

**Discussion Questions**  
**What Hate is For**  
**Revelation 11:19-12:17**

(What most grieves or overwhelms you about the state of our world? Who are you tempted to blame for all the trouble in our world right now?)

“At the cross ‘it is finished’—Satan can no longer accuse you before God. Satan no longer has a leg to stand on—literally, for this is the judgment of God, *‘Because you have done this upon your belly you shall go (That’s how the dragon became the snake) ...on your belly you will go ...and the seed of the woman will crush the head of the snake.’* So the dragon has been defeated, and yet we still experience a battle, don’t we?” —Peter Hiatt

- What ways do you most commonly experience battling with the dragon?
- What lies do you experience the enemy most commonly whispering in your ear?
- Have you ever heard him whisper lies in your ear through others?
- Or through your mouth to others?
- Have you ever thought of the enemy as *already* defeated? And since he is defeated, why do you think we experience a battle?
- Why do you think God allows space for the accuser and His lies in this world?

Even though the lies of the enemy can come to us through ourselves and others, Paul writes, *“We battle not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities and powers, the world rulers of this present darkness.”*

- How do you think God desires for us to “do battle”? (See Rev. 12:14 and other scriptures that come to mind.)
- What are the three ways of overcoming that are listed in Rev. 12:14? What empowers us to overcome?
- Describe what these three things mean to you and what they look like in your life.

“At the cross, we see that what we have taken has always been given, *for-given*; we see that where sin increased grace abounded all the more; the cross reveals that all our debts are null and void. Therefore, all of satan’s accusations of sin become declarations of Grace. Grace is the eternal reality, and sin is a temporal stage on which God’s Grace is revealed.”—Peter Hiatt

- Can you think of a few things that you have felt or currently feel accused about?
- How has God or could God turn them into declarations of His Grace?

This is no Scripture where it says—in a good translation—that God will blame or accuse anyone. He *will* judge everyone, cutting the evil from the Good, but Scripture never says that He *accuses* or *blames* anyone. Jesus is the Judgment of God and God’s Judgment is forgiveness and love. On the cross, Jesus cried out, *“Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”* If they don’t know what they do, you can’t blame them for choosing to do what they do.

- What do you think the difference between judgment and accusation is?
- Think about any areas in which you have struggled with accusing others or yourself or experienced the accusations of the dragon. Share them with God now. Confess them to Him and ask Him to fill you with life-giving healing waters and cleanse you and protect you from the influence of the river of lies that comes from the dragon.
- In the areas where you might have experienced accusation or accused others, invite God to express His Judgment of Love.