"His Doom Is Sure"

Introduction:

- . Tonight We Come To The End:
 - Of Our Year-Long Series:
 - On The Progress Of Victory:
 - That We Can Have As Christians!
 - Especially Over:
 - The Greatest Spiritual Foes That We Face:
 - The World, The Flesh, And The Devil!
- 2. The World:
 - Is The Way The Bible Describes:
 - The Fallen World System:
 - That Is Opposed To God:
 - And His Truth & Righteousness!
 - And Earlier This Year:
 - We Looked At Five Truths:
 - That We Need To Remember:
 - In Order To Experience Greater Victory:
 - Over The World And:
 - The Temptation To Worldliness!
 - The First Thing We Need To Remember:
 - Is That We Have Been:
 - Sent Into This World:
 - By The Lord Jesus!
 - And We Saw This In:
 - Jesus' Prayer To His Father:
 - In John 17:18 "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world!"
 - The Second Thing We Need To Remember:
 - Is That We Need To Pursue Biblical:
 - Separation From This World!
 - And The Best Way To Do This:
 - Is By Keeping The Cross Of Christ:
 - Before Us As Our Number One:
 - Glory And Pride!
 - And The Apostle Paul:
 - Was A Good Example Of This:
 - When He Said In Galatians 6:14 "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world!"
 - The Third Thing We Need To Remember:
 - Is That We Are:
 - Strangers & Pilgrims:
 - In This World!
 - Or As Abraham Described Himself:
 - Back In Genesis:
 - As Strangers & Sojourners:
 - In This World!
 - The Fourth Thing We Need To Remember:
 - Is That We Are Meant To Be:
 - "Spectacles Unto The World!"
 - Which Is How The Apostle Paul Described Himself & The Other Apostles:
 - In 1 Corinthians 4:9!
 - Where He Said:
 - "We Are Made A Spectacle Unto The World, And To Angels, And To Men!"
 - Which Means That We Have Been Left In This World To Be:
 - A Different Kind Of "Theater!"

- And We Can Do So:
 - By Showing To The World:
 - Christ In Us!
- The Fifth Thing We Need To Remember:
 - Is That We Are To Live:
 - As Saints In This World!
 - Which Simply Means:
 - To Live Lives That Are Different:
 - Than This World!
 - Even To Strive To:
 - Live Lives Of Holiness:
 - By God's Grace & Through His Strength!
 - And We Found This Truth:
 - In Titus 2:11-14:
 - "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, / Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world!"
- As Christians:
 - We Can Experience Progress Of Victory:
 - In Our Spiritual Battles:
 - With The World!
- 3. The Flesh:
 - Is How The Bible Describes:
 - The Fallen, Human Sinful Nature:
 - That Even Christians:
 - Still Possess!
 - And Even Though:
 - The Flesh It Is Still Within:
 - Each One Of Us!
 - It Doesn't Mean That:
 - It Has To:
 - Have Power Over Us!
 - Because God Has Given His People:
 - Certain Weapons:
 - To Fight Against The Foe:
 - Of Our Flesh!
 - And We Looked At
 - X Of Those Weapons!
 - But Undergirding Each One:
 - Is The Absolute Necessity Of:
 - Depending On The Lord And:
 - Dwelling With The Spirit:
 - Day By Day & Even:
 - Moment By Moment!
 - The First Weapon We Looked At Is:
 - Denying Our Flesh:
 - More And More!
 - Even As We Are Told In:
 - Romans 13:14 "Make Not Provision For The Flesh, To Fulfill The Lusts Thereof!"
 - The Second Weapon Is:
 - Detesting Our Flesh:
 - With A Holy Hate!
 - As We Saw From:
 - Jude 13 "Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!"
 - The Third Weapon Is:
 - Discarding Our Flesh:
 - Regularly Which Involves:
 - Putting Off:

- The Old Man! And:
- Putting On:
 - The New Man!
- Which Is What The Apostle Paul Describes:
 - In Ephesians 4!
- The Fourth Weapon Is:
 - Decontaminating Our Flesh:
 - Which We Are Told To Do In:
 - 2 Corinthians 7:1:
 - "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God!"
- The Fifth Weapon Is:
 - Destroying Or Mortifying Our Flesh:
 - Or Rather The Sinful Members:
 - Of Our Flesh!
 - Because Of What We Found:
 - In Romans 8:13:
 - "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live!"
- And The Sixth Weapon We Looked At Is:
 - Disposing Our Flesh:
 - To God!
 - In Romans 6 We Learn That:
 - Christians Have Both:
 - The Privilege & The Responsibility:
 - To "Yield (Ourselves) Unto God As Those That Are Alive From The Dead, And (Our) Members As Instruments Of Righteousness Unto God!"
- And So By God's Grace:
 - We Can Experience Progress Of Victory:
 - In Our Spiritual Battles:
 - Against Our Own Flesh:
 - As Well!
- 4. But, Of Course:
 - That Leaves Us With:
 - The Devil Which Is Our:
 - Third But Most:
 - Formidable Foe!
 - Because It Is The Devil:
 - Who Uses His World & Our Flesh:
 - Any Way He Can:
 - To Do To Us What He Tried To Do With:
 - The Apostle Peter!

- In Luke 22:31-32:
 - Jesus Addressed Peter Directly:
 - And Said "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired [to have] you, that he may sift [you] as wheat: / But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren!"
 - This Simply Means That:
 - As Servants Would Sift Out:
 - The Wheat From The Chaff:
 - In Ancient Times!
 - The Devil Would Do All He Can:
 - Through Trials & Temptations:
 - To Shake Peters Faith & Instill In Him Fear!
 - And When The Faith:
 - Of Any Christian:
 - Gives Way To Fear:
 - Especially Because Of The Things We've Learned About Him!

- Then It Will Be Easy For Him:
 - To Side-Line Us:
 - In Our Witness & Work:
 - For the Lord!
- 5. Of Course It Is Easy For Us:
 - To Over-Estimate The Devil:
 - When We Think About:
 - The Devices:
 - He Uses To Tempt Us:
 - Even As He Tempted Eve & Jesus Himself:
 - To Ouestion God & His Word!

- Its Easy For Us:
 - To Fear The Devil:
 - When We Remember:
 - His Design & Dominion & Danger!
- And It Is Easy For Us:
 - To Struggle In Our Faith:
 - Even Though We Know Something About:
 - His Downfall & His Delusion!
- 6. But Along With:
 - The Duties We Have:
 - As Christians Against The Devil:
 - Which Involve:
 - Pursuing The Armor Of God And:
 - Resisting / Opposing Him In Every Way!
- 7. We Need To Also Remember:
 - And Trust In The Fact:
 - That Martin Luther Also Penned:
 - In His Famous Song:
 - "The Prince Of Darkness Grim, We Tremble Not For Him; His Rage We Can Endure, For Lo! His Doom Is Sure!"
 - And In The Time We Have Left:
 - I Just Want To Briefly Look At:
 - Three Things About:
 - The Doom Of The Devil!
- * First His Doom Is Sure Because:
- 1. The Devil Is Crushed!
 - In Genesis 3:15:
 - The Lord Told The Serpent Directly:
 - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel!"
 - Of Course This Verse:
 - Is Messianic Being Called:
 - The Proto-Evangelium:
 - The Very First Mention Of:
 - The Gospel In The Bible!
 - And Even Though:
 - It Would Be Painful For:
 - The Woman's Seed:
 - When The Serpent Would "Bruise His Heel!"
 - That's All It Would Turn Out To Be!
 - But When The Woman's Seed:
 - Would Bruise The Serpents Head:
 - It Would Be Fatal:
 - And Prove To Be:
 - The Blow That Would Bring About Victory!
 - And The Remarkable Thing:

- Is That Both Would Happen:
 - At The Same Time And In:
 - The Same Event!
 - The Death Of Jesus Christ:
 - On The Cross!
- It Was Through His Own Death:
 - That Jesus Defeated The Devil:
 - At His Own Game!
- And This Is What We Find Stated:
 - In Hebrews 2:14-15:
 - "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; / And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage!"
- The Devil's Doom Is Sure:
 - Because The Devil Has Already Been Crushed:
 - Through The Work Of Christ:
 - On The Cross!
- * Second His Doom Is Sure Because:
- 2. The Devil Is Cast Out!
 - In The Book Of Job:
 - The Devil Is Described:
 - As Having Access To God:
 - In Heaven!
 - 1:6-7 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. / And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it!"
 - But This Would Prove To Be:
 - Only A Temporary Situation!
 - Because Even As Jesus:
 - Was Heading Into His Passion Week:
 - In John 12:31-32 Jesus Said:
 - "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. / And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me!"
 - Even Though:
 - The Devil Is Still:
 - The Great Accuser:
 - As Far As We Are Concerned:
 - He Has No More Standing:
 - In Heaven Against Us!
 - Which Is What We Also Find:
 - In Revelation 12:9-10:
 - Which Reminds Us That:
 - "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. / And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night!"
 - The Devil's Doom Is Sure:
 - Because The Devil Has Been And:
 - Will Be Cast Out!
 - Since We Have:
 - A Greater Advocate In Jesus:
 - Than The Accuser We Have:
 - In The Devil!

- * And Third His Doom Is Sure Because:
- 3. The Devil Is Condemned!
 - In Revelation 20:7-10:
 - We Find The Final Outcome:
 - Of Our Ancient Foe!
 - Because "When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, / And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. / And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. / And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever!"
 - This Is The Doom:
 - Of The Devil! And:
 - It Is Sure!

Conclusion:

- 1. So I'd Like For Us To:
 - End This Series In The Same Way:
 - We Started!
 - With That Old Prayer:
 - From The Old English Book:
 - Of Common Prayer!
 - Which Says:
 - "From All Inordinate And Sinful Affections; And From All Deceits Of The World, The Flesh, And The Devil, Good Lord, Deliver Us!"
- 2. And Our Deliverance:
 - From These Enemies:
 - Is Just As Sure As:
 - Their Doom!
 - And That Is Why:
 - In Christ We Can Experience:
 - Even Greater Victory:
 - Over Them All!
 - Because:
 - "Greater Is He That Is In You, Than He That Is In The World!" (1 John 4:4)
 - "The Prince Of Darkness Grim, We Tremble Not For Him; His Rage We Can Endure, For Lo! His Doom Is Sure!"
 - And All God's People Said:
 - Amen!

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