Bible Story Rev: Victory (cp 21-22)

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INTRODUCTION

- Revelation chapters 21 and 22 tell us of the victory we have in Christ, the triumph of truth.
- And the real theme of the book of Revelation is if you will overcome, you can come over to live with God.

1 We Must Keep the World Out of the Church

Revelation 18:4; John 15:19; 2 Corinthians 6:17

- First of all, we learn that we must keep the world out of the church.
- The word church comes from the Greek word eklesia, which means the called out.
- Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing.
- And if any book in the Bible stresses that we must keep the world out of the church, it is the last book, the book of Revelation.

2 Persecution Purifies and Strengthens

Revelation 14:13; Revelation 2:10; Romans 8:18

- The second great lesson we learn is that persecution purifies and strengthens, and that physical death is really not so tragic if we die in the Lord.
- Be faithful in the face of death or unto death, and I'll give you a crown of life.
- I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that should be revealed.
- If we suffer with him, we'll reign with him.

3 The Devil Is Bold and Relentless, but Can Be Defeated

James 4; Mark 3:27; 1 John 3:8

- The devil is bold and relentless, but can be defeated if we allow Christ to rule and reign in our hearts.
- Jesus entered the strong man's house and spoiled his goods.
- Though the devil is bold and relentless, the Lord Jesus Christ has more power.
- And he that is in us is greater than he that is in the world.

4 We Cannot Escape God's Eyes

Revelation 18:5; Psalm 139:4; Hebrews 4:13

- The fourth great lesson we learn from the Bible's last book, the book of Revelation, is that we cannot escape God's eyes.
- To Sardis, he said, You have a name that you live, but you're dead. And only the piercing, penetrating eyes of God could tell that.
- Thus we learn in the book of Revelation that God knows and cares.

- All things are open and naked before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

5 Men and Angels Are Not to Be Worshipped

Revelation 22:8–9; Acts 10:26; John 4:24

- Men and angels are not to be worshipped. One of the real problems the early Christians faced was emperor worship.
- The angels said, Don't do that. You worship God. If John couldn't worship that angel, the brethren surely couldn't worship the emperor.
- We're to worship God in spirit and in truth, John 4 24. It makes a difference what we do in worship.
- Emperor worship was taboo in the first century for Christians, and any worship of men today is also forbidden.

6 We Learn What Paradise Really Means

Revelation 22:14

- We learn what paradise really means. The word paradise, found three times in the Bible, comes from a Persian word meaning garden.
- Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- In the Garden of Eden, men said, Not thy will but mine be done, and paradise was lost.
- Men once purged from the garden because of sin, can now come back to the tree of life through obedience to Christ.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Christ is coming. We need to be prepared. Whosoever will, let him come.**

MY NOTES