

第八篇

男孩子、天上的争战、 以及得胜的圣徒

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一 这里的“生”表征复活，与行传十三章三十三至三十四节者同：

- 徒 13:33 神已经向我们这作儿女的完全应验，叫耶稣复活了，正如诗篇第二篇上所记：“你是我的儿子，我今日生了你。”
- 徒 13:34 论到神叫祂从死人中复活，不再归于朽坏，就这样说：“我必将大卫那圣的，那可靠的，赐给你们。”

1 男孩子是由那些死了且复活的得胜圣徒组成的。

Message Eight

The Man-child, the War in Heaven, and the Overcoming Saints

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Scripture Reading: Rev. 12:5, 7-11

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A. Brought forth here signifies resurrection, as in Acts 13:33-34:

- Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."
- Acts 13:34 And as to His having raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to corruption, He spoke in this way, "I will give you the holy things of David, the faithful things."

1. The man-child is composed of the overcoming saints who have died and been resurrected.

2 这可由启示录十二章十一节“他们虽至于死”的话得到证明。

徒 12:11 彼得清醒过来，说，我现在真知道主差遣祂的使者，救我脱离希律的手，和犹太百姓一切所期待的。

二 在圣经中，女人象征较软弱的，男人象征较刚强的——彼前三 7：

彼前 3:7 照样，作丈夫的，要按情理与妻子同住，因为她是比你软弱的器皿，是女性；又要按她应得的分敬重她，因为她是与你一同承受生命之恩的，好叫你们的祷告不受拦阻。

1 启示录十二章的男孩子象征神子民中较刚强的部分。

启 12:1 天上现出大异象来，有一个妇人身披日头，脚踏月亮，头戴十二星的冠冕。

启 12:2 她怀了孕，忍受产难，疼痛要生，就呼叫。

启 12:3 天上现出另一个异象来，看哪，有一条大红龙，有七头十角，七头上戴着七个冠冕。

启 12:4 它的尾巴拖拉着天上星辰的三分之一，摔在地上；龙站在那将要生产的妇人面前，等她生产之后，要吞吃她的孩子。

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启 12:6 妇人就逃到旷野，在那里有神给她预备的地方，使她在那里被养活一千二百六十天。

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启 12:12 所以诸天和住在其中的，你们都要欢乐。只是地与海有祸了，因为魔鬼晓得自己的时候不多，就大大发怒下到你们那里去了。

启 12:13 龙见自己被摔在地上，就逼迫那生男孩子的妇人。

启 12:14 于是有大鹰的两个翅膀赐给妇人，叫她能飞到旷野，到自己的地方，躲避那蛇，她在那里被养活一年、二年、半年。

启 12:15 蛇就在妇人身后，从口中吐出水来像河一样，要把妇人冲去。

启 12:16 地却帮助妇人，开口吞了从龙口中吐出来的水。

2. This is proved by the words unto death in Revelation 12:11.

Acts 12:11 And Peter came to himself and said, Now I know truly that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me out of Herod's hand and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.

B. In the Bible, woman signifies the weaker one and man the stronger one—1 Pet. 3:7:

1 Pet. 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1. The man-child in Revelation 12 signifies the stronger part of God's people.

Rev. 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

Rev. 12:2 And she was with child, and she cried out, travailing in birth and being in pain to bring forth.

Rev. 12:3 And another sign was seen in heaven; and behold, there was a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

Rev. 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.

Rev. 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev. 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place there prepared by God so that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.

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Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

Rev. 12:12 Therefore be glad, O heavens and those who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you and has great rage, knowing that he has only a short time.

Rev. 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man-child.

Rev. 12:14 And to the woman there were given the two wings of the 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.

Rev. 12:15 And the serpent cast water as a river out of his mouth after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away by its current.

Rev. 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river

启 12:17 龙向妇人发怒，去与她其余的儿女争战，这些儿女就是那守神诫命，和持守耶稣见证的。

启 12:18 那时，龙站在海边的沙上。

2 这男孩子将来要用铁杖辖管万国，指明男孩子是由得胜者（如二章二十六至二十七节所提的）组成的。

启 2:26 得胜的，又守住我的工作到底的，我要赐给他权柄制伏列国；

启 2:27 他必用铁杖辖管他们，将他们如同窑户的瓦器打得粉碎，像我从我父领受的权柄一样；

三 男孩子被提：

1 男孩子的被提，和帖前四章十七节所说大体信徒的被提不同。

帖前 4:17 然后我们这些活着还存留的人，必同时与他们一起被提到云里，在空中与主相会；这样，我们就要和主常常同在。

2 那里大体信徒的被提乃是：提到空中；在末次号筒，（林前十五 52，帖前四 16，）就是第七号（启十一 15）之时。

林前 15:52 就是在一刹那，眨眼之间，末次号筒的时候；因号筒要响，死人要复活，成为不朽坏的，我们也要改变。

帖前 4:16 因为主必亲自从天降临，有发令的呼叫，有天使长的声音，又有神的号声，那在基督里死了的人必先复活，

启 11:15 第七位天使吹号，天上就有大声音说，世上的国，成了我主和祂基督的国，祂要作王，直到永永远远。

3 这里男孩子的被提乃是：提到神的宝座前；在一千二百六十天之前，也就是在第五号（九 1）以前，从第六印开始的三年半（四十二个月——十二 14，十三 5，十一 2）大灾难之前。

启 9:1 第五位天使吹号，我就看见一个星从天落到地上，有无底坑的钥匙赐给他。

启 12:14 于是有大鹰的两个翅膀赐给妇人，叫她能飞到旷野，到自己的地方，躲避那蛇，她在那里被养活一年、二年、半年。

启 13:5 那龙又给它说夸大、亵渎话的口，并给它权柄，可以任意而行四十二个月。

启 11:2 但殿外的院子，要丢弃不量，因为这是给了外邦人的，他们要践踏圣城四十二个月。

which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev. 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

Rev. 12:18 And he stood on the sand of the sea.

2. That the man-child is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod indicates that the man-child consists of the overcomers, as mentioned in 2:26-27.

Rev. 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

Rev. 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;

C. To be caught up is to be raptured:

1. The rapture of the man-child differs from that of the majority of the believers, which is mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

1 Thes. 4:17 Then we who are living, who are left remaining, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we will be always with the Lord.

2. There, the majority of the believers are raptured to the air, and at the last trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16), which is the seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15).

1 Cor. 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

1 Thes. 4:16 Because the Lord Himself, with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

3. Here, the man-child is raptured to the throne of God, and before the one thousand two hundred and sixty days, which is the time of the great tribulation of three and a half years (forty-two months, 12:14; 13:5; 11:2), beginning from the sixth seal, before the fifth trumpet (9:1).

Rev. 9:1 And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star out of heaven fallen to the earth, and to him was given the key of the pit of the abyss.

Rev. 12:14 And to the woman there were given the two wings of the 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.

Rev. 13:5 And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and authority was given to him to act for forty-two months.

Rev. 11:2 And the court which is outside the temple cast out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.

贰 “天上起了争战”——十二7上：

启 12:7 天上起了争战，米迦勒和他的使者与龙争战，龙和它的使者也争战，

一 男孩子被提到天上以后，米迦勒和他的使者就开始与撒但争战：

- 1 这指明男孩子，就是神子民中较刚强的部分，总是从事与神仇敌撒但的争战。
- 2 他们在地上不断与撒但争战。
- 3 如今天上正等待他们到达那里，好进行争战，把撒但从天上摔下去。
- 4 圣经启示两位天使的名字——米迦勒和加百列。
- 5 加百列是报信者，带消息给神的子民；（但八 16，九 21～22，路一 19，26；）米迦勒是争战者，为神的子民争战。（但十 13，21，十一 1，十二 1，犹 9。）

但 8:16 我又听见乌莱河两岸间有人声呼叫说，加百列啊，要使此人明白这异象。

但 9:21 正当我祷告说话的时候，起初在异象中所见的那人加百列，在我精疲力竭时，约在献晚祭的时候就近我。

但 9:22 他指教我，对我说，但以理啊，现在我出来要使你有所见，有聪明。

路 1:19 天使回答说，我是站在神面前的加百列，奉差遣对你说话，将这些事的好信息报给你。

路 1:26 到了第六个月，天使加百列奉神差遣，往加利利的一座城去，这城名叫拿撒勒。

但 10:13 但波斯国的魔君，拦阻我二十一日；然而大君中的一位米迦勒来帮助我，因我单独滞留在波斯诸王那里。

但 10:21 但我要将那记录在真理书上的事告诉你。除了你们的君米迦勒之外，没有刚强帮助我抵挡这两魔君的。

但 11:1 我在玛代王大利乌元年，曾起来扶助他，使他坚强。

但 12:1 那时保护你本民的大君米迦勒必起来；并且必有困苦的时代，是从有国以来直到那时未曾发生过的；那时，你本民中凡记录在册上的，必得拯救。

犹 9 天使长米迦勒与魔鬼争辩，为摩西的身体争论的时候，尚且不敢以神对他的判辞毁谤他，只说，主责备你吧。

二 “龙和它的使者也争战”；（启十二7下；）这些使者该是那些跟随撒但背叛神的堕落天使。

II. "There was war in heaven"—12:7a:

Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.

A. Immediately after the man-child is raptured to heaven, Michael and his angels begin to war against Satan:

1. This indicates that the man-child, the stronger part of God's people, is always engaged in fighting God's enemy, Satan.
2. They have been fighting Satan continually on earth.
3. Heaven is waiting for them to arrive that a war may be waged to cast Satan out of heaven.
4. The Bible reveals the names of two angels—Michael and Gabriel.
5. Gabriel is a reporter bringing news to God's people (Dan. 8:16; 9:21-22; Luke 1:19, 26), whereas Michael is a fighter contending for God's people (Dan. 10:13, 21; 11:1; 12:1; Jude 9).

Dan. 8:16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of the Ulai; and He called out and said, Gabriel, cause this man to understand the vision.

Dan. 9:21 Even while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, reached me in my utter exhaustion about the time of the evening oblation.

Dan. 9:22 And he informed me and talked with me and said, Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

Luke 1:19 And the angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to announce the good news of these things to you.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days; but now Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I remained there alone with the kings of Persia.

Dan. 10:21 However I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who holds strongly with me against these ones except Michael your prince.

Dan. 11:1 And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, stood up to support and strengthen him.

Dan. 12:1 And at that time Michael, the great prince who stands for the children of your people, will arise; and there will be a time of distress, such as never occurred since there came to be a nation until that time; and at that time your people, every one found written in the book, will be delivered.

Jude 9 But Michael the archangel, when he contended with the devil and disputed concerning the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a reviling judgment against him but said, The Lord rebuke you.

B. "The dragon warred and his angels" (Rev. 12:7b); these angels must be the fallen angels, who follow Satan to rebel against God (Matt.

(太二五 41。)

启 12:7 天上起了争战，米迦勒和他的使者与龙争战，龙和它的使者也争战，

太 25:41 然后祂又要对那左边的说，你们这被咒诅的，离开我，进入那为魔鬼和他的使者所预备的永火里去。

三 神的仇敌撒但，已经被主耶稣在十字架上审判了——约十二 31，十六 11：

约 12:31 现在这世界受审判，这世界的王要被赶出去。

约 16:11 为审判，是因这世界的王受了审判。

- 1 接着，需要得胜的信徒完成这审判，执行这判决。
- 2 得胜的信徒和撒但争战，实际上就是执行主对撒但的审判。
- 3 至终，借着他们的争战，撒但要从天上被摔下去——启十二 7～9。

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Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.

Matt. 25:41 Then He will say also to those on the left, Go away from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

C. Satan, the enemy of God, was judged by the Lord Jesus on the cross—John 12:31; 16:11:

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

1. After that, the overcoming believers are needed for the carrying out of that judgment, for the executing of that sentence.
2. The war waged by the overcoming believers against Satan is actually the executing of the Lord's judgment upon him.
3. Eventually, through their fighting, he is cast out of heaven—Rev. 12:7-9.

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Rev. 12:8 And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any longer in heaven.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

III. "Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him [the devil] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death"—vv. 10-11:

Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

A. They overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb:

1 撒但会控告我们，但我们可以答覆说，神儿子耶稣基督的血洗净了我们一切的罪——约壹一 7。

约壹 1:7 但我们若在光中行，如同神在光中，就彼此有交通，祂儿子耶稣的血也洗净我们一切的罪。

2 当我们认罪并应用血之后，若有任何明显的定罪仍不停止，那必定不是神的光照，乃是撒但的控告——9 节。

约壹 1:9 我们若认自己的罪，神是信实的，是公义的，必要赦免我们的罪，洗净我们一切的不义。

3 我们不仅必须拒绝没有理由的控告，也必须拒绝一切有理由的控告。

4 当我们犯罪时，我们固然不荣耀神，但是当我们不依靠宝血，我们更是不尊崇祂——太二六 28，参来十 29。

太 26:28 因为这是我立约的血，为多人流出来，使罪得赦。

来 10:29 何况那践踏神的儿子，将他借以成圣的立约之血当作俗物，又亵慢恩典之灵的，你们想，他该受怎样更重的刑罚？

5 我们必须常常应用主的血，告诉魔鬼，我们虽然不完全，却是在宝血底下——彼前一 18 ~ 19，徒二十 28。

彼前 1:18 知道你们得赎，脱离你们祖宗所传流虚妄的生活，不是用能坏的金银等物，

彼前 1:19 乃是用基督的宝血，如同无瑕疵无玷污的羔羊之血。

徒 20:28 圣灵立你们作全群的监督，你们就当为自己谨慎，也为全群谨慎，牧养神的召会，就是祂用自己的血所买来的。

二 他们胜过他，是因自己所见证的话：

1 “见证”的意思是告诉人在基督里有什么，见证的话就是所必须说出的事。

2 得胜者必须经常宣告基督的得胜，见证魔鬼已经受了主的审判——约壹三 8，来二 14。

约壹 3:8 犯罪的是出于魔鬼，因为魔鬼从起初就犯罪。为此，神的儿子显出来，是要消除魔鬼的作为。

来 2:14 儿女既同有血肉之体，祂也照样亲自具有分于血肉之体，为要借着死，废除那掌死权的，就是魔鬼，

1. Satan may accuse us, but we can answer that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin—1 John 1:7.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

2. Any apparent condemnation that does not stop after we have confessed and applied the blood is not God's enlightenment but Satan's accusation—v. 9.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. We must not only reject the accusations which are without cause, but we must also reject all the accusations which have cause.

4. When we commit sin, we do not glorify God, but when we do not trust the precious blood, we dishonor Him all the more—Matt. 26:28; cf. Heb. 10:29.

Matt. 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Heb. 10:29 By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

5. We must always apply the blood, telling the devil that although we are not perfect, we are under the precious blood—1 Pet. 1:18-19; Acts 20:28.

1 Pet. 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,

1 Pet. 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;

Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

B. They overcame him because of the word of their testimony:

1. "Testimony" means to tell others what there is in Christ, and the word of testimony is something which must be spoken forth.

2. The overcomers must frequently proclaim the victory of Christ, testifying that the devil has been judged by the Lord—1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14.

1 John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

3 撒但不怕我们和他讲理，但他怕我们宣告基督得胜的属灵事实——参代下二十 20 ~ 22：

代下 20:20 次日清早，众人起来出到提哥亚的旷野去。出去的时候，约沙法站着说，犹太人和耶路撒冷的居民哪，你们听我说；相信耶和華你们的神，就必稳固；相信祂的申言者，就必亨通。

代下 20:21 约沙法既与民商议了，就设立一些人，穿着圣别的礼服走在军前，向耶和華歌唱，称谢说，当称谢耶和華，因祂的慈爱永远长存。

代下 20:22 众人一开始欢呼歌唱赞美，耶和華就派伏兵击杀那来攻击犹太人的亚捫人、摩押人、和西珥山人，他们就被打败了。

a 耶稣的名远超万名，乃是一个属灵的事实，我们必须凭信，不仅向人宣告，也向撒但宣告——腓二 9 ~ 11，林前十二 3 下。

腓 2:9 所以神将祂升为至高，又赐给祂那超乎万名之上的名，
腓 2:10 叫天上的、地上的和地底下的，在耶稣的名里，万膝都要跪拜，

腓 2:11 万口都要公开承认耶稣基督为主，使荣耀归与父神。
林前 12:3 所以我要你们知道，在神的灵里说话的，没有人说，受咒诅的，耶稣！若不是在圣灵里，也没有人能说，主，耶稣！

b 我们必须向撒但和他的污鬼宣告耶稣是主，主是得胜的，并且撒但已经践踏在祂的脚下——创三 15，约十四 30 下，罗十六 20。

创 3:15 我又要叫你和女人彼此为仇，你的后裔和女人的后裔也彼此为仇；女人的后裔要伤你的头，你要伤他的脚跟。
约 14:30 以后我不再同你们多说话，因为这世界的王将到，他在我里面是毫无所有；
罗 16:20 平安的神快要將撒但践踏在你们的脚下。愿我们主耶稣的恩，与你们同在。

三 他们虽至于死，也不爱自己的魂生命：

1 因着亚当堕落，撒但就和人的魂生命，就是人的己联合；我们要胜过撒但，就当不爱自己的魂生命，倒要恨恶并否认——太十六 23 ~ 24，路十四 26，九 23：

太 16:23 祂却转过来，对彼得说，撒但，退我后面去吧！你是绊跌我的，因为你不思念神的事，只思念人的事。
太 16:24 于是耶稣对门徒说，若有人要跟从我，就当否认己，背起他的十字架，并跟从我。
路 14:26 人到我这里来，若不恨自己的父亲、母亲、妻子、儿女、弟兄、姊妹，甚至自己的魂生命，就不能作我的门徒。

3. Satan does not fear when we try to reason with him, but he does fear when we proclaim the spiritual facts of Christ's victory—cf. 2 Chron. 20:20-22:

2 Chron. 20:20 And they rose up early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa. And as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in Jehovah your God, and you will be established; believe in His prophets, and you will succeed.

2 Chron. 20:21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them to sing to Jehovah and give thanks in holy array as they went out before the army and say, Give thanks to Jehovah, for His lovingkindness endures forever.

2 Chron. 20:22 And when they began to shout in song and to praise, Jehovah set ambushes for the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who were coming out against Judah; and they were struck.

a. That the name of Jesus is above every name is a spiritual fact which we must declare in faith, not only to men but also to Satan—Phil. 2:9-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b.

Phil. 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
Phil. 2:10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
Phil. 2:11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
1 Cor. 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus is accursed; and no one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.

b. We must proclaim to Satan and his demons that Jesus is Lord, that the Lord is victorious, and that Satan has been crushed under His feet—Gen. 3:15; John 14:30b; Rom. 16:20.

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.
John 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;
Rom. 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

C. They loved not their soul-life even unto death:

1. Due to Adam's fall, Satan joined himself to man's soul-life—man's self; to overcome him we must not love our soul-life; rather, we must hate it and deny it—Matt. 16:23-24; Luke 14:26; 9:23:

Matt. 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.
Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple.

路 9:23 耶稣又对众人说，若有人要跟从我，就当否认己，天天背起他的十字架，并跟我。

- a 撒但要我们凭自己的力量行事，并要我们在自己里面以我们魂的能力，我们天然的才能行动。
- b 天然的才能就是我们原本有的才能，从未受过十字架运行的对付。
- c 召会的失败，乃是由于人把他天然的才能带进来。
- d 十字架的目的是要对付我们天然的力量和才能，使我们不敢凭自己行动，就如在摩西和彼得身上所见的——徒七 23 ~ 30，路二 32 ~ 34，彼前五 5 ~ 6。

徒 7:23 他将到四十岁的时候，心中起意，去看望他的弟兄以色列子孙。

徒 7:24 他见有一个人被欺负，就护庇他，为那受欺压的人报仇，打死了那埃及人。

徒 7:25 他以为弟兄必明白神是借着他的手向他们施行拯救，他们却不明白。

徒 7:26 第二天，有人在争斗，摩西出面想要使他们和睦，说，诸位，你们是弟兄，为什么彼此欺负？

徒 7:27 那欺负邻舍的把他推开，说，“谁立你作我们的首领和审判官？

徒 7:28 难道你想要杀我，像昨天杀那埃及人一样么？”

徒 7:29 摩西因这话就逃走了，在米甸地寄居，在那里生了两个儿子。

徒 7:30 满了四十年，在西乃山的旷野，有一位天使在荆棘火焰中向摩西显现。

路 22:32 但我已经为你祈求，叫你不至于失了信心，你回转过来，要坚固你的弟兄。

路 22:33 彼得说，主啊，我已经预备好，去同你下监，同你受死。

路 22:34 耶稣说，彼得，我告诉你，今日鸡还没有叫，你要三次否认你认得我。

彼前 5:5 照样，年幼的，要服从年长的；你们众人彼此相待，也都要以谦卑束腰，因为神敌挡狂傲的人，赐恩给谦卑的人。

彼前 5:6 所以你们要谦卑，服在神大能的手下，使祂到了时候，可以叫你们升高。

- e 我们该有一个态度，就是绝不凭我们的己生活；我们不看重我们自己的才能，也丝毫不信靠自己——林前二 2 ~ 4，腓三 3，赛十一 2 下。

林前 2:2 因为我曾定了主意，在你们中间不知道别的，只知道耶稣基督，并这位钉十字架的。

Luke 9:23 And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

- a. Satan wants us to act in our own strength and move in ourselves with the power of our soul, our natural ability.
- b. Natural ability is the ability which we originally had and which has never been dealt with by the operation of the cross.
- c. The failure of the church is due to man's bringing in his natural ability.
- d. The purpose of the cross is to deal with our natural strength and ability so that we will not dare to move by ourselves, as seen in the cases of Moses and Peter—Acts 7:23-30; Luke 22:32-34; 1 Pet. 5:5-6.

Acts 7:23 But when he was approaching forty years of age, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel.

Acts 7:24 And when he saw one of them being wronged, he defended him, and he avenged him who was being oppressed by striking the Egyptian dead.

Acts 7:25 And he supposed that his brothers understood that God through his hand was giving salvation to them; but they did not understand.

Acts 7:26 And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting and tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, Men, you are brothers. Why are you wronging one another?

Acts 7:27 But the one who was wronging his neighbor pushed him away, saying, "Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us?

Acts 7:28 Do you want to do away with me the same way you did away with the Egyptian yesterday?"

Acts 7:29 And Moses fled at this word and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begot two sons.

Acts 7:30 And when forty years had been fulfilled, an Angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai in the flame of a thornbush fire.

Luke 22:32 But I have made petition concerning you that your faith would not fail; and you, once you have turned again, establish your brothers.

Luke 22:33 And he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death.

Luke 22:34 But He said, I tell you, Peter, a rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know Me.

1 Pet. 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 Pet. 5:6 Therefore be humbled under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time,

- e. We should have the attitude that we will not live by our self in any way; we will not value our own ability or have any self-confidence—1 Cor. 2:2-4; Phil. 3:3; cf. Isa. 11:2b.

1 Cor. 2:2 For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified.

林前 2:3 我在你们那里，又软弱，又惧怕，又甚战兢。
林前 2:4 我说的话，讲的道，不是用智慧动听的言语，乃是用那灵和能力的明证，
腓 3:3 真受割礼的，乃是我们这凭神的灵事奉，在基督耶稣里夸口，不依靠肉体的。
赛 11:2 耶和华的灵必安歇在祂身上，就是智慧和聪明的灵，谋略和能力的灵，认识和敬畏耶和华的灵。

2 我们必须是献上自己的人，是一个奠祭，让基督这属天的酒充满我们，使我们成为献给神的酒——腓二 17，提后四 6，士九 13：

腓 2:17 然而，即使我成为奠祭，浇奠在你们信心的祭物和供奉上，也是喜乐，并且与你们众人一同喜乐。
提后 4:6 我现在被浇奠，我离世的时候到了。
士 9:13 葡萄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那使神和人喜乐的新酒，去飘摇在众树之上呢？

a 奠祭预表基督是在神前作为真酒倾倒出来，使神满足的那一位——出二九 40 ~ 41。

出 29:40 和这一只羊羔同献的，要用细面一伊法的十分之一，与捣成的油一欣的四分之一调和；又用酒一欣的四分之一，作为奠祭。
出 29:41 那一只羊羔要在黄昏的时候献上，要像在早晨的时候一样，与素祭和奠祭一同献上，作为献给耶和華怡爽香气的火祭。

b 使徒保罗成为奠祭，浇奠在圣徒信心的祭物和供奉上——腓二 17，提后四 6。

腓 2:17 然而，即使我成为奠祭，浇奠在你们信心的祭物和供奉上，也是喜乐，并且与你们众人一同喜乐。
提后 4:6 我现在被浇奠，我离世的时候到了。

c 奠祭不仅预表基督自己，也预表这位基督以祂自己作属天的酒浸透我们，直到祂与我们成为一而被浇奠，为着神的享受和满足，并为着神的建造——太九 17，腓二 17，提后四 6。

太 9:17 也没有人把新酒装在旧皮袋里；不然，皮袋胀裂，酒泻出来，皮袋也就坏了。人乃是把新酒装在新皮袋里，两样就都得保全。
腓 2:17 然而，即使我成为奠祭，浇奠在你们信心的祭物和供奉上，也是喜乐，并且与你们众人一同喜乐。
提后 4:6 我现在被浇奠，我离世的时候到了。

1 Cor. 2:3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling;
1 Cor. 2:4 And my speech and my proclamation were not in persuasive words of wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Isa. 11:2 And the Spirit of Jehovah will rest upon Him, / The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, / The Spirit of counsel and might, / The Spirit of the knowledge and fear of Jehovah.

2. We must be self-sacrificing persons, a drink offering, allowing Christ as the heavenly wine to fill us and cause us to become wine to God—Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6; Judg. 9:13:

Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.
2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.
Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?

a. The drink offering typifies Christ as the One poured out as the real wine before God for His satisfaction—Exo. 29:40-41.

Exo. 29:40 And with the one lamb a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering.
Exo. 29:41 And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; you shall offer it with the meal offering and its drink offering as in the morning, for a satisfying fragrance, an offering by fire to Jehovah.

b. The apostle Paul became a drink offering that was poured out upon the sacrifice and service of the saints' faith—Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6.

Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.
2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.

c. The drink offering typifies not only Christ Himself, but also Christ who saturates us with Himself as the heavenly wine until He and we become one to be poured out for God's enjoyment and satisfaction and for God's building—Matt. 9:17; Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6.

Matt. 9:17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.
Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.
2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.