

WEEP NOT --THE LION OF JUDAH HATH PREVAILED

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If you listen to the word of God, faith is going to come, for "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**). As you hear from the throne of grace, God is going to release faith in your heart. You may be in a financial need, you may need healing in your body, you may need your family straightened out, but if you will take God's word and begin to apply it to your life, you can know that it doesn't make any difference what it looks like or what it sounds like, **IT IS DONE!** Praise God!

I am going to preach on a word called "prevail." The word "prevail" means to "be strong, overcome, be victorious, be mighty, conquer, overpower." The trouble with us is that we give up just before we break through. We begin to look at what it looks like or what it sounds like, and we begin to judge it by those sense realms. We give up just before we break through. In Genesis God had made the crowning glory of the earth: He made man. Then man had fallen and God said these words to the serpent:

Gen. 3:15 And 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.

The word, "head" means "the top ruler." It means where the authority is. The first recorded words that God spoke to Satan are a curse. The first words God spoke to man after the fall are "reconciliation." God never cursed man. Man brought the curse on himself, but God's first words to him after the fall were that there would come a redeemer. The **woman's seed** refers to Jesus, and that redeemer would break the hold of Satan. Then He said, "...and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Now I want you to look at Revelation 12:7-8:

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

They wrestled against Michael and his angels but they could not hold out; the powers of hell could not hold out against the powers of heaven. The enemy cannot prevail over you; you are in a wrestling match, you are in a warfare. Don't give up just before the victory is manifested. The war was in heaven and there was the dragon and his angels and they fought against Michael and his angels but they could not prevail.

Now notice this next portion: "And neither was their place found anymore in heaven". They are not in heaven tonight; they were kicked out, they could not prevail against the holiness of God's almighty host. They could not hold out, they could not prevail against God. In Luke the tenth chapter Jesus said, "I beheld Him fall as lightning from heaven". Their place has been emptied a long time, friend. They tried to triumph in the Garden; they could not hold out because the redeemer came one day and He broke the hold and they were not able to hold out against the promises of God. Come on, somebody. In Matthew He says in chapter 16, verse 18, "***...and I say also unto thee that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it***" ... "***shall not hold out against it***". It didn't mean that Satan was going to attack the church - he can't. It means he can't hold out on the church. He can't hold your loved ones; he can't hold your finances; he can't hold your healing; he can't hold your deliverance. He can't hold out, my friend, because you are God's people.

But we give up. Somebody says, "What's the use, it isn't working". That's what you think; it's working, Hallelujah! Satan thinks he has a grip on you and all of his knuckles are beginning to be broken one by one in your life. Don't give up; he cannot hold out. He cannot hold out on your blessing. He cannot hold back the things that God has in store for you. He can't keep them from coming on you; he can't keep the blessing of God from coming on you. He cannot hold out against the church. There is no way; he's walked on, stepped on, he's stomped on - he's broken, he's beaten, he's whipped. The church is in victory and in power and the enemy cannot hold out against you and I. The devil can't whip you, we defeat ourselves.

God gave me a guarantee - He said that He would not hold out against you. I don't have to run around cursing him; I just draw nigh to God. Remind him, "You are not holding out on me, devil; that's my wife, that's my family, that's my husband, that's my children; that's my finances, I am tired of you messing around on me. Now I'm going to remind you that you shall not prevail on me. You are not going to hold out on me; you are not going to stop the blessing of God in my life. I recognize you and I am born of God and I am going to outlast you".

I am going to show you that you don't have to worry about the enemy. Jesus said he never won in heaven and the first promise God made man after the fall was that he would be redeemed. The first thing I told Satan was that he was whipped. Come on, read your Bible! He didn't say, "Satan, you are going to win. It's too bad I lost this trip". No, no, no, no. Before the garden was ever there God had a plan. He said, "I am going to get me a lamb and in that lamb I will choose my people". Satan is not going to hold out; I am going to break his hold, I am going to deliver my people out of the power of darkness and translate them into the kingdom of my dear Son in Col. 1:13. Brother, Satan cannot hold out.

Somebody said, "Oh mercy, Brother Krider, you have to be careful how you preach". No, I preach it like it's written, that's why you have to be careful. He knows that he's knocked out; he knows the punch game; he knows it's all over. Soon as God's people wake up and say, "Wait a minute, I have been giving that guy a lot of glory when he had nothing to do with it. He can't even hold out against me. I can run him to the max, I can pin him three times over; I can whip him every time he gets up. He can't hold out in this battle; he can't hold out in this fight; he can't hold out. I'm going to pray and God's going to move and the enemy is going to run, Hallelujah"!

Come on saints, our problem is that we give up just before it happens. We begin to pray for something and it looks worse than ever. We read the Bible and it says, "The wealth of the heathen is laid up for the righteous". Then we begin to come under condemnation because we don't have any wealth. Do you every listen to what you say: "Well, that's the way it's going to be - it never was any different. It's always been that way for me; I've been a down and outer all the time". Isn't that stupid? Here's old Satan lying on his back - God has pinned him and he said, "I'm going to get you as soon as I get up". We go over there, give him a hand and say, "Come on get up; come on you are going to prevail now." No, no. He cannot prevail, God put a law on him and He said, "The gates of hell are not going to prevail against my church - they are not going to hold out. As soon as the church wakes up one of these days we are going to walk right on through those gates, we are going to attack the devil, we are going to attack the enemy and we are going to take back from him what he has robbed from the church."

Well, Brother Krider, you have to be so careful; you might offend somebody. I want to tell you, many are offended for the word's sake. God's word is true, let every man be a liar, but God is true. He said that He will not hold out on the church. He's not going to hold out. There is no way. Now, I want you to notice something - this is written before Jesus triumphed. He said, "I'm going to build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Now go to Revelation 5:5. Got to remember that real easy - that's our speed limit? **"One of the elders saith unto me, 'WEEP NOT'..."** The fifth chapter tells how John had wept and how there was no man found in heaven and earth worthy to open the book, to open these seals of the book, and the elder announces to this man of God and he said, **"WEEP NOT"**. I don't think he said, "Don't weep, don't worry God, don't weep". Hallelujah! I believe that elder said, **"WEEP NOT"**. There is no reason to weep anymore. **"And one of the elders saith unto me, 'WEEP NOT, BEHOLD THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID HATH HELD OUT, HATH PREVAILED TO OPEN THE BOOK AND TO LOOSE THE SEVEN SEALS THEREOF'.** The lion of the tribe of Judah, he held out; he held out, he held on, he fought through until the enemy was totally defeated and therefore the enemy cannot hold out any more on you and me.

I want to tell you something: you are not powerless. The devil is not in charge; he didn't prevail. In fact, he prevailed not and their place, it wasn't there; in fact it was vacated out of heaven. They were brought down to the earth. One knockout punch came, the left hook, and then the fifth chapter gives us the knockout punch. Can't you see old Satan staggering around - he's getting whipped all over the country. Here comes Abraham - kicks his teeth out; here comes Noah - knocks him out; here comes old Moses - walks all over him. All these men and women of God just walking on regardless of what he's doing.

Jesus comes and he said, "O.K., two thousand years ago, four thousand years ago I told you that I'm the seed. I'm the one that God spoke of. Here I am -Satan, this is it. You're not going to hold out; you are not going to prevail. You never prevailed in heaven, you are not going to prevail on the earth and you are not going to prevail in the Church". Then he wound up and let him have it. He said, "Hey, the keys of death and hell are mine now. In the name of Jesus the sick are healed. The devil has to go".

Well, Brother Krider, this is not a fairy tale, this is real. This is God's word and Jesus Christ on the best authority, on His Father's authority, He said, "...and the gates of hell shall not hold out on the Church". We are not looking for him to attack us, we are attacking him. We are not looking for him to jump on us, we're jumping on him. We are not looking for him to rise up and say, "Look, be afraid". Somebody shout! The gates of hell cannot hold out. We are the ones who hold out; we are the ones who win; we are the ones who prevail; we are the ones who bring forth; we are the ones.

We give up just before we see it, that's our problem. It hasn't anything to do with the devil because the Lord said that he can't prevail against... he can't even attack you and get away with it. Somebody says, "You have to be careful - you get over in his territory..." He doesn't have any; it all belongs to the righteousness of God. It all belongs to God's people. He told Abraham, "Everywhere the soles of your feet shall trod I'm going to give it to you for an inheritance". Somebody said, "You have to be careful, you will never be able to make it". I want to tell you that he can't stop me. There is only one guy who can stop me, and that's me. That's the only guy who can stop you, is you. You can no longer give the enemy the very satisfaction of saying, "Look what the devil did to me". He didn't do anything to you; he cannot prevail against you. Don't make God a liar. You messed up -- made wrong choices and you have to [own up to] it.

"Well, Brother Krider, I know what I saw, I know what I heard". No, you didn't know what you saw; you didn't know what you heard because what you should have heard is that he can't prevail against us. Somebody says, "Well, you know, I lost that battle but the war is not over". Why lose one battle? You had to whip yourself to do that - stupid, isn't it? We talk like that and think like that because somebody told us that kind of junk. Well, I'm here to tell you that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church and Jesus saw to it in the fifth chapter of Revelation. He said, "It's all over, and the elder said, "WEEP NOT; don't cry anymore for the lion of the tribe of Judah, He has prevailed" Hallelujah! That was a wrestling match but Satan didn't hold out, Jesus did, pinned him and said that the battle was over.

Aren't you happy tonight? "The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church". "I'm going to see to it", is what he was saying. You see they didn't understand that yet because Satan had not yet been whipped, as far as they knew. But I want to tell you, when Jesus rose from the dead they knew it was all over. He said, "Now you boys go over there and wait in Jerusalem, I am going to give you some of the power. My church is going to be a church full of power; it's going to be a church full of authority; it's going to be a church that can receive the wealth of the heathen and be wise enough to use it for my purpose, who can take my blessings and send them into all the world. The devil can't stop you, fellas; we had a wrestling match. Satan and I had a wrestling match and he couldn't hold out long enough - I whipped him". "Well, Brother Krider, I wish I could believe this". It's right there, I don't know how much plainer you can get it.

You show me one place that you have to be defeated, you show me one. You show me one place that you have to be a beggar; it's not in there. No, no, no. The gates of hell aren't going to hold out against the living church. One of these days the church is going to wake up and march right into hell, get a hold of them that even by the very stench of their clothes are going to grab 'em and save 'em before they die. But we are so afraid the devil's going to jump on us when we go outside that door. I have news for you, he's not even looking for you, not if he gets smart enough he's not. You don't want anything to do with anybody who knows that he is whipped. So that man knows something: the devil did not prevail, he isn't prevailing, and he never will prevail. In fact the word of God tells us that we will narrowly look upon him in that day; I mean, we will just barely look at that rascal. The funny thing is "Art thou the man that caused the nations to tremble?" There he is, all beat up. And you will say, "Was I afraid of that guy?" The Lord said, "Yeah, you lost an awful lot of reward being a friend to him".

He did not hold out, Jesus did. He won the victory; he divided the spoils to his people in Isaiah 53. The gates of hell shall not prevail against this church of mine and he went and took care of it, didn't he. He prevailed and the gates of hell could do nothing against him; not only did it not do anything against him it couldn't stop him - he went right into it. He led captivity captive and preached to the souls in prison. Somebody ought to shout! Hallelujah! The gates of hell couldn't stop Jesus Christ and the gates of hell cannot stop you and I. It's time we grew up and said, "Wait a minute, you aren't going to last long enough in my life to do anything to me. I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts and he has already whipped you.

It's right here, all between the covers. What I read to you tonight is the word of God. I didn't add anything to it out of man's wisdom. I am telling you saints I am trying to charge you tonight. There is going to be a great people upon the earth - they are going to be great in God. Daniel declares them to be a people that know their God. They shall be strong; they shall do exploits. The gates of hell - he promised they would never prevail against the church and he went and took care of it. Then the call went out, and it ought to be echoed in every church, "WEEP NOT, WEEP NOT!" Wouldn't that be great, Pastor Doug to have somebody to stand up there at the four corners of this building here. No, with one voice they said, as people came in, "WEEP NOT, for the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed". O-o-o-oh glory! I don't think it would take much of that to get you on a wall, dancing on the rail back there.

We look at what we see in the natural; we look at what we think we know in the natural, what we hear in the natural and we say, "Well, I guess it is never going to happen". God said, "It's not my might nor power but it is by Spirit sayeth the Lord". Hallelujah! Who won this thing anyway? Who?? "JESUS" Are you sure? How do you know? The WORD says so. Then we ought to believe it all hadn't we? What did He win? He won what? "EVERYTHING" Everything! Well, then, if He won everything then I won everything. Isn't that what He tells me; I'm an heir, an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ Jesus! If everything is everything, it's everything. Everything means EVERYTHING! Hallelujah! So now, hey, I've already won everything - all power, Matthew 28:18, is here.

The church just needs to get out of it's diapers - put on the armor - take hold of the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God. I love the way Jesus handled old slew foot, don't you - came up to him - He didn't just slap him on the face, He said, "It's written". ZAP!! Oh-h-h that one hurt! I'll try it from another angle - "Why don't you turn these stones into bread?" ZAP!! Oh-h-h that one hurt, too. "Why don't He throw Himself down off that temple!" ZAP!! Oh that hurt, too. Pretty soon he stands there with holes all in him, and Jesus said, "Get behind me"! He didn't say, "Oh please, let me go, you are bothering me, man, don't you know that I'm sent from God to do a work?" I've seen people dealing with the devil like he was still powerful. He doesn't have any - Jesus just ran him through three times - "Don't, don't, don't". But Jesus said, "Yes, just get behind me - I have things to do". He didn't argue with him all day, "Just get behind me, Satan". Why, because He prevailed.

Every time Jesus turned around He prevailed. The blind man came - Jesus prevailed. The deaf man came and Jesus prevailed. The lame man came and Jesus prevailed. The dead man - Jesus prevailed. Then, thank God, He said, "I am the life and the resurrection". When He rose from the dead, He was proved to be the Son of God by the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Hallelujah! Death could not hold Him, hell could not hold Him, all the claims on humanity could not hold Him. He broke the chains of sin, death and hell; He set every one of us free and put us in heavenly places in Christ Jesus because He prevailed!

"Well, that's a good message for somebody else, but you are not talking about my need. "Yes, I'm talking about your need". It's your need that's prevailing in your life. That's all you talk about, is your need, instead of talking about Him who has already prevailed and supplied

all of our need. We talk about our sickness - we don't have any, it doesn't belong to us - it's in the kingdom of darkness.

The church is talking Antichrist when it ought to be talking Christ. The church is worried about a little thing like 666 - that's sick, sick, sick. The church has been sealed with God's Spirit. Their name is written in the forehead. Glory to God, man, we have been made just like Him. Come on, somebody SHOUT! But, see, we concentrate and we think about these horrible things or we think about things in our life that aren't working right and they are prevailing in our lives. You aren't going to go very far that way. You are going to have to get your eyes on Jesus. The only guy that can give you a problem isn't Pastor Doug, Brother Tom, Dave - none of these guys - or Sister Gloria. It surely isn't the devil or so it must be somewhere close to me. Must be in this suit I'm wearing! Ernie is not my problem, Ernie is a blessing; he could have sung all night and I would have stayed with him. What I am telling you is this: ***"WEEP NOT, FOR THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HATH PREVAILED!"***

You can get out of that seat and leave your problem right there without me laying a hand on you. You can get out of that seat and walk out of this building and say, "Praise God, I prevailed in this situation. I am in the name of the Lord. I belong to Jesus. I'm tired of giving everything I've got to a defeated enemy. I'm tired of giving everything I've worked for and everything I have believed for. I'm tired of giving it to the enemy and then going down and getting prayed for every service to try to get it back". You don't need to come and get prayed for every service to get it back; you ought to be coming to every service looking for somewhere to put your hand. Praise God, listen brother - we won this thing - let me pray for you. Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus, you are all right. He didn't say to get a bunch of preachers down here. No, no, it said, "Let's get busy and begin to realize that He prevailed".

Get this tape, take it home, and play it over and over and over. I mean that - it's the word of God, it's not my word, it's His word but because it's His word I can preach it. I know it will work. You need to keep your mind stayed on Him, not on the world. You need to meditate day and night upon the law of God. You ought to speak the things from the word of God.

It will be because we didn't have enough knowledge and because of that lack of knowledge we were destroyed. The enemy didn't destroy it, we committed suicide. I'm a winner! Well, you didn't have to be so bashful about it.

If you know who you are, you can say, "Amen!" I didn't make me a winner, God did. He told me that I was a winner; He told me I was His Son; He told me I was a king; He told me I was a priest; He told me I was a conqueror; He told me I was an overcomer; He told me.... Hallelujah! We sit around and say, "Poor little us", and deny the very thing that Jesus Christ said we were. It isn't the devil coming back; it's Jesus. Because He isn't in Heaven, there isn't any place for him. I can tell you where he's going; he's going to take a short stop at the pit. But then God planned a great big bonfire for him. That's where he's going; he's not coming to go nowhere. He isn't coming into the church. You might just as well quit lying to yourself. He's not coming into the church!

The true church is not a sinful church; it's the church born of God! "That which is born of God sinneth not, for it cannot for its sin remaineth in Him".

I have news for you, the devil isn't coming again, Jesus is. He won the right to come again. Why, because He prevailed. He opened up the book and He said, "Read all of it that you want to, there's nothing hidden any more; I have taken the seals off of it. I have blown the trumpet". Satan is not coming again. I don't care what you say the Bible says that Jesus is coming again. The best he can do is go about like a roaring lion - he said, "...as one..." not really one. He's a paper tiger. God reached inside of him, took his tail and jerked him inside out. Yeah sure, that's where every evil work is - all confusion. That's why the devil doesn't know what is going on, he's in confusion all the time.

I'll tell you what - I want you to get this in your heart - Satan isn't coming again. Somebody said, "Well, he's alive and well on earth". No, he's dead and feeling terrible because the church is waking up. The church is serving notice on him. Hey, I just found out who won this thing after all; I just found out who really won this thing. I would love to see it next Sunday morning. Get somebody in that one, Doug; somebody in that one there; and somebody in that corner and somebody in that corner - have them just holler out in unison, all the time that people are coming in. "WEEP NOT, FOR THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HAS PREVAILED. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD". Come on somebody! Come on, "WEEP NOT..." Hallelujah! "...FOR THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HAS PREVAILED. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD"!

You know, the disgusting thing is that some of you are going out of here higher than kite and you are going to forget this in the morning. You see, it isn't your sickness that prevails against you, it isn't your anything, it's you. It's what you think on every day. Well, aren't you afraid the Antichrist is going to get you for this? Nah, he doesn't want to mess with me. God said, through the Lord Jesus Christ, "Be not afraid..." Then He said, "I didn't give you that spirit of fear but I gave you some power, some love and a sound mind". Come on, Whew!

Boy, I can't wait until Sunday morning, Doug. Maybe you ought to put two more up there; put one over here, and then get old Dave White right down here in the front. Give him a big, old microphone, like a cheering section, you know. What do you think would happen if you dared to do that while all the people are coming in? It wouldn't be long until all of them would be praising God. It wouldn't be long until all of them would be shouting "Hosanna". You wouldn't have to lead singing; you wouldn't have to get a praise service going. My God they would start singing and shouting, praising the Lord. And their troubles, their fears, their doubts would fall off right there on the floor. Works better every year! I want to tell you something friends: we need to know who prevailed in this - who held out - it was the Lord. Satan is not coming again. No, in fact he is just beside himself waiting for that hand of the angel to jump on him. "Come here, pipsqueak, got a big old pit for you. You stay there until I come back". I love it, I love it! He isn't a big huge monster; he's just a poor, scatterbrained, punched-out, black-eyed monster under the control of the Lord. And he says, "When you say 'go' he's going to go."

Let's stand together. He's not coming again, that guy called 'Satan'. Who's coming again? Jesus! Who prevailed? Jesus! Hallelujah! Who won? Jesus! Glory to God, what does that make us? Winners! Winners! Winners! Glory! I love every one of you. How many think this message is for us tonight? How many are going to remember this in the morning? Father, I thank you tonight -God, every infirmity has to go right now. We don't have to walk out of here with this junk and garbage. Lord, those fears, those doubts, that unbelief, that worry about family, that worry about the job, that worry about finances -God we can leave it here right now. We can say, "Our God prevailed". We are commanded, Lord, in the Word: "WEEP NOT, FOR THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HAS PREVAILED". Let that be our song. "WEEP NOT, FOR THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HAS PREVAILED. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD"!

Father, we thank you for all those who have come and God, right now, I just thank you for those that have heard the word of God because they will prosper. They will be in good health, they will be strengthened as they begin to apply the word of God to their lives as they begin to live according to your word and walk according to it. You have already prevailed for them. God, you have put them in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The enemy isn't coming again, you are! You won the right to come again. You won the right to be the Lord, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The enemy won nothing at all. I thank you, Father. Bless these, your people; bless the pastors and their families - the elders and deacons, strengthen them God, with all might in the inner man.