

## **The Heavenly Courtroom - Overcoming Destroys Evil.**

When God inspired us to write the book *The Heavenly Courtroom* it was during a time of great trials and even suffering. He used it to show the value of our tough times for eternal treasures. These eternal treasures far surpass the value of just having an easy life now.

**Laws.** We need to realize that wherever there are laws there will also be a need for a judge and a court in order to enforce those laws if needed. God's laws are no exception. This is revealed in Daniel chapter 7.

*Daniel 7:9-14,*

*“9 “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;*

*10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. **The court was seated,** And the books were opened.*

*11 “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.*

*12 “As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

*13 “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.*

*14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.”*

If you read Daniel 7:1-8 you will see that the above Scriptures have to do with a dream that Daniel had. The dream started with the four evil beasts, probably different seasons of evil on this earth. However notice in the Scripture above that the dream also describes the Heavenly Courtroom in which these evil forces were legally defeated.

This legal system and courtroom is how Jesus defeated Satan at the Cross. It is illegal to kill a righteous person; therefore Satan broke the Heavenly law.

### **God “destroyed” the devil at the Cross.**

*Hebrews 2:14-15 says,*

*“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

**These verses say that Satan was “destroyed.”** What does that actually mean? He seems to be running around doing a job of destroying others. It does not mean to annihilate. Satan is still operating; he has not been annihilated. The word destroy is defined in Strong's Concordance as: *1) to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative; 1a) to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency; 1b) to deprive of force, influence, power.*

### **Why are we engaged in spiritual warfare?**

Jesus ambushed Satan by allowing him to crucify Him in order to cause him to break the “law.” Jesus inhabits us now to be His representative on earth to do the same thing and finish up the work here on earth. **We are to “overcome” by ambush as well. When evil strikes**

**you in any way, if you treat it the same way Jesus treated His cross, it will be an ambush that will eventually bring other people to Christ.** I can personally testify that not only did Jesus speak this to me but also that this has actually happened and is still happening in my life. Also going through the courtroom overcoming process gives God the opportunity to make more of His character prevalent in our lives.

To overcome means, **“to prevail in a legal courtroom contest.”** While Ephesians chapter 6 calls it wrestling, it is in fact a wrestling match in a legal courtroom setting; the good guys against the bad guys. Overcome means to win a legal battle. (Strong's def. when one is arraigned or goes to law, to win the case.)

The Lord asked me the question, “What is the purpose of warfare from the point of view of the good guys.” I felt like the Lord gave me this answer. “Is it not to disable the enemy from future influence, from future violence, future attacks, from future stealing? Is it not to set his slaves and prisoners free? Is it not also to take his spoils, the wealth, both material and human, that he has acquired? **Is it not to free captives?”**

Luke 11:20-22 says,

*“But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.*

*But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.”*

If you read Revelation chapter 18 about the spoils that Satan loses, you will see that the souls of men are included.

It is our task to finish the work. **Footstool.** Psalm 110:1-7 says, “The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

### **Are you qualified to win the courtroom case?**

What if a Sheriff came to your door to serve you with a summons to appear in court for a crime you did not commit? You noticed that the summons had your name on it. You would have to go to court to prove that the person for whom the summons was intended had died, and you just happened to have the same name. You then discovered that the person who accused you of the crime would be jailed if you could prove your innocence.

So it is with you as satanic forces bring trials and sufferings into your life. You can defeat them in the Heavenly Courtroom. You let all interested parties know that the person who committed the crime, the sin or the curse, has died and that this accusation (and suffering) is illegal. You may have the same name on the surface, but you are a new person, a new creation, born anew. The old man had died. You are a resurrected being over whom satanic powers and curses have no power. You show them the Word of God, and the Ancient of Days, the Judge, makes His verdict in your favor. Your accusers are arrested instead of you.

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