

The Voice of Truth # 530

The Mighty Conqueror

Open your bibles to Revelation 19:11. The book of Revelation is the unveiling of the Lord Jesus Christ as the mighty conqueror. From the day that the prophecy was uttered in Genesis 3:15, that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the seed of the serpent, there's never been any doubt about the outcome of the battle between righteousness and evil; between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent; between Christ and the Antichrist, or Satan. Throughout the ages, the church has been made to tremble at the onslaught of Satan. Dark clouds have hung over the church. Defeat has stared her in the face, yet there has never been any doubt as to the final outcome. The book of Revelation opens with Christ walking in the midst of His churches as judge-priest throughout the church age, chapter 1. The second and third chapters set forth the history of the church in the seven letters addressed to the seven churches of Asia, dictated by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Beginning with chapter 4, where a throne of judgment is set in heaven for the final drama of the world's history, we see the issue forced to its consummation in which Satan's evil plan and design are clearly and fully revealed without question. Chapter by chapter, we have seen the Antichrist rise to supreme power, not only as god of this world, but as the temporal ruler of every world order, and by his absolute power and authority, relegate Christ out of his earth, strip the earth of every vestige of Christianity, and enslaved the inhabitants under a delusion. Also, we've seen God pour out judgment after judgment upon this Christless world until the climax is reached in the fall of great Babylon, the sum total of all satanic power, wisdom, and glory. As the cities of the nations have come down under the judgment of God, the face of the whole earth has undergone a complete change with the intensifying judgment in preparation for the coming of Christ to rule.

In the midst of these judgments, God has rescued his people, group after group, and they have assembled with him in the presence of the holy angels and the

saints who have already been translated. All heaven is one glorious scene of activity, preparations are made for the MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB and the MARRIAGE SUPPER that follows. I wish you could see the contrast between the Antichrist and his diabolical rule with the judgment of God falling upon a Christless world and the glorious scene in heaven among the redeemed as they're rejoicing in Christ Jesus their Lord and Redeemer. My friend, I'm going to be there with that group.

In Revelation 19:10, the curtain falls on that holy wedding scene, leaving us with the old apostle, on our faces, in worship and adoration of that blessed lamb who loved us and gave himself for us. As we turn to verse 11, we see the stage set for the climax of the world's great drama. Look, breathless we watch, and a great unseen hand slowly draws back the curtain. It's the moment of the unveiling of Christ. Listen to Revelation 19:11. Listen:

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

The revelation of Jesus Christ is the unveiling of our MIGHTY CONQUEROR, the Lord Jesus Christ, who rides forth in all the glory and majesty of a mighty conquering warlord, when the gates of heaven are thrown back and he goes to meet Earth's supreme commander-in-chief, the Antichrist, with all of his armies, marshaled in the land of Palestine.

Let's first notice that the gates of heaven are flung open. In verse 11, John said, I saw heaven opened. This is not the first time that heaven has been opened. When our Lord came up out of the baptismal waters of the River Jordan, the

scripture says the heavens were opened unto him. That was a great moment in the history of the world when the heaven was opened to him and a voice sounded forth, **this is my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased**. For it was the assurance of God's plan of redemption. Then that was a great moment when the Lord appeared to one of his martyred saints, when Stephen fell upon his knees, and the Jews were in the act of stoning him to death. The heavens were opened, and he cried out, **I see Jesus standing on the right hand of God**. In John 1:51, the Lord Jesus promised his disciples, **ye shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man**. Then when we turn to Acts 1:11, we read that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven where he is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High. That was a glorious moment when the heavenly watchers shouted **Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in**. And the angels took up the refrain, shouting all over heaven, **Who is this King of glory?** The answer came back, **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle**. In Revelation 4:1, we find heaven opened and John caught up to the throne of God, which sets forth the rapture of the saints, as he promised, in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, that he's going to descend from heaven for his own. But this opening, in Revelation 19:11, of heaven is such as never has been in all the history of mankind. For the Lord Jesus Christ is now riding forth as the mighty conqueror. He's leaving his father's house with his bride and is coming forth to take possession of that for which he holds the title deed and has promised and purchased with his own blood.

We notice he rides forth upon a white horse. When he came the first time, he came riding to foal of an ass, but his own nation rejected him, crucified him, sent him back to heaven not wanted. But when he returns, he rides a white stallion, a war horse, because he's coming in righteousness to judge and make war. He came the first time offering himself to his people, but he comes now as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This white horse not only speaks of judgment and war, but it speaks of legal authority. The average individual today thinks of Christ as just the lowly Nazarene. And if anyone talks about the anger of Christ, the wrath of the Son of God, or Christ riding forth on the war-horse of heaven as a mighty conqueror, folks won't have it. They laugh at it and say, oh, we know a little loving Christ. I know a Christ of war. As a woman said last week, I've just read your book on reprobation and it made me mad because for the first time I see that God is

sovereign and he can eternally damn me in hell or show mercy. The only thing I can see in the Bible now is the sovereignty of God, the eternal King of the universe. I said, praise the Lord. And I do praise the Lord. My friend, you will see that thing one day, either now in mercy or later in judgment, that the Lord Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. Why it speaks of holiness and justice. The throne of God is established on justice and righteousness and judgment, from which he judges and disposes the case of every individual, whether in justice or in mercy. Here he rides a white horse in judgment. A thousand years later, he sits upon a great white throne, dealing in judgment with the damned of all ages, as recorded in Revelation 20:11-15.

Now we notice the rider of the horse, the conquering warlord, and he's called the faithful and true. What a contrast our Lord presents with Satan, the deceiver, the Antichrist, the false Christ, and the false prophet, along with their false worshipers. We see our Lord riding, forth here as the Faithful One, the True One, against all that is false, all that deceives and makes a lie. Therefore, he must deal with them in his character as the faithful and true witness, which means in strict justice. And everyone will receive their just reward. When we come to know human nature, and how disappointed we are when we see the deceit and the treachery of man, that all men are liars, and how disappointed we are when we put our trust in human nature. But the Lord Jesus Christ is faithful, he's true and he can be trusted and never lets us down. He never will, my friend. I wish that you knew him. I wish that you knew him as the faithful and true one.

In Revelation 3:14, Christ is called the Great Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, but here he was reproofing, rebuking, and instructing his children; but here In Revelation 19:11, he is called Faithful and True because he's the judge-warrior going forth to punish his enemies. And John says in verse 11, **and in righteousness he doth judge and make war**. In other words, iniquity is full, as the scripture says, and the point of no return has been reached. Their condition is incurable, mercy has been slighted and refused, and God is literally hated by the mass of humanity. Like that woman said, I hate him, I hate him, I hate him, because he's sovereign. And the whole world is united in one camp against the true Sovereign of the Universe, and it is filled with covetousness, pride, selfishness, ambition, and lust. The time has come when the Lord Jesus Christ has to deal with them in absolute

justice and right; therefore He unsheathes and wields the sword of infinite power. This means they are laid low in the dust under the hands of a sovereign, eternal Christ, the mighty conqueror.

This battle here, known as the Battle of Armageddon or the Battle of the Nations, is not the nations divided among themselves and led by their sovereign kings for territorial gains or national rights. But it's the nations of the world all united in a federation under the ruling king, the Antichrist, for one purpose, to keep the Lord Jesus Christ from coming back to this earth. Because they've said, we will not have him to reign over us. We hate him, to death with him. And the Antichrist has so deceived the nations into believing they can conquer the Christ. You can't conquer him, my friend. The only thing you can do is to yield to him.

Now let's notice in verse 12, it says, **His eyes were as a flame of fire**. Now I want you to get this, we notice in Revelation 1:14, in our study there, as Christ stood in the midst of His churches as a judge-priest, his eyes were as a flame of fire. So here again, as we look upon the mighty Conqueror, riding forth from the open heaven, **his eyes were as a flame of fire**. This means that with these piercing eyes he looked into the depths of every heart, beneath every mask, and penetrates the recess of the darkness of every heart and life. As he deals with his child, he is searching out that heart in mercy. But here in dealing with his enemies, we see the flashing forth of the fierceness of his wrath.

Seated here on the warhorse of heaven, looking upon the battlefield, beholding the millions gathered from all nations of the world, headed by their kings, chief of staffs, all the mighty men of war, with every type of implement of war, with newsmen from every nation, he sees beneath the mask of every life, nothing but iniquity, and that iniquity is cruel, and therefore he judges in righteousness as he wields the sword of destruction on that mighty army. Men have been killed by the look of royalty as they have been made to sink under those piercing, searching eyes. That was a great night in Peter's life when our Lord turned and looked upon him. He never said a word. I know in my own life, as the Lord leads me by his, as the psalmist said, the Lord leads me by his eyes. I know there is nothing hid from his eyes. They search out the very recesses of my being. I'm conscious moment by moment, that everything is open to his view, and when he turns those loving eyes

upon me, they search out my heart and lead me to rest at his feet, confessing, repenting, and loving him. His eyes draw me to him. His eyes guide me, as the psalmist says. I'll never cease to praise him when those searching eyes of fire first laid bare my heart, and mind and soul, and I came to face with this eternal fact that he knew all about me and I could say like the woman at Jacob's well, **come see a man that told me all things**, but oh, in that day when our Lord rides forth with the eyes of flaming fire penetrating the hearts and lives of his enemies and them melting before those all-seeing eyes. Won't it be a gracious day? And my cry is, Lord, hasten that day when the mouths of wicked men shall be stopped. I pray for that, do you?

Then in that 12th verse we are told, **on his head were many crowns**. We not only behold him as the conquering general, who is the great judge, who judges in righteousness as he makes war, but as the great king. Wherever we see the crowns upon the heads of kings, we know it expresses victory. So, our Lord rides forth as the crowned Christ. He rides as the mighty Conqueror. One day he knelt in Pilate's court when the rabble soldiers placed upon his head the crown of thorns. Someone has said there were 72 thorns in that crown, one representing every member of the Sanhedrin court; but here we behold him as King of kings and Lord of lords.

History tells us the oldest crown was the crown of the Lombards, which was last worn by Napoleon Bonaparte, and it went down on the battlefield of Waterloo. They tell us the most beautiful crown is the crown of Robert the Bruce, but that crown went down. They tell us the most costly crown is the crown of the English Empire, but that crown will go down; It's trembling now. But I know of a crown that is older than the crown of the Lombards. I know of a crown that's more beautiful than the crown of Robert the Bruce, and more costly than the English crown. It was once a crown of thorns worn on the brow of Jesus of Nazareth, but praise God when he comes forth a second time, it'll be a royal crown, a crown of diadems. All hail the power of Jesus' name. Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. He's my Lord. Is he yours? Let's notice again that twelfth verse; we find that he had a name written that no man knew but himself. We'll call it the unknowable name. In Matthew 11:27, the Lord Jesus said one day, No man knoweth the Son, but the Father. That name sets in such

solemnity and majesty above all other names, until the messenger said, This name is not known by anyone but Christ himself.

As we behold the mighty conqueror, in that 13th verse, we find that **he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood**. These bloodstains upon the clothes of our great Conqueror are not from his own blood. It has no reference to his dying upon the cross as the sinner's substitute. The blood stains on his garments could be nothing more or less than the blood of his enemies slain. Isaiah prophesied of this day of vengeance in these words, **Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the wine-press alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I'll tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.**

This is the day of vengeance when Christ opened his public ministry. He read Isaiah 61:1, 2 down to the expression to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and he closed the book and laid it down and did not read these words: **And the day of the vengeance of our God**. When heaven opens and our Lord comes riding forth as the Mighty Conqueror, it'll be the day of vengeance of our God. In anticipation of that day we are told in Revelation 14:19, **and the angel thrust in the sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God, and the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even to the horse's bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs**, which is a distance between a hundred and sixty and a hundred and seventy-five miles in length, which was some river of human blood. What a day of vengeance! What a day of trampling the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God. In the close of the sixth chapter of Revelation, in anticipation of that day again we are told, **For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?** We are told again that our Lord, **our God, is a consuming fire, and vengeance belongeth unto our God**. Then we are told in verse 13, **His name is called the Word of God**. This is the

name the Lord Jesus Christ is preeminently known by. Psalms 33 says, **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.** John opens his gospel with these words, **In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.**

In further description of the mighty conqueror, as he rides forth, we are told, **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he might smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** This is not the sword of the Spirit that goeth forth out of his mouth. It is not an instrument of mercy and salvation, but it is an instrument of wrath and destruction. When we studied the Day of the Vintage in that 14th chapter of Revelation, we saw a picture of Christ thrusting in his sickle into the earth and gathering the vine of the earth and casting it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. This is the fulfillment of that scripture. There is gathered in the land of Palestine, the kings and the armies of all nations of the earth, and with a sword of destruction, He is bringing to the end Satan and the last vestige of his great society and world order in such a manner as it will never rise again. And my cry is with John, **Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come.** Isn't it about time for him to come? I believe that day is fast approaching.

It says here the sword proceeds out of his mouth, which shows with what ease that he accomplishes his purpose. Let's notice again, **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** Isaiah tells us, **I have trodden the winepress alone.** I know the scriptures say that the armies of the heaven followed him, but there is not one word said about them having a part in this treading of the winepress or in the smiting of the armies. Christ himself meets the enemy face to face, meets him alone. On the cross he died alone, forsaken of God, forsaken of the angels, forsaken of his disciples. He paid the awful price for the salvation of his elect. So here, in meeting the enemy, he meets him alone, Christ himself, trodding the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. What fierceness, what vengeance, what wrath, what eternal justice is meted out upon the enemies of the Son of God, those who have arrayed themselves against the sovereignty of the King of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. As the mighty conqueror rides forth upon the white stallion, we notice that on his vesture, that is, on his upper garment, or cloak, was written the words, King of Kings and Lord

of Lords. These were also written on his thigh. Usually, a warrior carries his sword buckled to his thigh, but here the sword proceeds from his mouth, and the words, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, were written on the thigh of the Mighty Conqueror. This sets forth his sovereignty, and as king, he sweeps everything before him, and walks out and tramples the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God Under his feet. The psalmist said, **the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and fire shall devour them.** The apostle Paul cries out in 2 Thessalonians, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.** So, when he comes, we find that he does not come alone. The angels are with him; the armies of heaven ride with him, because, that in the 14th verse he says, **And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.** It does not say the army of heaven, but the armies of heaven. We are told that Enoch prophesied, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.** The scripture says they'll come riding as the great conqueror upon white horses. One day, Elisha was surrounded by the armies of the enemy. His servant became frightened, and he said, Lord, open his eyes to see. And when he did, he saw the heavens filled with the chariots of God. When God got ready to carry Elijah to heaven, He carried him in the chariot of fire drawn by fiery horses.

We are living in a day when everything that is spiritual is made fun of, but there is only a thin veil between this life in which we live and the life on the other side in the spirit world. My friend, think about the spirit world, you get scared to death, don't you? But there's only a thin veil there. I'm looking for his coming. I long for his coming. The heavens will open one of these days, and our Lord's going to return. Are you ready for him?