

The Holy Spirit and You
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Rev 12:7-12 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, *who deceives the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "**Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come**, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 **"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.** 12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." (NKJ)

What is this all about?

- **Gen. 1: 26** – “and God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER... *This was a gift* from the Creator to mankind who was created in His image and likeness.
- **Psalm 8:4, 6** – What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him?... You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...
- The earth was completely under the rulership of man *as a gift from God* to do with whatever he saw fit. He had free reign to exercise all the ingenuity and wisdom God had given him. It was to be a wonderful experience of growth and adventure with God as Advisor (walking with man in the cool of the day – talking about the day’s events)
- Through deception and willful decision, man gave his allegiance to Satan **through disobedience** and immediately thereafter, Satan became the *legal* ruler and authority of all that had previously given to Adam and all mankind.
- Authority over the earth was given to man and the only way it could be legally recovered was through a man. The problem was that every human being was legally under the authority of Satan, therefore no one had the power free themselves.
- A man had to come in whom Satan had no legal claim or control. He had to be fully human, but had to be born in such a way that he didn’t have the seed of Adam in him. That would have nullified His qualifications. He had to come directly from God, with God’s DNA and walk in complete OBEDIENCE to God as Adam was supposed to.
- Jesus came as such a man and His obedience in every area of life was constant, mortal combat until the very moment that Jesus released His spirit on the cross. Everything Satan did face to face, through people, through circumstance was to pressure Jesus into one tiny compromise of obedience...then his legal claim as undisputed ruler of the world would remain intact for the eternities!
- Jesus was obedient – even unto death and His death SEALED Satan’s defeat and doom. Why? God instituted the death penalty for murdering an innocent man in Gen 9:6 “Whoso sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed.”

- The moment Jesus commended His spirit to His Father on the cross, Satan became guilty of killing an innocent man...one upon whom he had no claim. Heb. 2:14 "through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil"
- Satan's authority was destroyed, though he was not. The power he exercises now is his only through deception and the ignorance and laziness of all Christians who now are legal heirs of that authority.
- **How do we change the apparent authority of Satan back to *our* legal authority through Christ?**

1. **Revelation of the truth;** Rev. 12:11 "and they overcame (successfully subdued) him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word (something said) of their testimony (judicial evidence, martyrdom of Christ for me in every area) and they did not love their lives to the death.

John 12:25 "He who loves (is attached to) his life will lose (fully destroy) it, and he who hates (loves less) his life in this world will keep (be on guard to preserve) it for eternal life. (NKJ)

***THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME, ABOUT HERE, ABOUT NOW. THIS IS ABOUT ESTABLISHING THE DOMINION AND AUTHORITY OF CHRIST THROUGH ME FOR OTHERS, FOR ETERNITY!!!**

2. **The power of the Holy Spirit to live and operate in that truth. Acts 1:8** "But you shall receive (take hold of) power (force of miraculous power and ability) when the Holy Spirit (forcible breath) has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses (martyrs) to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJ)
3. **Prayer**(connected to God, knowing His heart and plans, feeling His passion and speaking it back to Him in prayer – Lord's prayer ... "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven") **and speaking the Word of God to enforce that truth** (Ps 96:3 declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people) (Ps 145:4 one generation will praise your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.).

- **Acts 2:16** "But **this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:** 17 'And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, says God, that **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters **shall prophesy** (*to foretell events, speak under inspiration, exercise the prophetic office; a poet, to show or make known one's thoughts, i.e. speak or say*)
- your young men (*youth – under 40*) shall see visions (to gaze with wide open eyes as at something remarkable, discerning clearly what they perceive).
- your old men shall dream dreams. (**vision in a dream while sleeping**)
- 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders (omens) in heaven above and signs (indications) in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass that **whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**' (NKJ)