory is guaranteed, we face the reality of trial while on earth (*Revelation 2:8-11*)

### Our Text (*Romans 8:31-39*)

- The impact of having God on our side (*8:31-34*) guarantees our victory
- Our victory equips us to handle adversities in life, and the antagonism of the world (*8:35-36, 38-39*)
- A superlative (*ὑπερνικᾶο*) “more than conquerors” – lit. to “vanquish beyond”) (*8:37*). This is accomplished through Christ who loves us

### Applications

- We should fear God rather than men, because there is a limit to what men can do to us (*Matthew 10:27-31*)
- It’s all a matter of perspective. Is God pleased with you? Or not? (*2 Thessalonians 1:3-12*)
- Our confidence is not born of hubris, but a realization of Christ’s work (*Philippians 4:13*)

### Questions

1. Do I sometimes lose sight of the victory I am promised in Jesus? If so, what are the typical things that cause this loss in focus?
2. Can meditation help me to maintain that proper focus and joy of salvation? How do I go about meditating? (*1 Timothy 4:13-15*)
3. My victory is assured because of Christ’s love expressed in His life and death. This shows the great power and impact of love. What are some concrete ways I can express love toward others, and impact their lives as Christ has mine?

# 4 - Moses (A Proper Choice)

## (Exodus 2-13)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Moses' commendation is of a series of choices made by faith! (*Hebrews 11:24-28*)
- Our promise is both of a greater reward (*John 14:2-3*), and the avoidance of a greater punishment! (*Matthew 10:28*), than that found on earth.

### Our Text (*Exodus 2-13*)

- Moses' life spared through the faith of his mother and sister (*2:1-10*)
- Moses' life was changed by submitting to the words of God (*3*)
- Moses gained victory over the powerful with God's help (*7:1 - 12:42*)
- Moses and Israel were instructed to remember and observe God's mercy (*12:43-51*)

### Applications

- We should appreciate the influences that others have on our lives (*2 Timothy 1:3-5*)
- God's word enables us in all things (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 1:1-3*)
- If God is with us, we can't be defeated by evil (*Romans 8:31-39; Ephesians 6:10-17*)
- Victories of faith should bring thankfulness and rejoicing (*Psalm 23; Colossians 4:2*)

### Questions

1. Life consists of a series of choices, which send us down various paths. What can I do to make sure I don't make a wrong turn?
2. List some of the positive consequences that come through study, meditation upon, and submission to God's word.
3. How can I ensure that when I offer up prayer to God, my prayers are sufficiently filled with expressions of thanksgiving?

# 5 - Patience, Waiting on the Lord

## (Hosea 12:6)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- It is difficult, but important to be patient, especially when evil seems to prosper! (*Psalm 37:3-9*)
- God is faithful, and so we should bear our burden gracefully while waiting for His reward (*Lamentations 3:22-32*)

### Our Text (*Hosea 12:6*)

- Hosea prophesied for about 65 years, during the darkest days of depravity in Israel (*cf. 13:1-4; 2 Kings 17:9-10*)
- Hosea's personal life mirrored the sad state of the nation itself (*1:2-4*)
- In our text, Hosea calls Israel to patience, and obedience in response to God's judgment (*cf. Micah 6:8; Matthew 19:17*)

### Applications

- Patience is needed in the midst of chastisement (*James 1:2-4*)
- Patience (endurance) is needed in the midst of temptation (*James 1:12*)
- Consider the work of the prophets, and learn from their example! (*James 5:10-11*)

### Questions

1. How can understanding that God's view of time and our own views differ, help us with our efforts to become patient? (*cf. 2 Peter 3:8-9*)
2. Make a list of present day evil, which seems to prosper. Is any example beyond the scope of victory through our faith in God?
3. Using *Lamentations 3:26-30* as a model, what are some specific things I can do to show I am enduring patiently through my tribulations?

# 6 - The Exodus from Egypt

## (Exodus 14-40)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Like Israel in the wilderness, we are wholly dependent upon God (*cf. Exodus 3:11-12; Philippians 4:13*).
- God's requirement for us is complete fidelity and trust (*Psalms 26*).

### Our Text (*Exodus 14-40*)

- The Red Sea crossing (*14, esp. vs. 30-31*).
- Manna from heaven (*16*) and water from a rock (*17:1-7*).
- At Mount Sinai (*19-32*).
- The Tabernacle (*35-40*).

### Applications

- God is with us when our back is against the wall! (*Isaiah 35:3-4; Matthew 10:27-31*)
- God will grant us all we need to sustain us (both physically and spiritually) (*Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:10-13*).
- To please God, we must be faithful to Him and His will (*Psalms 31:23-24; 1 Peter 4:1-5*).
- Our generosity and careful obedience will be rewarded! (*2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Philippians 4:14-20*).

### Questions

1. Give some examples of really dire circumstances that occasionally plague our lives. How will recognizing God is with us help us through them?
2. Make a list of ways that God supplies for our physical needs. Can I be a tool God uses in this work?
3. List ways we can be generous. Our generosity is a good work, is that sufficient authority for what we do? Can there be limitations/restrictions?

# 7 - Prayer, Depending Upon God

(James 5:13-18)

NOTES

## Introduction

- Prayer is a necessary component to living a joyful life! (*Psalms 143*)
- God's providence is activated by the prayers of the faithful (*Acts 12:5-16*).

## Our Text (*James 5:13-18*)

- Prayer is appropriate when one is suffering (*5:13*)
- Prayer is appropriate when one is sick (*5:14-15*).
- Prayer is appropriate if sin has been committed (*5:15*).
- The Prayers of the righteous are effective (*5:16*).
- The example of Elijah (*5:17-18*).

## Applications

- Prayer brings comfort (*Psalms 106:40-46; Psalm 34:1-8*).
- Prayer brings healing to the sick (*2 Kings 20:1-7*).
- Prayer is the means by which the child of God gains forgiveness for his sins (*1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2*)
- God answers the prayers of the seeker of God! (*Acts 10:1-4; cf. Isaiah 59:1-2*).

## Questions

1. Though anecdotal, please give examples where you received comfort through prayers offered to God. Would keeping a list of God's answers to your prayers be beneficial? How?
2. Can you give examples where God answered prayers for sickness? How about examples where full recovery was not granted? Why was it not given? Does prayer preclude efforts to heal using medicines and surgical treatments?
3. What besides prayer is required for a child of God to be forgiven of sin by God? Does God always forgive legitimate requests for forgiveness?

# 8 - Caleb and Joshua (Trust in God)

(Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14:6-15)

NOTES

## Introduction

- A lack of trust in God will often lead to disobedience and defeat (*James 1:5-8*).
- God rewards those who trust Him!  
(*Ephesians 1:7-14*)

## Our Text (*Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14:6-15*)

- What God expected was a difficult task (*13:27-29*).
- 10 of the spies, and the people did not see victory, they saw only defeat! (*13:31-33; 14:1-4, 10*)
- God punished the unfaithful, but promised blessings to the faithful (*14:22-24; 26-38*).
- God kept His promises (*Joshua 14:10-14*).

## Applications

- There are times when the tasks before us can be daunting (*2 Corinthians 4:7-12*).
- God's means of helping us is not always evident, we must look through the eyes of faith!  
(*1 Peter 1:3-9*)
- If we can trust God in the midst of the unfaithfulness of this world, we too are promised blessings from God (*2 Timothy 4:6-8*).
- God is faithful to keep His promises  
(*Hebrews 6:13-20*).

## Questions

1. Names some circumstances where Christians may falter in their trust of God.
2. Can you name circumstances in your life where God's providence and help came in an unexpected manner? How can that help you with future troubles?
3. Is it reasonable to think that faith in Jesus will spare us from any trial or tribulation in life? Does God promise such?

# 9 - Edification, Depending upon the Brethren

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

NOTES

## Introduction

- God established the local congregation to enable the brethren to be edified (*Ephesians 4:10-16*).
- Like Paul, we should feel compelled to identify with the people of God (*Acts 9:26-31*).

## Our Text (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)

- Assembly for worship is a command of God.
- The proper motivation for such assembly, as it pertains to your brethren, is love.
- Assembly for worship serves to stir us up to do good, and is accomplished by our exhorting one another.
- Assembly with the saints gains importance when one is facing difficult circumstances.

## Applications

- **Singing** in worship is edifying and uplifting (*Colossians 3:16; James 5:13*).
- **Preaching** serves to edify the brethren (*2 Chronicles 15:1-15*).
- The **Lord's Supper** is a proclamation of our hope (*1 Corinthians 11:26*).
- **Prayer** in worship serves to comfort us (*James 5:14-18; Psalm 143:6-8*).

## Questions

1. Is it possible to fulfill your responsibilities to your brethren if you are not regular in your attendance to services?
2. When I attend worship services, how may I build up my brethren while we engage in worship to God?
3. Outside of worship itself, in what ways do I edify my brethren when I am with them?  
(**Note:** *Acts 2:42-47*)

# 10 – Gideon's Valiant Men (Numbers Don't Matter)

## (Judges 7)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- With God on your side, the victory is assured, no matter the odds! (*Exodus 14*)
- Without God on your side, the victory is unattainable (*Joshua 7:1-12*)

### Our Text (*Judges 7*)

- God was concerned that Israel would not give credit to Him for their victory (2)
- God established a set of guidelines (a test) to “call out” certain men to fight the Midianites (4-6)
- While God was ultimately responsible for the victory, Gideon had a innovative plan to defeat the Midianites (16-22)
- The men of Ephraim captured and killed two princes of the Midianites (24-25)

### Applications

- There is a tendency for men to take the credit for their own success, rather than giving credit to the Lord (*Ezekiel 28:1-12; James 4:6, 13-16*).
- It is God who determines what is required to be among those “called out” of the world (*1 Corinthians 1:26-30*).
- God helps those who help themselves. He requires that we take part in our salvation! (*Philippians 2:12-13*)
- When God is with us, our victory is complete! (*1 Corinthians 15:58*)

### Questions

1. Name some ways we take credit rather than giving credit to God.
2. Sometimes we become complacent, expecting God to help us, without helping ourselves? How?
3. What is required of man for victory?

# 11 – Study and Meditation, Depending upon the Word

## (Psalm 1)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- God chose to save man by the gospel (*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*).
- The word equips us! (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

### Our Text (*Psalm 1*)

- The “*counsel of the ungodly*” and “*path of sinners*” is contrasted with the “*law of the Lord*” (*vs. 1-2*).
- The blessed man is delighted in God’s law, and meditates on it often (*2*).
- The man of God is refreshed and sustained by God’s word (*3*).
- Those who reject God’s counsel are like “chaff which the wind drives away (*4-6*).

### Applications

- The wisdom of men often conflict with the words of God (*James 3:13-18*).
- Meditation is designed to bring about understanding and obedience (*Joshua 1:8-9*).
- God’s word is sweet, pure, true, valuable, and perfect! (*Psalm 19:7-13*)
- It is self-destructive to reject God’s words (*Isaiah 65:11-14*).

### Questions

1. What steps can you take to ensure meditation upon God’s word is profitable?
2. Explain the technique of meditation, and how it helps our efforts to obey God.
3. Name some mistakes that might be made if we rely upon man’s wisdom rather than God’s word.

# 12 – David (Protected from His Enemies)

(1 Samuel 17:45-51; 23:10-15;  
2 Samuel 7:1,9; 22:1-51)

NOTES

## Introduction

- We have God's protection against our spiritual enemies (*Romans 8:31-39*).
- We can have confidence in our ultimate victory, despite our enemies (*2 Thessalonians 1:3-10*).

## Our Text

(1 Samuel 17:45-51; 23:10-15; 2 Samuel 7:1,9; 22:1-51)

- God delivered the giant into the hands of David (*1 Samuel 17:45-46*).
- The Lord warned David to flee from King Saul, who sought his death (*1 Samuel 23:10-15*).
- David had success because of God's favor (*2 Samuel 7:1,9*).
- David acknowledged God's providence, and praised Him (*2 Samuel 22:1-51*).

## Applications

- No matter the size of the enemy, with God on our side we will be victorious (*Romans 8:31*).
- Today, our direction comes from scripture (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 7:24-27*).
- We too can have success if we please God (*James 4:46*).
- We must praise God for His help (*Psalms 100:1-5*).

## Questions

1. Discuss the concept of providential care and protection. What part does prayer play in this?
2. Can we expect God's help if we are in a state of rebellion against Him? Why or Why not?
3. Suggest ways to ensure we are expressing thanks when God protects and helps us?

# 13 – Strength while walking a desperate walk

## (Psalm 23)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Jesus is described in scripture as the good Shepherd (*John 10:11-18*).
- What is the difference between a shepherd and a hireling? The shepherd is willing to die for his sheep! (*vs. 15*)

### Our Text (*Psalm 23*)

- As our Shepherd, the Lord supplies our sustenance (*1,2,5,6*).
- As our Shepherd, the Lord supplies direction (*2,3*).
- Our Lord is with us, no matter how desperate our path. (**Note:** This Psalm is one that indicates protection in the midst of danger) (*4-5*).
- His protection and help is described in terms of sufficiency and even excess. And in the end will result in complete victory (*4,5,6*).

### Applications

- Jesus is the bread of life. If we eat His flesh, and drink His blood, we will have eternal life! (*John 6:25-58*)
- Jesus is the way to heaven (*John 14:5-7*).
- Jesus will give us the ultimate victory, no matter the danger to our physical lives (*Revelation 2:10; cf. Matthew 10:25-30*).
- Jesus will supply every spiritual need we might have, without exception! (*Philippians 4:18-20*)

### Questions

1. Why is it accurate to describe Christians as sheep?
2. How can we explain to others why Jesus is exclusively the way to heaven?
3. How can shepherds of a local congregation be guilty of acting as hirelings?

# 14 – The Remnant from Babylon (Picking up the Pieces)

## (Ezra 1-6)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Judah's fall into captivity was the result of rebellion against God (*Jeremiah 2:11-13,32*).
- After a prophesied 70 years (*Jeremiah 29:10*), a remnant returned to the land (*Ezra 1:1-5*).

### Our Text (*Ezra 1-6*)

- Those motivated by God returned to the land (*1:5*).
- Worship was an important part of the restoration of the faithful (*3:2-6*).
- The laying of the temple foundation was met with mixed emotions (*3:10-13*).
- The temple was completed and the people rejoiced! (*6:13-22*).

### Applications

- God blesses those who choose to serve Him (*Acts 10:34-35*).
- The soul is refreshed and satisfied when we offer worship to God! (*Psalms 63:1-7*).
- With age and experience comes inevitable disappointment (*Ecclesiastes 12:1-8*).
- Disappointment and difficulty are momentary, and joy will return to the redeemed! (*Isaiah 54*).

### Questions

1. Discuss the temporal repercussions of sin. Can they be overcome?
2. In what ways does worship to God bring joy to a hurting heart?
3. Does it help to know our lives will be accompanied by disappointment? Does knowing this help us to handle those trials? How?

## (2 Corinthians 7:13)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- **Def:** Hospitality (*philoxenos*). *philo* (fondness), *xenos* (alien/foreigner/guest). Generosity to guests, motivated by fondness.
- **Note:** Hospitality (*1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8*) is one of the qualifications required to be an elder.

### Our Text (2 Corinthians 7:13)

- Titus was comforted when visiting the Corinthians, as he noted their penitence, and their love for Paul (*cf. 7:7*).
- Titus' reception was "refreshing" to his spirit.
- By extension, this brought joy to Paul as well.

### Applications

- Hospitality is to be shown both toward brethren (*Romans 12:10-13*), and strangers (*Hebrews 13:2*).
- We have opportunities to share our homes with brethren, preachers of the gospel, the poor, our neighbors, the lost (*Galatians 6:10*).
- Such hospitality is as if the same was shown to the Master Himself! (*Matthew 25:34-40*)
- Hospitality should not be from a sense of obligation (*1 Peter 4:9*), nor to receive the same in return (*Luke 14:12-14*).

### Questions

1. Make a specific list of individuals who would be refreshed by your show of hospitality.
2. Is there anything that limits your ability to show hospitality? Does this give legitimate reason for you to forgo showing hospitality? How can you overcome these limitations?
3. Are you tempted to not show hospitality to some because they have not returned the gesture? Is this an acceptable way to think?

# 16 – Paul (The Persecuted Persecutor)

## (Philippians 1)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Saul of Tarsus was a chief impetus for the persecution of Christians in the first century (*Acts 7:58; 8:1-3*).
- He acknowledged he was chief among sinners (*1 Timothy 1:12-15*).
- He who once persecuted God's people, became a victim of persecution (*cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-33*).

### Our Text (*Philippians 1*)

- Paul rejoiced that the Philippians had helped him while in prison (*1:3-8*).
- Paul's difficulties resulted in good (*1:12-14*).
- Paul recognized that death was preferable for him (*1:21-24*).
- Paul saw suffering for Christ to be a privilege (*1:29-30*).

### Applications

- The ministrations of our brethren are a comfort to us during difficult times (*Romans 12:15-16*).
- We have reason to look for the "silver lining" (*James 1:2-4*).
- If our hope is in heaven, this life holds less appeal for us (*Luke 16:20-22, 25*).
- Faithfulness in suffering will bring us rest at Christ's coming (*2 Thessalonians 1:3-10*).

### Questions

1. What are some ways I can bring comfort or joy to someone who is suffering?
2. Name some good things that may come from the trials and tribulations of life.
3. What steps can I take to become less attached to this world and my life?

## (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- It is wrong to think a Christian can't forfeit his standing with God  
(2 Peter 2:18-22; 2 Timothy 2:16-18).
- God requires a lifetime of faithfulness  
(Ezekiel 18:24; Revelation 2:10).

### Our Text (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

- The aged apostle realized the end of his life was near (6).
- Paul expressed confidence in the life he had lived in service to the Master (7).
- Paul's reward was a crown of righteousness (8).
- Paul's reward is the same as the reward that will be received by all who are righteous (8).

### Applications

- Even when young, we can't be sure of a continuation of our life (James 4:13-15).
- We can have confidence in our standing with God!  
(1 John 1:7-9; 2:1-3).
- We should strive for the eternal reward rather than temporal things (Matthew 16:24-27).
- God is righteous, and no respecter of persons. Each of us will receive exactly what we deserve!  
(2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

### Questions

1. How can young people gain the perspective that the elderly have regarding the value of this life?
2. Do you know anyone who died while young? What effect did their death have on your thinking? Did this effect have a lasting influence?
3. List some things I can do to order my life that I may be prepared should it end prematurely, or should the Lord come.

# 18 – Stephen (“I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man”)

## (Acts 7)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- Persecution is the lot of all who name the name of Christ (*Matthew 10:16-26; 2 Timothy 3:12*).
- The gospel convicts, and will anger the ungodly (*Hebrews 4:12-13*).

### Our Text (*Acts 7*)

- Stephen did not attack the Sanhedrin personally, his objection was to their disobedience (2).
- Stephen spoke plainly, and angered his hearers (51-53).
- He was strengthened by his vision of Jesus (56).
- He expressed a desire that his tormentors be forgiven for their ungodly actions (60).

### Applications

- *ad hominem* arguments are generally unworthy and carnal (*2 Corinthians 10:10*).
- When we preach truth, we can expect persecution and rejection from some (*cf. Acts 17:5*).
- We must add virtue to our faith (*2 Peter 1:5*), and proclaim God’s word despite opposition!
- A love for those who oppose us will give us equanimity when suffering persecution (*Matthew 5:11-12, 38-48*).

### Questions

1. Can knowing that our life as a Christian guarantees persecution help our state of mind? If so, how?
2. What can we do to develop virtue, and add it to our faith?
3. Is it really possible for me to love my enemy? How can I show that love to him?

# 19 – Our Ultimate Goal, a Home in Heaven

## (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- A life lived without heaven as the goal is empty of meaning (*Ecclesiastes 1:12-14*).
- The purpose of man's life on earth is to serve God (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*).

### Our Text (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

- We do not know when Christ will come again (2).
- We have the spiritual awareness to be prepared for Christ's second coming (3-4).
- Our preparation is accomplished by the type of life we live (sober, faithful, loving) (5-10).
- We depend upon each other to become prepared, through comfort and edification (11).

### Applications

- All that precludes Christ's second coming, and judgment, is His longsuffering (*2 Peter 3:8-13*).
- The time to prepare is now. If you wait, it will be too late! (*Matthew 25:1-13*).
- Our righteous life is a response to God's extended grace (*Titus 2:11-14*).
- Remember your responsibility, not only to yourself, but to others!  
(*cf. 1 Timothy 4:16; Galatians 6:1-2*).

### Questions

1. List some concrete things I can do to prepare for Christ's second coming.
2. Why it is important that I start preparing for heaven today? What would be the harm of waiting until I am a little older or less busy?
3. List some things I can do to help my brethren be prepared for Christ's coming.

# 20 – Revelation's Message (The Victory of the Redeemed)

## (Revelation)

## NOTES

### Introduction

- The ultimate victory in Jesus was prophesied from the very beginning! (*Genesis 3:15*)
- God's plan for the redemption of man was in place before the beginning! (*Ephesians 1:3-14*)

### Our Text (*Revelation*)

- The theme of the book of Revelation, "the Lamb will overcome" (*17:14*).
- Christ's victory is significant to each person in the midst of persecution (*1:1-3*).
- This victory is not to happen in this life, here on this earth (*2:10*).
- The ultimate victory will occur at Christ's second coming (*22:12-17*).

### Applications

- Christ's victory is seen in his resurrection and ascension into heaven (*1 Corinthians 15:16-28, 50-58*).
- We can trust that, ultimately, God will not let the wicked prosper (*Psalms 37:30-40*).
- While we may suffer persecution, Christ will settle accounts in eternity (*2 Thessalonians 1:6-12*).
- The Christian can pray for and anticipate that final Day (*2 Peter 3:11-15*).

### Questions

1. How does knowing about the ultimate victory after this life help us to be joyous as we suffer in this life?
2. How do we know that the righteous will prosper and the wicked shall suffer in eternity?
3. Have you thought to pray to God that Christ's coming happens sooner rather than later?