'Satan Cast Out'

Revelation 12:7-12

Review & Introduction:

War and Victory – Revelation 12:7-8

Victory and Relief – Revelation 12:9 – The phrase, "thrown down" indicates the second time that Satan was expelled from heaven.

> **Precept**: Satan's *modus operandi* is to deceive. Assume that deception is part of our future on earth because Satan is around and one day this will be his primary abode until he is cast into hell.

> **Concept**: When Satan accuses us before the bar of God's justice we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ and Jesus repeats in that court that our sin is covered by his sacrifice.

Relief and Celebration – Revelation 12:10-12a

> **Precept**: The matter of doubt regarding one's salvation can be a significant issue in the lives of some believers. Sin before salvation rarely creates doubt; sin after salvation often does.

Celebration and Warning – Revelation 12:12b

> **Precept**: God's pure presence is life and peace; Satan's subtle influence is death and war.

Conclusion: The combatants in this spiritual war are God and Satan. God is the victor and Satan is the defeated; our task is to choose a side, to stand not in front, or even beside, but behind Jesus Christ. Choose today with whom and where you will stand.

In verse 9 we read three instances of a verb translated "cast down". (John 12:31; 15:6) The beginning of the end is the permanent removal of Satan from heavenly access. Then Satan is removed from earth for the millennial reign of Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:7-10) and finally he is cast into the lake of fire.

Question: How do we protect ourselves from Satan's wiles? Verse 11 gives us the answer. We rest in the power of Christ's redeeming blood; we stand secure in the truth of God's Word and we surrender our physical lives for a permanent life with God.

These verses should encourage the people of God regarding Satan's power and authority. First, the power and authority he has is of God, he was created by God and that means that God controls him and will be his final judge. Second, his attributes are limited and the people of God have the spiritual power to resist his influences and understand his deceptions so that they are free from his wicked schemes. Third, Satan is a defeated foe and we can live our lives faithfully serving the Lord in spite of his presence in this world.