

## Rebellion and Redemption – Part 11

### Peter's teaching about the Great Controversy

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Rebellion and Redemption, studying the theme of the Great Controversy between good and evil. Our topic today: Peter's teaching about the great controversy.

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

- 1) Called from darkness into light
  - a) 1 Peter 2:9-10
  - b) Peter's language here reminds us of the exodus, when Moses led God's people out of bondage. What lesson can we learn from this story for our lives today?
  - c) Share a testimony of how God brought you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.
  - d) When God calls us out of darkness, Satan is angry and tries to hinder our progress. How have you seen that opposition in your own experience?
- 2) Intimidating behavior by the roaring lion
  - a) 1 Peter 5:8 – Why is Satan so aggressive? (see Revelation 12:12)
  - b) Why is watchfulness so important in this great struggle between good and evil?
  - c) What is the only effective way to resist Satan? 1 Peter 5:9. See also 1 Peter 5:6, James 4:7-8.
- 3) Guidance during this great controversy
  - a) 2 Peter 1:16-19 – is this prophetic Word a reference to Jesus, the Living Word or the Bible, the written Word?
  - b) 2 Peter 1:20-21 – what important information does Peter provide about the revelation of God's Word to the human family?
  - c) What is the strongest evidence you have found to trust the Bible as the inspired and reliable Word of God?
- 4) Scoffers will come
  - a) 2 Peter 3:3-7 – Have you noticed more scoffers in recent times or have there always been scoffers?
  - b) If Satan can't intimidate us with the threat of death, he will try to intimidate us with peer pressure from those around us. Share a time when you felt intense peer pressure to act contrary to the Word of God.
  - c) How can we avoid or minimize the impact of negative peer pressure?
- 5) Making a difference in the great controversy
  - a) Is it possible for human beings to make a difference in this great struggle between good and evil? (see Matthew 5:13-16)
  - b) 2 Peter 3:10-12 – looking for and hastening
    - i) Why is it important to look for the coming of the Lord?
    - ii) How can we hasten the coming of the day of God?
    - iii) How do you sense God calling you to join Him in His harvest work prior to the return of Jesus?