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Precious one, Jesus Christ, right now, sits at the right hand of the throne of God. It's a hand of power; it's a place of power. And do you know what He's doing? He is interceding for you. God wants you to be everything that you should be and He's given you everything that you need. And Jesus is standing there and He's standing against the accuser who is also accusing you. You can have victory. We'll look at it today.

PART ONE

Well it's taken me a little while longer than I thought to get this topic of spiritual warfare done. But after all, I told you it is a mini-series, a topical study just so you that you get an insight on the warfare that is in heaven. And as I told you before, Daniel, chapter 10 gives us an insight into this warfare about the prince of Persia resisting this one, this angelic being whose body is like beryl, but who has the appearance of a human being, who

has come to give Daniel understanding, to give him knowledge of this vision that has caused such a great turmoil. We see that conflict and we see that it's a warfare. Let me just show you how God puts truth together. I just love it. I just stand in awe. You know I read God's Word. I set there in the morning and I have certain places where I have my quiet time. And it depends whether my husband's home or not because sometimes he has the television going because he's already had his quiet time. But I'll sit there and I'll just read and I just want to pick up the Bible and I want to embrace it and I think God you are so awesome. I can never get enough and I'm always learning. So watch now in Daniel, chapter 4, where God wants Nebuchadnezzar to understand that He is sovereign, that He is El Elyon, that He rules over all. He says in Daniel, chapter 4, verse 34; I quoted it to you. But it says, speaking of God, His dominion is an everlasting dominion. His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. He does according to His will in the hosts of heaven. Now the hosts of heaven, another way that you could translate that is in the army of heaven. In other words, there is a whole heavenly host of beings. Well this is what we're looking at. So we see that He does according to His will in the host of heaven. Well those, that host in heaven is influencing what's going on down here on earth. I mean if you study Hitler you see that that was a man that was just energized by the devil. And it shows in that he wants to destroy the Jews. Any time you find an anti-Semitic, a person that hates the Jews, wants to get rid of the Jews, you can know this that his father is the devil. I don't care what he wears. I don't care what he calls himself. I don't care what lodge he belongs to or anything. I'm telling you he is of the devil. He is being energized by his father. Now, let's go, looking at this warfare between one group and the other group. Let's go back to where I left you yesterday. Let's go back to Revelation, chapter 12. Because in Revelation, chapter 12, we get an insight into Satan that we don't get anywhere else in the Word of God. He's talking about a woman, which is a picture of Israel. And then it says in verse 3, and another sign appeared in

heaven and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns. So this is a great red dragon. He has seven heads and ten horns. And you're going to see in Revelation 13 these seven heads and ten horns. You're going to see in Revelation, chapter 17, these seven heads and ten horns. So it is a beast of power. Now this is the dragon. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. Well we know that when Jesus was born that Herod was, Herod was the king ruling under Rome over Israel and that Herod tried to put Jesus to death. So Herod, in other words was energized by the devil, by the dragon. Now I showed you in verse 9 of this chapter in our last lesson that the dragon was the serpent of old, the devil and Satan. So here you have a power. Here you have a force that is working in heavenly places and in earthly places. We see the dragon trying to put Mary's child, Jesus to death when He is born. And so there you see him working in an earthly way. But we get another insight from verse 4. It says this dragon's tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and threw them to the earth. What we assume because we know that God is the Creator, because we know that He was in the beginning and He alone was in the beginning, He the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were together. In the beginning was the Word, John 1, verse 1. And the Word was with God and the Word was God. And then we find in verse 14 the Word became flesh and we dwelt among us and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. The Word was Jesus Christ. Okay, so He was in the beginning. All things came into being. We have in Genesis, chapter 1 the Spirit of God moving over the surface of the waters. So you have the Father, you have the Son; you have the Holy Spirit, the Triune Godhead. That was all that existed until God brought others into existence. Now who did He bring into existence? Well He brought the angelic hosts into existence. From this scripture and from some others what we assume is this: that the stars of heaven that he's talking about are these angelic hosts and we're going to see that from Job,

chapter 1. And that what happened was there was an uprising against God and what we assume is that Satan, who was the anointed cherub, led part of these stars, part of these angels in rebellion against God and so they were swept away. They came over to his side and they were thrown to earth and in a sense, this is where you get demons because you read all the way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. And this is a mini-series on this warfare. It is not a complete series. You can get that by getting my book Lord, Is It Warfare, Teach Me to Stand and you'll see the whole package. But what I want you to understand is that Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, you constantly having the demons meeting and conflicting with Jesus. In fact one of them says what do we have to do with You, O holy One of Israel? So they knew that Jesus was the holy One of Israel. In James it says you believe that there's one God in James, chapter 2. He says you do well. He says but the demons believe and they tremble. In other words, they have enough sense to fear God and they fear God because they know and they have experienced His judgment. Somewhere along the line they made a choice and they went with the enemy. Now where was the enemy? Well all we know is the first time that we meet him in the Bible is in Genesis in the Garden of Eden, as a serpent, walks into the Garden of Eden and then after his seducing Eve and getting Adam into sin, then he slithers out on his belly. So his tale, the dragon's tale swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. All right, now let me jump down now to verse 7. And there was a war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war against the devil. So there's a war in heaven. Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon and the dragon and his angels waged war. So there is a conflict going on. All right now, what I want you to do, to go with me to Job, to the book of Job, because Job gives us insight into the enemy also. In Job, chapter 1, verse 6. It says now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord. And Satan came also among them. So you've got sons of God presenting themselves before the Lord. Well if you read on in Job and you went to Job, chapter 38, verse 20, verse 7, then you would

see an insight here on these sons of God. Job, chapter 38, verse 7. You say, how do you find all those so quickly? I mark in my Bible. I have an Inductive Study Bible. I have the old version with, that is bigger. But they come out with a smaller version, but they still have wide margins so you can make all sorts of notes there. In Job, chapter 38 the Lord is speaking to Job out of the whirlwind and He said who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? He says now gird up your loins like a man and I will ask you and you instruct Me. So He's showing Job his place. And then He says tell me, where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? In other words, I'm the one that created the earth. Tell Me if you have understanding. Who set its measurements, since you know? Who stretched the line on it? On what were it's bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone? You know there are some that say O, there was a, a myth once that the, that the earth was on the back of a turtle, all sorts of crazy things, big bang, all of that. This is what God said. I mean quit sweating it. Read the Word; believe it. It's truth; it's God's Word. He says or where were you when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Where were you? Well we know from that scripture and the other scripture an incredible truth and we'll talk about it right after this break.

PART TWO

I hope when you took that break that you kept your finger in Job 38, verse 7 because I forgot to tell you I wasn't finished there yet. Okay, when you're marking your Bible, just so you can cross-reference, next to Job 38, verse 7 you ought to write Job 2, verse 1 or Job 1, verse 6. Because this is like, a Hebrew kind of poetry as God speaks to them. And God will say something one way and the He'll say the same thing another way. And so he's saying to Job and this is so beautiful. He says where were you when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Those morning stars, when he talks in Revelation about the dragon taking his tail and whipping a

third of the stars down to earth, then those morning stars are the same as the sons of God who shouted for joy. So the sons of God are angelic beings. Now catch this, where were you when He created the earth? Where were you when the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy. Where were you? In other words, they were beings that were created before man was created on the earth. Because God makes everything on the earth and on the sixth day He forms man out of the dust of the ground and breathes into him, into his nostrils the breathe of life. Isn't it awesome? Now I want you to see what Satan's doing. The sons of God have come to stand before God and Satan is among them. And remember now he's called Satan. And the Lord said to Satan, from where do you come? And then Satan answered the Lord and said from roaming around on the earth and walking on it. So what do you see? Satan can go from heaven because he's standing before God. Where has he been? He's been on the earth. He's been roaming around. He's been walking on it. And the Lord said to Satan, have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless man, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. And Satan said to the Lord, does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not put a hedge around him and hemmed him in on every side? Now how does Satan know that there's a hedge around Job? He knows, because he's been trying to get through the hedge. And he's trying to get through it, and God's saying no, no, no, no; I'm God, I'm sovereign; you can't touch him. But with this challenge it's like Satan throws down the gauntlet and says you let me touch him and we go on and read it. Verse 4: But put forth Your hand now and touch him and he will curse You to Your face. So Satan throws down the gauntlet. God just reaches down, picks up that gauntlet and says to him go ahead. You can touch anything he has. But listen to Me; you cannot touch his flesh. And Satan doesn't put his hands on his hips and swivel those hips and say I will do what I want to do. Un, un, because God is sovereign. He rules over the hosts of heaven. Or another way to translate that is over the armies of heaven. Satan's on a leash ya'll, just remember that Satan is a

manipulator. Well go back to Revelation, chapter 12. In Revelation, chapter 12 this is what we read. Verse 7: And there was a war in heaven Michael and his angels. Now where have you met Michael? O yes, you met him in chapter 10 of Daniel. You see him again in Daniel, chapter 12. He is the one that protects God's people, the Jews. He is the one that is one of the chief princes of the angelic hosts. And so there's a war and I read you this. There's a conflict between Michael and his angels and the devil and his angels. So it's a conflict between good and evil. It's a conflict between the forces of God and the forces of Satan. And so there's a war. And it says and the dragon and his angels wage war, verse 8 and they were not strong enough and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who was called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole earth. And he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him. You know what? It ain't happened yet. It has not come to pass. You know that I know better than to say ain't. I'm just saying it for effect. Okay, so it ain't happened yet. All right, but it is surely going to happen. And if you would study the whole timing of this you would see when it's going to happen. It's going to happen in the last three and a half years before Jesus comes. It's going to happen in those last three and a half years and we're going to look at that, just in a couple programs, we're going to look at this. But it's going to happen when the anti-Christ takes his power and rules over the earth and cause them to receive a mark of the beast unless they're willing to die for the sake of not going over to the side of Satan. So it says and the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole earth. He was thrown down to the earth. His angels were thrown down with him and I heard a loud voice in heaven saying now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, His Messiah has come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. He accuses us before God day and night. But Jesus is sitting at the right hand. Jesus ever

lives to make intercession for you because He is able to save forever those who draw near to Him. So you've got an accuser, Satan, but you've got an intercessor and that is Jesus. You've got an accuser, but you've got an advocate. And it's Jesus Christ, the righteous who is the propitiation, the satisfaction, the payment for our sins. And he is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God. So at those last three and a half years and this is what we're studying about in Daniel, in that little horn and his rule. Satan is going to be cast down. How do they overcome him? They overcome him the same way you and I overcome him. They overcame him, Satan, because of the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. In other words it was the blood that defeated Satan. And when I've stood in prayer and intercession or when I have dealt with people that have demons, what I do is I claim the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I overcome him with the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony. What is the word of my testimony? I am in Christ; Christ is in me. I am seated with Him in heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that's named in heaven and earth and all things are under the feet of Jesus and I'm bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. I'm part of His body. And that's why they overcame him, by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives unto death. What does that mean? That means that they were willing to die. If they had to they would stand fast, they would stand firm and they could make it because they had an intercessor at the right of the throne of God. Beloved, Satan is going to be defeated. We're going to see it. And he is going to be brought low. He is going to be cast into the lake of fire, a lake of fire that only exist because as Matthew 25 says, God prepared it for the devil and his angels. So for all eternity Satan someday is going to be in that lake of fire. And beloved you don't want to be there and the only ones that are going to be there with them are those that refuse to believe that Jesus was the Christ and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Accept Him; believe now.