

## SERMON NOTES

Title: Facing the Enemy

Text: Rev. 12:9-12

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Introduction:

- A. In a very real sense, in this life we are at war.
- B. The minute we surrender our lives to Jesus, we enlist in the Battle of the Ages.

Body:

- I. Any military man will tell you that one of the first rules of war is to know the enemy.
  - A. The enemy is the devil himself.
  - B. He has many names.
    1. Called our enemy. [1 Peter 5:8 \(NIV\)](#)
    2. Called the angel of the Abyss, Abaddon or Apollyon. [Rev. 9:11 \(NIV\)](#)
    3. Called accuser of our brethren. [Rev. 12:10 \(NIV\)](#)
    4. Called Beelzebub the prince of demons. [Luke 11:15 \(NIV\)](#)
    5. Called Belial. [2 Cor. 6:15 \(NIV\)](#)
    6. Called the devil. [Matthew 4:1 \(NIV\)](#)
    7. Called a murderer, a liar, and the father of lies. [John 8:44 \(NIV\)](#)
    8. Called the dragon, the serpent, the devil, Satan. [Rev. 20:2 \(NIV\)](#)
    9. Called power of darkness. [Col. 1:13 \(KJV\)](#)
    10. Called prince of this world. [John 12:31 \(NIV\)](#)
    11. Called the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [Ephes. 2:1-2 \(NIV\)](#)
    12. Called the god of this world (age). [2 Cor. 4:4 \(NIV\)](#)
    13. Called principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places. [Ephes. 6:12 \(KJV\)](#)
    14. Called tempter. [Matthew 4:3 \(NIV\)](#)
    15. Called evil one. [Matthew 13:19 \(NIV\)](#)
  - C. Left to ourselves, we are helpless under his reign of terror.
- II. Knowing our authority is the second thing we need to know if we are to win the war.
  - A. Jesus our champion has overcome our enemy and set us in authority over him. [Ephes. 1:18-2:6 \(NIV\)](#) [Luke 10:19 \(NIV\)](#), [Genesis 3:15 \(NIV\)](#)
  - B. Satan can cause us to suffer but he can't keep us out of heaven.

Conclusion:

- A. Our enemy is not other people, he is Satan, the father of all things evil.
- B. But Jesus has overcome him and in Christ we have authority over Satan. [Rev. 12:10-12 \(NIV\)](#)