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##### A. The devil will no longer have a place from which to launch evil activities.

1. *“no longer a place found for them in Heaven”*- reveal they had not yet fallen completely to earth. The devil and his angels had a stronghold from which they still operated in heaven.

##### B. Continuous deception of humanity is the devil’s present activity (v9).

1. *“the serpent of old”* – reference to the serpent in the Garden of Eden.
2. This is why the child of God should not be friends with the world. -**1 John 2:15–17**
3. Satan is currently blinding people to the knowledge of salvation. **2 Corinthians 4:3–4**

##### C. Once vanquished from Heaven, He will not accuse the brethren anymore.

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1. He accuses to bring God’s people into sin and failure. **Job 1:8–11**
2. Jesus said, *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”* — **Luke 22:31–32**

#### III. The saints overcame the attacks of the devil because of three reasons:

**Revelation 12:11** *“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”*

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- B. **Faithful testimony of Christ overcomes the devil** – They did not let the devil silence the message of salvation.
  1. They remained faithful witnesses of the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.
- C. **Considering it an honor to die in obedience to Christ overcomes the devil** – *they did not love their life.*
  1. How do you defeat believer who considers it an honor to die in service to the Lord?
  2. How do we wage war? -- **2 Corinthians 10:3–5**
- D. **Application for us:**

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