

## Rebellion and Redemption – Part 1

### Crisis in Heaven

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on Rebellion and Redemption, studying the theme of the Great Controversy between good and evil. Our topic today: Crisis in Heaven.

Scripture Theme Song: I will praise You, O LORD (Ps. 9:1-2)

- 1) Rebellion in heaven
  - a) Isaiah 14:4,12-15
  - b) Ezekiel 28:2, 12-19
  - c) Revelation 12:7-9
  - d) Without divine revelation, we would not know about a rebellion in heaven.
- 2) Rebellion moves to planet earth
  - a) How does the rebellion in heaven affect planet earth? Revelation 12:12
  - b) Genesis 3:1-6
  - c) Job 1:6-7 (see also Job 2:1-2) The character of Satan is revealed in his treatment of Job. What do you see? (Job 1:13-19; Job 2:7)
  - d) Some people, even some Christians, do not believe in a literal being called Satan. What evidence do you see in the Scriptures that Satan and other evil angels are real adversaries?
    - i) Matthew 4:1-11
    - ii) John 8:44
    - iii) Mark 1:23-24
- 3) The Ruler of this World
  - a) John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11 – Why does Jesus refer to Satan as the ruler of this world?
  - b) Matthew 4:8-9 How can Satan claim ownership of this earth even though Scripture tells us “the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof”?
- 4) The battle continues
  - a) 1 Peter 5:8
  - b) How have you seen the reality of the great controversy between good and evil in your life or in the lives of those around you?
  - c) What encouragement would you offer to someone who is under attack from evil forces?
    - i) John 16:33
    - ii) James 4:7-8, 10
    - iii) 1 John 4:4
    - iv) Revelation 12:10-11 – we can overcome Satan
      - (1) What does it mean to overcome Satan by “the blood of the lamb”?
      - (2) How does “the word of our testimony” overcome the adversary?
      - (3) Give exams of faithful followers of God who faced death unafraid and refused to compromise in spite of Satan’s direct attacks.
        - (a) Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
        - (b) Daniel
        - (c) Others?
  - d) Share a time when you experienced victory over the adversary by trusting wholly in Jesus.