

**CAPITAL BIBLE CHURCH  
SERMON NOTES**

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**Series: Standing Firm  
“Victory Assured over the Enemy”  
Ephesians 6:13; Rev. 12:7-12**

**Big Idea – Victory over the adversary is secured by the blood of the Lamb.**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 3:13 - 15

13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

14 Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

15 I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel.”

Revelation 12:7-13

13 “Then there was a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

8 But the dragon was not strong enough, and he and his angels lost their place in heaven.

9 The giant dragon was thrown down out of heaven. (He is that old serpent/snake called the devil or Satan, who tricks the whole world.) The dragon with his angels was thrown down to the earth.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying: “The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come. The accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accused them day and night before our God, has been thrown down.

11 And our brothers and sisters defeated him by the blood of the Lamb’s death and by the message they preached. They did not love their lives so much that they were afraid of death.

12 So rejoice, you heavens and all who live there! But it will be terrible for the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you! He is filled with anger, because he knows he does not have much time.”

13 When the dragon saw he had been thrown down to the earth, he hunted for the woman who had given birth to the son.”

**“This is the Word of the Lord”**

You are surrounded by a spiritual enemy, but the battle is not for land or anything physical. **This cosmic battle is for glory. The issue is: Who is going to get the glory in this universe?** Who is going to be worshiped? Who will have notoriety? Who will get to call the shots?

In Isaiah 14 Satan said to God, “You cannot have all the glory in creation. I want some of the glory for myself.”

God’s response? “My glory I will not give to another” (Isaiah 48:11).

Of course, that answer didn’t sit well with Satan, so he set about to steal what was not rightfully his—glory. **The battle is for glory.**

Genesis 3 tells how Satan tried to destroy God’s creatures by infecting man with sin – pride – the desire to be god. That’s what humanism is.

### **The Assurance of Victory – vs. 13**

Ephesians 6:13 “Therefore, put on the whole armor of God (every piece of God’s armor) so you will be able to resist the enemy in the evil day. So that after the battle you will have done all and are standing firm.”

#### **1. We properly use God’s mighty power by:**

Yielding our bodies to Him - Romans 12:1  
Putting on all the armor & using it.

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

#### **Satan’s lie is that you are the only one going through this.**

9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.” 1 Peter 5:9

#### **Satan’s lie is that God can’t/won’t use you because of your sins.**

Revelation 12:10 “I heard a loud voice in heaven saying: “The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come. The **accuser of our brothers and sisters**, who accused them day and night before our God, has been thrown down.

## **Satan's lie is that Jesus Christ can't save you from death**

11 And our brothers and sisters defeated him by the blood of the Lamb's death and by the message they preached. They did not love their lives so much that they were afraid of death.

### **Great Illustration of Power in the Blood of the Lamb**

A rattlesnake bit one of my sheep in the face about a week ago. Deadliest snake that lives around here.

The sheep's face swelled up and hurt her terribly.  
But the old rattlesnake didn't know the kind of blood that flows through the sheep.

Anti-venom is most often made from sheep's blood. The sheep swelled for about 2 days but the blood of the lamb destroyed the venom of the serpent.

I was worried but the sheep didn't care. She kept on eating, kept on drinking and kept on climbing because she knew she was alright.

Often the serpents of this life will reach out and bite us. They inject their poison into us but they cannot overcome the Blood of the Lamb of God that washes away the sin of the world and the sting of death.

Don't worry about the serpent or his bite, just make sure that the Lamb's Blood is flowing through your veins.

**2. When is the evil day?** From the time the usurper took over until He is cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)

Right now

**3. What all needs to be done to stay standing firm?**

6 But he gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble."

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:6-7)

James 4:7 word “stand” in vs. 13 is same word as “resist”

6 Be humble under God’s powerful hand so he will lift you up when the right time comes.

7 Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.

8 Control yourselves and be careful! The devil, your enemy, goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat.

9 Resist him by standing strong in your faith. You know that your Christian family all over the world is having the same kinds of suffering.” (1 Peter 5:6-9)

1 Peter 5:8, 9 – “resist steadfast in the faith” – “resist” is same word as “stand”

You don’t need to chase him around, he will find you and be constantly attacking you. You just need to stand against him with the armor on.

Stand firm in the blood of the Lamb and the Name of Jesus