

Week 10:
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REVELATION

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL



Set the Tone:

Hello First Things First Fam! You're doin it!

This week, we're studying Revelation 9:1-11 a little bit at a time. This passage reveals the truth about Satan—his fall from glory, his rebellion against God, and his ultimate defeat. Sunday's sermon, you saw how Satan, like Adolf Hitler, rose with promises but brought destruction. My prayer is that these devotions will help you understand Satan's schemes, recognize his limits, and live confidently as conquerors through Jesus.

- Grant

The Fall of a Star

Monday

READ REVELATION 9:1-2

And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE EZEKIEL 28:12-17

STUDY NOTES

"A star fallen" refers to Satan, once a glorious angel, now cast down.

"Bottomless pit" symbolizes the chaos and darkness he unleashes.

Ezekiel 28:12-17 shows Satan's original perfection and his fall due to pride.

REFLECTION:

Sunday's sermon began with Adolf Hitler, elected in 1933 with promises of hope, only to become a dictator who took everything. Satan's story mirrors this. He was created with purpose, honor, and beauty—an anointed cherub angel in God's presence. But pride led him to crave God's glory, and he fell. His story warns us about the danger of refusing to honor our Creator.

What does Satan's fall teach us about pride?

How can we guard against wanting to take God's place in our lives?

What is God's place in our lives?

Why is it important to acknowledge God as our Creator?

ACTION STEP:

Spend a moment in prayer, asking God to keep your heart humble and focused on honoring Him above all else.

Tuesday

READ REVELATION 9:3-6

Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions... They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them... And in those days people will seek death and will not find it.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE REVELATION 12:4

STUDY NOTES

"Locusts" represent demonic forces sent to torment, under Satan's command.

"Five months" shows Satan's power is limited and temporary.

Revelation 12:4 reveals Satan led a third of the angels in rebellion, and he now seeks to mislead humanity.

REFLECTION:

Satan's rebellion didn't end with his fall - he keeps fighting, leading angels and people away from God. My sermon used baptism as an example of God's plan for next steps for a Christian. Some deny it outright, others feel discouraged and unworthy, and some are simply distracted. Satan uses denial, discouragement, and distraction to his main goal: disobedience. He doesn't care how, as long as we DO NOT OBEY GOD.

In what areas of your life might Satan be using denial, discouragement, or distraction? Take a moment to consider each of those categories.

What's one way you can choose obedience to God today? Write it down, be specific, and share it with at least one person that you trust.

ACTION STEP:

Identify one area where you feel pulled away from God. Pray for strength to choose obedience over disobedience.

The Fatal End

Wednesday Devo

READ REVELATION 9:11

They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

STUDY NOTES

"Abaddon/Apollyon" means "destroyer," highlighting Satan's mission.

"King over them" shows he rules chaos, but only for a time.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 declares Jesus' victory over sin and death, sealing Satan's fate.

REFLECTION:

The sermon's captive lion illustration painted a vivid picture: Satan, once majestic, now paces in a cage, his roar weakened by defeat. He's a destroyer, but he's doomed. Revelation 9:11 names him, but God's Word assures us his end is fatal. Believers aren't captives - we're conquerors through Christ.

How does knowing Satan's defeat is certain effect your view of him?

What fears or temptations can you reject because of Jesus' victory?

How can you live as a conqueror rather than a captive?

ACTION STEP:

Pray and thank God for the victory we have in Jesus, and ask for boldness to live it out today.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

High and low from this past week

READ REVELATION 9:1-11

1 Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. **2** When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke. **3** Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. **4** They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. **5** They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. **6** In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them! **7** The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. **8** They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. **9** They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. **10** They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. **11** Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon—the Destroyer.

GROUP CHALLENGE: PRAYING FOR VICTORY

Follow up: Last week, we committed to pray for one person who needed Jesus. How did that go?

This week, commit as a group to **pray daily for each other**, asking for strength to resist temptation and live victoriously.

PRAYER:

Thank God for His victory over Satan.

Ask for wisdom to recognize and resist Satan's tactics.

Pray for courage to live as conquerors in Christ.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS

1 SATAN IS A FALLEN STAR (REVELATION 9:1-2)

- Satan was created for glory but fell because of pride.
- His story is a warning that rejecting God's purpose leads to destruction.
- **Question: How does Satan's fall (v. 1) show the danger of pride and rejecting God's authority?**

2 HE LEADS A FAILED REBELLION (REVELATION 12:4, 9:20-21)

- Satan deceived a third of the angels and continues to lead people away from God.
- His main weapons are denial, discouragement, and distraction—all designed to lead to disobedience.
- **Question: Which of Satan's tactics (denial, discouragement, distraction) do you struggle with the most? How can you fight back? (See Tuesday notes for more on this topic)**

3 HE HAS A FATAL END (REVELATION 9:11)

- Satan's defeat is already sealed—his power is fading, and his reign is temporary.
- Through Jesus, we don't just survive—we conquer!
- **Question: How does knowing Satan's defeat (v. 11) change how we face spiritual battles today?**

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Share a time when you were misled or tempted to make a wrong choice. How did you realize it?

What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon or the daily Devos about Satan?

How does Satan's fall from glory (Revelation 9:1) apply to our lives?

Why do you think we act like disobeying God through distraction is better than disobeying God through discouragement or Denial?

How can we help each other choose obedience to God?

What does it mean to be conquerors through Jesus?

Acknowledging Our Creator

Thursday

READ PSALM 100:3

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

REFLECTION:

Satan fell because he refused to acknowledge God as Creator and Lord. Recognizing God's authority keeps us grounded and protects us from pride.

Why is it so important to see God as our Creator?

How does the truth of God as creator shape your decisions?

Take a moment to thank God for making you His own.

CHALLENGE: PRAYING FOR VICTORY

Spiritual battles are real, but through Christ, we are more than conquerors. This week, commit to praying daily for your group and for strength to resist temptation and live victoriously. Ask God to equip each of you to stand firm, overcome the enemy's schemes, and walk in obedience.

How to Pray for Each Other This Week:

- Pray for strength—Ask God to help each person resist temptation and stay faithful.
- Pray for discernment—That you and your group will recognize the enemy's lies and reject them.
- Pray for boldness—Ask for courage to live as conquerors and not captives.
- Pray consistently—Set a reminder, write down names, or pray whenever you face spiritual challenges.

PRAYER

Father, You are my Creator, and I belong to You. Keep my heart humble, help me resist temptation, and strengthen me to walk in obedience. Thank You for making me Yours and giving me victory through Jesus. Amen.

The Power of Choice

Friday

START WITH PRAYER: Father, today I choose You. Help me see the choices that draw me closer to You and give me the strength to walk in obedience. Guard my heart from distraction, discouragement, and denial. Lead me in Your truth so I can live in the victory You have already won. In Jesus' name, Amen.

READ DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20

I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live

REFLECTION:

Satan chose rebellion; we can choose obedience. Every day offers chances to follow God or turn away. Disobedience isn't just ignorance—it's a choice.

What choices do you face that could draw you closer to God or push you away?

How can you choose life and blessing today?

Ask God for strength to make choices that honor Him.

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for giving me the power to choose life and blessing. Help me to walk in obedience, resist the enemy's traps, and trust in Your perfect plan. Strengthen my heart to follow You boldly and remind me that through Christ, I am more than a conqueror. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Living Victoriously

Saturday

READ ROMANS 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

REFLECTION:

Through Jesus, we're not just survivors—we're more than conquerors. Satan's fate is sealed, but our future is secure in Christ.

What does being "more than a conqueror" mean to you?

How has Jesus shown you His victory recently?

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for making me more than a conqueror through Jesus. I don't have to live in fear or defeat because Your victory is already won. When the enemy tries to discourage or distract me, remind me of who I am in You. Strengthen my faith, keep me obedient, and help me walk boldly in Your truth. Nothing can separate me from Your love, and in You, I have already overcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STAY CONNECTED:

Missed the sermon? Watch it on YouTube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.

NEXT WEEK:

I'm thankful you're joining me in this study. Revelation 9 shows us Satan's fall, his failed rebellion, and his fatal end. Let's live this week as conquerors through Christ! Satan won't know what hit him.

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