**THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY**

**Revelation 12:7-12**

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**INTRO:**

**1. Notice the Seraph**

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 **a. Michael and His Angels were Chaperones**

 **b. Michael and His Angels were Champions**

**\*\*Michael Prevailed, and Michael Prevented Satan in Heaven!**

**2. Notice the Serpent**

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 **a. The Devil is a Castaway!**

 **b. The Devil is a Con!**

**\*\*He is a con that deceives, devastates, and defrauds people in the world, but there is a way to overcome him!**

 **c. The Devil is a Complainer!**

**Revelation 12:10b for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

**3. Notice the Salvation**

**Revelation 12:10a [10](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-12-10/%22%20%5Co%20%22Revelation%2012%3A10%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation,**

 **a. Salvation is the Son who shed His Precious Blood**

 **b. Salvation is the Savior who shed His Purifying Blood**

**4. Notice the Strength**

**Revelation 12:10 [10](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-12-10/%22%20%5Co%20%22Revelation%2012%3A10%20KJV%20verse%20detail)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:**

 **a. Christ Strengthens Us when our Testimony is Reported**

 **b. Christ Strengthens Us when our Testimony is Recorded**

**\*\*The Lamb’s Blood records our testimony, and The Lamb’s Book records our testimony as well.**

**\*\*The point is that there’s Power in your Testimony, and I want to show you where you can make the most of that power.**

**I. THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY IS FOR WAR**

**Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;**

 **A. When Satan Accuses You – TESTIFY!**

**\*\*You can only testify to defeat Satan if the blood has been applied; otherwise, you’re wasting your time.**

**\*\*So what can you testify about when Satan accuses?**

 **1. Testify about Transformational Grace!**

 **a. I once was a Sinner Man, but now I’m a Saved Man**

 **b. I once was a Sad Man, but now I’m a Satisfied Man**

**\*\*When Satan accuses you, testify about how grace transformed you!**

 **2. Testify about Triumphant Grace**

 **a. I’ve got Victory over Eternal Debt**

 **b. I’ve got Victory over Execution Damnation**

 **c. I’ve got Victory over Everlasting Death**

 **B. When Satan Attacks You – TESTIFY!**

 **1. Testify when Temptation Comes**

 **a. Resist him and testify about your Salvation**

 **b. Resist him and testify about your Scriptures**

 **2. Testify when Troubles Come**

 **a. Testify and Remind Satan of God’s Promises**

 **b. Testify and Remind Satan of God’s Power**

**\*\*The Power of Your Testimony can be used in War!**

**II. THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY IS FOR WORSHIP**

**Matthew 5:15-16** [**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-5-15/) **Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.** [**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-5-16/) **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**\*\*Testifying in church turns on the Light of Christ within you and in others and glorifies God! It helps us to worship!**

**\*\*How does our testimony help us to worship?**

 **A. Our Testimony is an Encouragement**

 **1. It keeps us from feeling Alone.**

**\*\*It helps other Christians to know there are other people like me that’s gone through similar things. I’m encouraged when I know I’m not alone in my Worship, in my Walk, in my Witnessing, in my World.**

 **2. It keeps us from feeling Afraid.**

**\*\*When someone in church shares their testimony then it helps me to not be afraid to Speak, Share, and even Sing my testimony.**

 **B. Our Testimony is an Enabler**

**\*\*In other words, a testimony enables me to worship God.**

 **1. I realize I have the Reasons to Worship the Lord!**

 **2. I realize I have the Rights to Worship the Lord!**

**\*\*I have the rights to worship the Lord because God’s Salvation, God’s Son, and God’s Spirit is in my heart and soul!**

 **C. Our Testimony is an Excuse**

 **1. Testimonies give me an excuse to Praise!**

**\*\*I can praise Him for what He’s done in your Hearts and in your Homes if you share your testimony!**

 **2. Testimonies give me an excuse to Pray!**

**\*\*Testimonies let’s me see there is Hope and there is Help for my circumstances and motivates me to pray!**

**\*\*Testimonies help us to overcome and defeat the devil even in our services so that we can worship the Lord!**

**\*\*The Power of Your Testimony can be used in Worship!**

**III. THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY IS FOR WITNESSING**

 **A. There is a Cause to Witness**

**Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.**

**\*\*We can win souls to Christ if we will do the following:**

 **1. Offer the Fruit of our Testimony**

**\*\*People are starving Spiritually speaking and dying. When we offer them the fruit of our testimony, suddenly we’re offering them the hope of surviving and living because it’s the Hope of Our Life and the Hope of Our Lord!**

 **2. Offer the Faith of our Testimony**

**\*\*When we share our testimony and they see where we have directed our faith and they see the results of that faith, then just by them seeing it, that helps them to have faith and place their faith where we have placed our faith – in Jesus Christ!**

**\*\*This is how you win souls! Share your fruit and share your faith with them!**

**\*\*People need the Lord, and this is the cause and why we share the fruit and the faith of our testimonies!**

 **B. There is a Calling to Witness**

**Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.**

 **1. There is a Calling to go out and Connect**

**\*\*There’s no better way to connect than through your own testimony.**

 **a. The Calling says to Connect with them in the Highways.**

 **b. The Calling says to Connect with them in the Hedges.**

**\*\*Hedges here means a fence or a bush line that separates. Your testimony can take down their Fence and take down their Fears!**

 **2. There is a Calling to go out and Compel**

**\*\*The word compel in the text means “to drive.”**

 **a. Our testimony can drive people to Christ!**

 **b. Our testimony can drive people to Church!**

 **C. There is a Commission to Witness**

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**\*\*We are to go and witness and tell people our testimony.**

 **1. Your Testimony is the Opening**

**\*\*It’s the opening to share the Gospel, the Goodness, and the Greatness of Jesus Christ!**

 **2. Your Testimony is the Observation**

**\*\*Sharing your testimony allows others to observe the Power that changed your Problem and your Past, and caused you to offer your Profession and show your Proof!**

**\*\*And yes, testimonies are that powerful!**

**\*\*The Power of Your Testimony can be used in Witnessing!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*Again, Revelation said that we can overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony!**

**\*\*I really don’t think we have been using this weapon against Satan effectively if at all!**

**\*\*Think about it. When was the last time were you in spiritual warfare fighting against principalities and powers of the devil and you started testifying in order to overcome the devil?**

**\*\*When was the last time you used the power of your testimony in the worship service and it overcame the devil and encouraged and enabled the worship service to be graced with the presence of God?**

**\*\*When was the last time you used your testimony to witness to someone and it won them over to put their faith in Christ?**

**\*\*Revelation 12:12 the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**

**\*\*The devil knows he has a short time, but that also means we have a short time to share our testimony to overcome him and win people to the Lord. We better do it now!**

**\*\*I’m going to give you two opportunities here that will enable you and help you to use the power of your testimony.**

 **1. First, I’m extending an invitation for you to come and ask God to help you use your testimony in Warfare, in Worship, and in Witnessing.**

 **2. Second, I’m going to offer you a way to share your testimony with others in an unusual way and in an easy non-fearful kind of way.**

**SURVEY**

**1. We all have a story to tell, and it’s important to share your story no matter what it is because someone else in the community is going through the same circumstances.**

**2. Look at the topics on the survey, and check off all that apply to you.**

**3. Take a little time to fill out what your story is about and tell how Jesus made the difference in your story.**

**4. Fill out the best day of the week and time for the writer to call you. This is so they can interview you, and it could take two or three hours.**

**5. Although your real name will not be used in the book nor your contact information, the writer needs to know to get in touch with you. So please write your name, phone number, and email address on the survey. Once they write your story, they will email a proof to you and to me.**

**6. Ushers will collect the surveys from the pews and then stand at the door to collect any that are left.**