

Angry with the World

Conclusion

Eph. 5:15-17

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 - This Is A Fallen World
 - The Adversary Is Powerful
 - God Is All-Powerful
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We Need Righteous Indignation

- We need to stop viewing ourselves as just getting by. In Christ we are conquerors.
 - Rom. 8:35-39 - “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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Rev. 21:1-7 - “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful. 6 And He said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.’”

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- Our personal weaknesses are not obstacles to what God can accomplish through us.
 - 2Cor. 12:9-10 - “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
 - 1Cor. 15:58 - “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

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- We need to adopt the viewpoint of a warrior, to answer the Lord's call to arms.
 - 2Tim. 2:3 - "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
 - 2Tim. 4:7 - "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
 - 1Tim. 1:18 - "This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare."

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- It is important to be clear about who the enemy really is.
 - Gal. 5:15 - “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”

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- We need to learn to distinguish the enemy from victims of the enemy.
 - 2Tim. 2:14 - “Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.”
 - 2Tim. 2:24-26 - “And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”
 - Acts 10:38 - “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

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- Victims of the Adversary need to be rescued not despised.
 - James 5:19-20 - “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”
 - Jude 22-23 - “And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”

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- It is important to be vigilant and strong.
 - 1Cor. 16:13 - “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”
 - Joshua 1:9 - “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
 - 1Sam. 4:9 - “Be strong and conduct yourselves like men, you Philistines, that you do not become servants of the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Conduct yourselves like men, and fight!”

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- Eph. 6:10 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”
- 2Tim. 1:7 - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
- Rev. 2:10 - “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

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- We are not helpless victims who must despairingly, hopelessly surrender to the Adversary's tactics. We can go on the offensive and crush our enemy.
 - John 10:29 - “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.”

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- 1Cor. 10:13 - “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”
- 1John 5:18-20 - “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

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- Never give the Adversary an opening.
 - Eph. 4:27 - “Do not give place to the devil.”
 - 1Tim. 5:14 - “Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”

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- The Adversary can be resisted.
 - James 4:7 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
 - 1Peter 5:9 - “Resist him, steadfast in the faith”
 - Gen. 4:7 - “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”
 - Luke 4:8 - “And Jesus answered and said to him, Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

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- We need to be righteously angry with Satan for what he has done. In most places Satan has had it all his way for too long.
 - Num. 25:7-13 - “Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. 9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand. 10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 11 ‘Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say, Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’”

Surviving This World

- We must care about what is going on. We cannot afford to be complacent.
 - 1Cor. 10:12 - “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

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- We must definitively choose a side. God will not fight with us in our battles if we compromise our convictions and accommodate the enemy.
 - John 4:23-24 - “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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- John 17:14-17 - “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

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- We must refuse to give up.
 - Heb. 3:6 - “But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”
 - Gal. 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

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- 2Cor. 4:16-18 - “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”
- Heb. 12:1-2 - “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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- Jesus did not pray that His disciples be taken out of the world, but that they be protected from the work of Satan in this world.
 - John 17:15 - “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.”

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- Great opportunities are often attended by great adversity.
 - 1Cor. 16:9 - “For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”

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- The King is coming!
 - Rev. 19:11-16 - “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”