

Scripture: John 12:20-50

Text: John 14:30-31

Singing: 400:1-3, 7 – 124:1-5 – 308:1-3 – 422:3-4

Intro. Are you aware we live in a cosmic battlefield? Gen. 3:15

- A. Battle fought is not first and mostly between God & man but Jesus & Satan
- B. Understanding this battle, enriches our understanding of Jesus' life & death
 - 1. Salvation is not only *forgiveness – atonement* (Romans 5:9-11)
 - 2. Salvation is also *victory – defeat of Satan* (Gen. 3:15; 1 John 3:8)
 - 3. Salvation is ultimately all about *obedience to the law of God* (Phil. 2:5-11)

THE GLORY OF JESUS' OBEDIENCE

I. His entire life was obedience II. His death was obedience

I. Jesus' entire life was a life of obedience to law of God

- A. With Christ's entry into world history, the conflict entered a critical phase
 - 1. The OT & NT history is the story of Satan attempt to eliminate Christ
 - 2. Result of one sin in the 'last Adam' would be the end of all hope
- B. The glory of Jesus is His utterly devoted obedience of God His Father (vs. 30)
 - 1. What defined His true greatness?
 - 2. What did His obedience to His Father earn Him?
- C. The glory of Jesus' obedience is what God invites us to partake in by faith
 - 1. Without perfect obedience the door to eternal life is closed forever
 - 2. Through the perfect 'satisfaction' of Jesus' obedience, the door is opened
 - 3. We are called to *obey* Him in three ways
 - a. listen to Him as prophet
 - b. trust Him as priest
 - c. follow Him as king

II. Jesus' cross death was obedience

A. In Jesus' battle-life, nothing equaled *the hour* He spoke about (12:23, 27)

1. John 12:31 Jesus defined the hour as the 'turning point' in the world

2. Gen 3:15 predicted Satan's head(ship) would be crushed: but how?

B. Behold His glory as He faced this dreadful hour: *Arise, let us go hence!*

1. Where did He go to: *hour to be abandoned by His Father to all of hell*

2. What was the battle Jesus' here faced?
 - a. see in the contrast between the first and last Adam
 - both faced a command to love God and neighbor

 - both were tempted to disobey God's commandment

 - both made a choice

C. Why did Jesus drink the cup of curse upon sin? (vs. 31a)

Three truths to ponder:

A. Good-Friday is 'good' because it utterly defeated Satan's right to rule

B. Good-Friday is 'good' because His obedience in life and death brings hope

C. Good-Friday is 'good' if it awakens you to reality of God and curse upon sin!