

## **"WAR IN HEAVEN - THE OUTCOME"**

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God, we thank you that we have the invitation to come into the presence of the living God. We are desirous, above everything else, that the Holy Ghost of God will teach us the things of the Lord that will cause us not to hear with the natural, but Lord, to open up that spiritual ear to receive what you have for our spirit man. God, we are not people of darkness but of the light, and God, that light is in the Spirit. It is light that is life and I am asking You to bring it to us in the power and the might of Your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen!

I want to bring you a topic that the Lord laid on my heart years ago. It's going to open a key to something we need to understand in Christ and when we understand this we will never be bound again. You see, the devil cannot bind you. ***"He whom the Son sets free is free, indeed"*** (John 8:36). It's us who bind ourselves. If we are going to move in the liberty of God we are going to have to know the word of God as it is written. Many times we read the word of God with natural eyes and try to get a natural understanding out of it, and all we get is fear. Maybe all we can see in Revelation is monsters and all kinds of horrible things, but I want to show you something.

### ***Rev. 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him...***

It is God's revelation. Jesus was the messenger of that revelation. It is the revelation that God gave from the beginning to the end of time. It is a revelation that deals from the beginning until the close of the age. It is not something that is only to happen in our lifetime or in a late hour dispensation; it is things He said He would show to His servants, things which must shortly come.

When did Jesus Christ receive this revelation? When did God give this to His Son? He gave it to Him before the foundation of the world. He gave Him this revelation, not after His resurrection, but He gave Him the revelation while He was with Him, while He was the Word, yet not made flesh. It was a revelation of all things that would come to pass. Ezekiel writes the same thing; Daniel declares the same thing; Isaiah declares the same thing. They got the same revelation from the same Spirit because God gave it to Jesus and Jesus showed it to His servant.

Now let's look at Rev. 12:7-8

***Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.***

This is after the man-child has been born; Satan tries to devour Him and is defeated. You see, from the beginning, the devil was the father of the lie. He had no power in the Garden; all he could do was deceive a woman called Eve. Now he knows that he can't win; he knows that the ballgame has been lost. He knows he has a short season. He knows that if he is going to get a crowd to go with him into the lake of fire he has to be busy deceiving.

In the last days there will be lying signs and wonders. They have always been here. Someone said, "Brother Krider, how about the mark of the beast." They had the mark of the beast from back after Jesus was raised from the dead. When they began to persecute the Christians they could not buy nor sell without a mark.

All you have to do is to read history. They could not buy nor sell unless they had a mark of the church and it wasn't the church of the living Christ; it was the church of the Antichrist.

The Lord is saying to us, "I want you to wake up and realize something: it is finished. There's nothing you can add to it. There's nothing you can do except conform to My plan and begin to move as I tell you to move. Begin to be directed as I tell you to be directed and bring the Gospel that will set men free. Introduce the Kingdom of God because I'm going to manifest it before long."

***Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) 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: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.***

After Peter had received the revelation that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus said to him, "Upon this rock...", upon this confession of faith, "***...I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it***" (Matt. 16:18). Was He prophesying something He hoped would come to pass? Was He prophesying something that He hoped one day would work? **NO!** He was making a flat statement. He said, "I am going to build my church. Satan could not prevail in heaven and he will not prevail upon the earth." The gates of hell, the judgments of hell, shall not prevail against the church of the living God. It has already been established. Jesus spoke it; that settled it.

Every time I preach on Revelation the crowd gets thinned out because the enemy doesn't want you to hear this. He begins to deceive God's people and says, "You better not go to church tonight; you have been gone four nights in a row now." I want to tell you something: Jesus Christ received the revelation from God, the Father, before He ever came to the earth. You were chosen in Him from before the foundation of the world. He brought a heavenly kingdom to man and said, "Adam, don't you realize something - the gates of hell can not, will not, shall not prevail." There's no maybe in it; there is no power in that which is defeated.

He said that they fought with His angels and they prevailed not, and neither was their place found any more in heaven. There was a vacuum created now. Lucifer was the covering cherub (Ezek. 28:14,16). Ezekiel Chapter 28 and Isaiah 14:12 talk about Lucifer. Ezekiel 28 talks about the king of Tyrus, which is the old serpent, the devil. He said that their place was no longer there for them. There was no way back for the fallen angel; there was no way back for Satan to recapture the glory that he had with God.

Let's look at **Luke 10:17-20**:

***Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (18) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (19) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (20) Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***

Before Jesus ever became a flesh body He was the Word (John 1:1), and when there was a war in Heaven He was there. He saw Michael and His holy angels fight against Satan and his ungodly devils. He saw that war and He saw Satan fall from Heaven as lightning. When he fell to the earth there could be no light any longer upon the earth. The earth became dark, and void, and without form. It had no purpose to exist because sin had come; rebellion had come. Everything God had made in that beginning creation fell into darkness. But one day God said, "Let there be light"! Hallelujah! That began the redemptive plan that would restore the creation back to its original state. There is a vacuum today in heaven and that vacuum now is to be filled with the Bride of Christ.

I want you to notice something in verse 19. He said, "I give you power over all the power of them. I give you power to tread upon scorpions, upon serpents, and nothing shall harm (or hurt) you." Why? What happened when Lucifer fell? He knew that his dominion was threatened because there was a Godlike man in the garden. Only one thing he lacked: to be like God. He was in His image, but he lacked eternal life; and before he could get to the tree of eternal life, Satan had to devise some plan whereby he could thwart man. So the plan developed.

There was one tree in the garden that man was forbidden to eat of: it was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It wasn't an apple, friend; it was a spirit tree that would enlighten their spirits. Their eyes would be opened and they would become like God. But the Lord said everything was perfect; they didn't need this knowledge. There must have been a time planned when they would.

I'll tell you what had happened. After Jesus rose from the dead, He told them in ***Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

In the garden the enemy heard what God said. He still had access to the throne of God. Sure he did. In the **first chapter of Job**, when the sons of God came and showed themselves to God, He said, "Satan, where in the world have you been?" "Well," he said, "I've been walking to and fro through the earth." God said, "Have you considered my righteous servant, Job". "Oh yeah, but what is the sense; You have a hedge all around him anyhow. But just take it down a minute and I will show you something about that old boy - he'll curse you." But you see, Satan doesn't have that access any more. Satan cannot come any longer to the throne of grace.

There is no war in heaven. The dragon was cast out; that old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world - not the earth but the whole world. "World" means people. You see, there was something born into every one of us after the original fall. After the original sin there was an Adamic nature which can easily be deceived because it likes to be deceived. It likes to be told how pretty it is. It likes to be told how good it is. It likes to be told how kind it is. It likes to be told how smart it is. Satan realizes that he cannot deceive all people through liquor or other things. He realizes that sometimes he must come with something that looks good and then he begins to try to deceive you. That's his job. He is the deceiver of the whole world.

***Rev. 12:9 ...He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 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:"*** (the Holy Ghost.)

The Holy Ghost is here now. The Kingdom of God is here now; the strength of God is here now. The salvation of God is here now for grace hath appeared to all men.

***Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.***

When He appeared and made the supreme sacrifice, it ended the world of sin. The world of sin does not have power any longer unless we give it power. He died for all men, but all men will not be saved because they will deny the very thing that will redeem them, which is the blood of Jesus Christ. When He appeared out of heaven as a human baby, and died as a human man, was resurrected and returned to heaven, He ended the world of sin. Come on, He appeared at the end of the world to put away sin. We know that He is not talking about a future date because when He appears this time He's going to set up a Kingdom and it won't be the end of the world; so we know that He's talking about a dispensation.

Satan's rule and authority and power have been taken from him. He rules now in a limited capacity; all he can do is scare people, try to deceive them, try to get them to fail God, but he can't do it. We deceive ourselves. Paul said in **2 Cor. 2:11** "***We are not ignorant concerning his devices.***" I'm trying to teach you something by the Spirit of God: we no longer have to worry about that guy. He does not have power any longer, anywhere around the church. He could not prevail to stop the birth of Jesus Christ. He cannot prevail. The church is not going to be prevailed against. The church is going to grow. It's going to be strengthened; it's going to be sifted. There's going to be a lot of people who are taken off because they are not of God; they will be taken away. **But the true church is going to come forth in the power, and the glory, and the majesty of the living God.** Remember that!

Satan was cast down from the presence of God before Jesus came. The demons knew who Jesus was though when He came. There came the wild man of Gadarenes, bound with an unclean spirit and Jesus spoke to that spirit, "***What is your name?***" He said, "***Legion, because we are many,***" and Jesus cast them out into the swine (**Mark 5:1-19**). The account in **Matt. 8: 28-29** tells of the devils crying out to Jesus, "***What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?***"

They heard the sentence in heaven passed on them, that in a certain period of time Jesus Christ would come into the earth; that the very lamb of God would be the sacrifice that would take away the sin of the world and stop their power. They knew that they had a certain amount of days until they would be cast into the lake of burning fire forever. They were there; they heard the plan of God. They knew what was going on. Lucifer was a covering cherubim. He was a morning light.

We don't realize what Jesus has done. He has cleansed the heavens and He's cleansed the earth. He's redeemed it back to man. We sit around and let ourselves be deceived, and then we say that the devil did it. The devil can't do it, and he knows he can't do it. The only thing he can do to you is to deceive you, but he can't do that unless you want to be deceived.

The word of God is true. Let every man be a liar but God is truth, and in **Rev. 12** He gives you the total picture of exactly how it happened. Ezekiel saw it; Isaiah saw it. Where did they get that kind of a revelation?

***Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:***

If you get anything from God it will be because the Spirit of the Lord revealed it to you. We have one man between God and us, the man Christ Jesus. He has the revelation in His hand. He gave it to His servants and then to John. He told John to write to the angels. You have to be pretty far out to write to angels. He was instructed to write to the angels of the churches. I've talked to very few people who have ever talked to an angel or seen one, let alone written a letter to them.

All God was doing in Revelation was showing the complete picture from back to forward - the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning and the end. Isaiah saw it (**Chapter 53**). He spoke of the Christ who was raised from the dead! Hallelujah! He would divide the spoil with the strong (**Is. 53:12**). He would rule the nations with a rod of iron (**Rev. 12:5; 19:15**).

***Rev. 12:10 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: for the accuser of our brethren is passed down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.***

Before the blood of Christ came, there was no way that a man could triumph over the satanic power that had the world in a grip. But when Jesus Christ, the light of the world came, He began to enlighten men and show them what Ezekiel and Isaiah saw, that they were going to narrowly look upon Him, and say, "Are you the man who causes all this distress of nations? Are you the pipsqueak who caused all this trouble?"

***Is. 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (16) They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; (17) That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?***

When we start giving that defeated enemy any credit in our life at all, we are doing an injustice to the blood of Jesus. We are doing an injustice to Christ when we even mention his filthy, rotten presence anywhere. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death." No wonder Jesus would say in **Luke 10:20** that they were not to be excited about having power over devils. They were to rejoice that their name was written in heaven, the place from which Satan had fallen and had no access to any longer. No thief, no robber, no rust, no moth, nothing that is unclean can go into that place any longer. Nothing can stand in the presence of God where your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The heavens were purged! I don't know what we are waiting for. "Well, we are waiting for the Lord to do something." He's done everything. He's waiting for us to do something. He's waiting for us to stand up and believe the word of God like it's written. When somebody comes around to us and begins to tell us how powerful the enemy is, we should say, "You are on the wrong side, mate; get on the right side. Get on Jesus' side where all power is. All authority, all dominion in heaven and earth hath been given unto Him."

**All power!** Brother, that doesn't leave anything over. When you get all power that means all, and that means there is nothing left over. Either Jesus received all power or He received no power. I want to get that in your mind. He took that power and He didn't give it to the devil. He took that power and He gave it to the church, which is the fullness of Him that filleth all in all (**Eph. 1:23**).

So in Revelation He is declaring a record of what Jesus Christ would do from the beginning until the end. He wrote it to the churches. He didn't write it to the world. He didn't write it to the carnal Christians. He wrote it to the churches who had the mind of Christ. He said that this is what is going to happen. This is a full picture of what Jesus Christ will do and has done.

There is a vacancy in heaven today. By faith we are seated there in Christ, but never leaves a vacuum. When a vacuum is there that means there is nothing existing in it and God is not a God that exists in nothing. He makes in this world the things that appear out of those things which do not appear, but they were there. When Satan was cast out of heaven and the third of his angels fell with him, the earth became dark because Satan cannot dwell in light. He is void of light; there is no light in him. He is in total darkness - the absence of light. Darkness greater than any darkness you and I can imagine. A darkness that, on the darkest night you still cannot imagine, because there is light there of some sort. But in the darkness in which Satan dwelleth, it is minus all light. That's why he will be destroyed with the brightness of the Lord's coming.

***2 Th. 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:***

That is why there will be no need of sun or moon. That's why you won't have to have a television set to watch His return. When He breaks the eastern sky, when He pulls it back, the universe will declare Him. The universe will be full of life. In that Holy City there will be no night; there will be no moon or sun, for the Lion shall be the light thereof. So the Lord is saying to us, "I want you to come out of any bondage you have at all. The word will make you free. The word, the truth, will cause you to enjoy the truth of God's freedom."

Somebody said to me one time, "Brother Krider, Russia and China are going to come down and fight Israel." It's a combination of both Russia and the red dragon - which is the symbol for China - and they are going to raise up a people who already have the mark on them. They are going to come down against Israel and God is going to fight for Israel again. There is going to be another war. It's already predetermined. All that Satan is doing now is trying to get as many as he can. He was there when God passed judgment on him. He was there in the garden when Jesus spoke to him again, when the word of God said:

***"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).***

Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, was announced; the angels in heaven announced Him. The star declared Him. Satan tried to rile people up to kill Jesus but God caught Him away - took Him down into Egypt, took Him into other places guarded by the angels of God. Satan missed Him and went down and had all the children killed (**Matt. 2:16**). Jesus was always one step ahead of the devil.

Satan knew that he had to stop this man somehow, so he went into the synagogue one day, and Jesus stood up and read in the book of **Isaiah 61: 1-2**. When Jesus finished reading the scripture, He sat down and said, ***"This day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears"*** (**Luke 4:21**). Those in the synagogue got angry

with him, and they began to rush upon Him and were going to throw him over the cliff. Jesus was one step ahead of them again; He just walked through the crowd. I don't know how many people they threw over the cliff that day trying to get Jesus before they realized they never got Him.

Satan's last opportunity was to raise up a people who said, "Come down off that cross and prove that you're Christ. Prove that you are the Son of God" (**Matt. 27:39-43**). Satan knew exactly what would happen. He knew that the moment Jesus died on the cross, he (Satan) was going to be destroyed. He had already wrestled with Jesus in the garden until great drops of blood had fallen from Jesus. He had wrestled with Jesus until an angel from God had to come to Jesus and strengthen Him (**Luke 22:43-44**). Satan is still trying to deceive people. He's moving in religious circles trying to destroy the Christians and the Christians just walk on. Why? Because the enemy doesn't have the power to lay hold on them.

***John 19:10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? (11) Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.***

Satan persecuted and tried to destroy the church that brought forth that beautiful Lord and Saviour, Christ, but he couldn't do it.

***Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child. (14) And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. (15) And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. (16) And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. (17) And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

How many years did Jesus minister? Three and one half. How many days did Satan persecute the woman in the wilderness? Three and one half years. Isn't that what it says? **Vs. 14 ...a time, and times, and half a time.** I'm reading what the word of God said.

The word of God declares that Jesus as He died, said: "***It is finished***" (**John 19:30**). He appeared once at the end of the world to put away sin (**Heb. 9:26**). He died for the sin of the world, not just for the sin of Don Krider or you. He cancelled the power. So when a man works for sin he's working for nothing but death, for **Rom. 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** He's working under a deceived mind and heart. The tragedy is that many people will work forty or fifty years in the field of sin and all they will end up with is death because there is no light in darkness. Jesus was the light of the world and that light was the light of men (**John 8:12**).

You see, there isn't any power except what you give power to. You can give power to your vain imagination and it can grab you. You can give power to vain thoughts and they grab you. Nothing has any power against the church until you give it power. There are more men and women sick today than there

ever have been and it isn't because there are more people alive; the percentage is what I am talking about and most of it is in their head. Ask any doctor and he'll say, "Well, the reason you are having problems is your nerves." Where do your nerves start going bad? In your mind. That is why Jesus said in *Is. 26:3* ***Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.***

Jesus gave the church a picture of the total panoramic view. Zechariah saw the four chariots with four different colored horses (**Zech chap 6**). He saw the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. We thought we found something new in Revelation, so we write tons of books on who the Antichrist is. We write tons of books on future prophecy. I don't have to worry about future prophecy; I have the Holy Ghost living in me and He will show me all things that are to come (**John 14:26**). All He asked me to do is just live one day at a time; enjoy one day at a time realizing that He has already taken care of all of my tomorrows. Satan doesn't live in any of them. Jesus appeared once at the end of the world to put a stop to the power of sin.

Let's look at **Hebrews 12:26-27**:

***Vs. 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. (27) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.***

He's talking about putting the stopper on the door to their power to come back and forth into the presence of God, accusing us of anything. That's why ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"***(Romans 8:1). Anytime you walk in the flesh it isn't Satan who condemns you; it's your own heart. You go around saying, "The devil made me do it." No! You did it because you wanted to.

Ezek. 28:15 says about Lucifer:

***Ezek. 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.***

When Jesus Christ purged the heavens, all that stood was that which was holy and righteous in the sight of God. Everything else fell to the earth.

***Heb. 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear: (29) For our God is a consuming fire.***

That doesn't scare me; I'm made out of the same fire. If He lives in me that means there is a consuming fire living in me. That means that if I am going to be in His presence, I must be made of the same material He is. He is a consuming fire; therefore, I am fire. The word "fire" translated into our language means "lightning". He is light, so we are the light of the world. He will destroy the son of perdition with the fire, or the brightness of His coming (**2 Thess. 2: 1-17**). You had better not invite the presence of God if you are not made out of fire! You had better not stand around and say, "Oh Lord, we desire your presence," unless you have a right heart.

God gave His Son the revelation and said to show to His servants the things that are shortly to come. He showed them to Ezekiel, Isaiah, Zechariah, and Zephaniah. When you read the word of God with the eye of

the Spirit, it doesn't register in the mind. It leaps into the heart, the Spirit, "for it is the Spirit that quickeneth our spirit."

***John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.***

When the word of God leaps into our spirit, our spirit quickens to it. The thing about Revelation is that He ties it back to Genesis, He ties it back to Exodus, He ties it back to Peter, He ties it back to Titus, He ties it back to Hebrews. He just continually ties it all back together until when you get through reading it, you don't know whether you are in Ezekiel or Zechariah. I'm telling you to read the book of Ezekiel, the book of Zechariah, the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation. You can hardly tell them apart, because when you combine those other books and put them into Revelation, every part in Revelation is in there.

Jesus only appeared once to put away sin. He's not going to suffer any more for sin. When a man stands before Him in the last day and says "Lord, sin has power over me," He's going to say, "It is written, I put away sin." Read it! If a man lets sin have power over him it is because he wants to live there. The gospel has been preached, it has been declared; the Kingdom of God has been heralded. All God is waiting for is for us to get up, stand up, and believe the word of God as it is written; and begin to go into the highways and the byways announcing, heralding the trumpet of God, telling people, warning people to repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

Satan has absolutely been held powerless against the church and we come around preaching condemnation; preaching "You better watch out or Satan's going to get you; you're going to end up in hell." Brazil is one of the worst countries I have ever seen for demon-possessed people. They are possessed because they are ignorant of the Gospel. They are looking for some kind of a power so they give their mind over to ungodly power, which doesn't have any power over them until they give their mind to that power. You go down there in the name of Jesus and you don't even have to give a big, long sermon. Just walk up to them and say, "In the name of Jesus, come out," and those demons are gone. See, they recognize, they know you. Just like they knew Jesus and they knew Paul, they know if you are genuine or if you are trying to fake it.

I'm telling you something that will set you so free that you can enjoy being a Christian more than you have ever enjoyed being any- thing, because He appeared once in the end of the world to put a stop to sin's power, to render sin absolutely powerless. That's the tragic part of men and women being lost, because they have deceived themselves. God created in every man, in every woman, a hollow place that only God could fill; but because men's stubbornness and rebellion doesn't want to yield to God, he starts reading the Zodiac.

He starts studying stars. Jesus said that they begin to worship the creation more than the creator (**Romans 1:25**). That became their god who could not do anything for them. You and I have the power through the Holy Spirit of God and through the blood of Jesus to come boldly to the throne of grace and Satan can't even trip you. Satan can't even stand in your way. I don't have many visions but this one has stuck with me all these years. I saw this tremendously beautiful throne. I couldn't see the figure that sat upon it because the brightness was so beautiful, but I saw a great big carpet rolled out. I saw all these huge angels bowing down, and they were on each side of this carpet runner. There was a little bitty guy at the end of that carpet and I looked closer and it was me. A voice came from the throne and said, "Let him come any time he wants to." They bowed down and ushered me in. There wasn't one devil standing there. There wasn't one ounce of darkness standing there. The presence and brightness of God lighted that expanse and place that I stood in. I'm telling you, that is scripture. That is the word of God that He is going to destroy, He is going to annihilate, the final ounces of darkness with the brightness of His coming.

I would determine in my heart, if I was going to wind up in the lake of fire forever, it would be over something better than some pipsqueak who has had his brains knocked out and scattered all over eternity. I would determine that if I was going to wind up eternally lost, it would be because I would be big enough to admit that I did it myself and the devil didn't have anything to do with it, instead of giving him any credit at all. When Jesus appeared at the end of the world, at the end of that dispensation, He put away sin. So, be honest now when people come up to you and say, "Well, the devil made me do it," just say, "No! You did it because you wanted to."

People come to me and say, "Brother Krider, the reason I didn't come to church is because of this...." I don't want to hear it. The seats were all full anyhow. The angels of God were there. God was there; Jesus was there. Spirits of just men made perfect were there. The blood of the sprinkling of the covenant was there. The blood that speaketh better things than that of Able was there. There was a crowd there. Do you know why? Because they know that Satan was cast down, that his kingdom is dark - void of any light, void of any true revelation of God.

In San Francisco some years ago, there was a little lady who wanted to come to the meetings, but it was raining, it was cold, it was damp, it was on the wrong side of town, and these dear beloved saints told her, "Now look honey, if you go out, you have a chance of catching pneumonia; you have a chance of getting mugged out on these streets." I heard them say that. She came over to me and said, "Well, Brother Krider, I guess the sensible thing for me to do is to stay home but I sure wanted to come."

I said, "Honey, I'm going to guarantee you something. If you come on that bus to serve God, I'll guarantee you that you will not be mugged and you are not going to get sick." She came every night and it rained every night - seven nights. It was cold, it was foggy, but she never got mugged, she never got sick, and on the last day of that meeting she jumped right up at the end of it, threw her glasses down and said, "Brother Krider, I'm healed"! You see, her eyes were going blind. The enemy was going to deceive her through well-meaning saints who could only think in the natural realm, not really believing that God could take care of her.

If the devil jumps on you it means that you don't know God like you ought to know Him. That sister, over 70 years old, wasn't afraid of getting mugged, she wasn't afraid of getting sick; all she wanted to do was come and praise God, and because she was faithful, God gave her a benefit and healed her when no medical doctor could do it. Hallelujah!

We come to Church when we want to, when we feel like it, if the weather is nice, if there is nothing else going on. "You know how it is - I have to take care of this old body." It's funny, but when I started a church God impressed on my heart to go seven nights a week, six mornings and five radio broadcasts. I went that way for two years, my wife and kids right with me. They never got sick; they never got worn out. We would go down most every night after church to the cafe and have fellowship. I would get up at five-thirty to go make a live radio broadcast, teach a ten o'clock lesson on the Bible after prayer time, and then come back to church that night.

I never felt so good in all my life! You know why? Because there's a covenant that God gave to us. We won't read it, we won't believe it, we want to hear something horrible and nasty, filthy and what ungodly powers the enemy has. He has no power! He could not prevail against the birth of Christ, he could not prevail against the death of Christ, he could not prevail against the resurrection of Christ, and he cannot prevail against the church!

In conclusion, let's look at **2Thess., 2nd chapter, in the Amplified Bible:**

*"But relative to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and our gathering together to meet Him, we beg you, brethren, not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled or disturbed or kept excited or alarmed, whether it be by some pretended revelation of the Spirit or by word or by letter alleged to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has already arrived and is here.*

*Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first - that is, unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come - and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition); who opposes and exalts himself so proudly and insolently against and over all that is called God or that is worshiped, even to his actually taking his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God.*

*Do you not recollect that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining him from being revealed at this time; it is so that he may be manifested (revealed) in his own appointed time. For the mystery of lawlessness, that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority, is already at work in the world, but it is restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one - the Antichrist - will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming.*

*The coming of the lawless one, the Antichrist, is through the activity and working of Satan, and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of pretended miracles and signs and delusive marvels, all of them lying wonders. And by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception for those who are going to perdition, perishing because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved.*

*Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false, in order that all may be judged and condemned who did not believe - who refused to adhere to, trust in and rely on - the Truth, but instead took pleasure in unrighteousness.*

*But we, brethren beloved by the Lord, ought and are obligated as those who are in debt, to give thanks always to God for you, because God chose you from the beginning to be the first converts for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and your belief in - adherence to, trust in and reliance on - the Truth. It was to this end that He called you through our Gospel, so that you may obtain and share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions and instructions which you were taught by us, whether by our word of mouth or by letter.*

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our father, Who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and encouragement and well-founded hope through His grace (unmerited favor), comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them - make them steadfast and keep them unswerving - in every good work and word. Amen!*