MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Revelation 2:10

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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MONDAY, JULY 25

Read 1 John 5

1. John writes that God's commands are "not burdensome". If we believe Satan, we should feel oppressed and worried as we all sin. But God sent us a Champion – someone that does battle for our honor. Who is our Champion? What now do we say to the Accuser?
2. How does verse 12 address the "there are many ways to heaven" theology so popular in today's post-modernism culture?
3. Verse 18 indicates that "… the whole world lies in the power of the evil one". How, as Christians, do we live in "enemy territory"? What happens to the evil one? (*e.g.*, 2 Thessalonians 2)

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, build my faith and confidence in the power of Your salvation, both in my life as a fact, and in the life of the unbeliever as a hope.***

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Read 2 John & 3 John

1. 2 John 1:7 deals with Gnosticism. What is Gnosticism? What is the danger of belief in this heresy?
2. John wrote these letters after the reign of Nero. The church had already suffered great persecution from outside of the church. It also faced challenges from inside the church. Which challenges seem to be more important, especially addressed in the epistles of Peter and John?
3. John writes about showing hospitality "for the brothers, even though they are strangers…." Peter writes in 1 Peter 4:8-10 about the gift of hospitality. Do you know anyone with this gift?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, help me have friendships and relations with others that reflect the truth of Your Word, the hope of Your salvation, and the gift of Christian hospitality.***

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Read Jude

1. Jude and James were brothers of whom? John 7:5 states that neither believed in Jesus prior to His resurrection. What hope does this give you for the people in your life who do not know Jesus?
2. Jude describes false teachers who "change the grace of our God into a license for immorality..." Luther writes to Melanchthon "let your sins be strong (sin boldly) but let your trust in Christ be stronger…." Paul answers the topic in Romans 6:1-2. James writes that "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). Why is this heresy attractive to believers?
3. Jude closes (v24) by blessing us the with promise of Jesus who present us without _____ and with great _____.

- **Prayer:** ***Father, help me be merciful to those who doubt and faithful in my works that they might see how Your Love has saved me and can also save them.***

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Read Revelation 1

1. In what literary style is Revelation written? When should we take such writings literally and when should we interpret them as symbolic or as allegories? Is it possible for us to understand everything in Revelation? Is it necessary?
2. Jesus' description in Chapter 1 reminds you of what event in the Gospels? (See Matt 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36).
3. John falls to the ground "as though dead." Why? How do you think you would react in a comparable situation? What is Jesus' response? Do you think it is significant that he raised John with his right hand?

- **Prayer:** ***Heavenly Jesus, let Your righteousness assure me in my faith in You. Let me shine Your light to the darkness in my world.***

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Read Revelation 2

1. For what was the church at Ephesus praised? In what way had they failed? Jesus calls them to do what? (v5). Jesus is faithful and just to forgive our sins when we sincerely repent, but He always asks us to "sin no more". See John 8:11
2. In Smyrna, John writes that "the devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for 10 days". What does this mean?
3. John mentions Jezebel in verse 20. Where do we first see Jezebel? What prophet was she trying to kill? What happened to Jezebel? 2 Kings 30-37. What does John mean by using her name when addressing the believers at Thyatira?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, bring to my eyes the ways in which I have disappointed You. Give me a spirit of repentance and the strength to resist sins' allure.***

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Read Revelation 3

1. Sardis has a reputation for being alive, but Christ says that they are dead. What happens when we value our reputation above obedience and repentance? (v3)
2. Philadelphia seems to be the church that glorifies Jesus and pleases Him in their words and deeds. What will be their reward (v10)?
3. Laodicea is overly confident and self-sufficient. Their faith is lukewarm. What is missing from their congregation? (v20)

- **Prayer***:* ***Lord, let me burn with Your passion that my service and good works are all done to the Glory of Your Name.***