

## “Desperate Measures”

### Revelation 12

**Intro:** God’s people have always faced attacks. At different times and places it was persecution unto death. Sometimes limits to freedom, threat of danger, verbal attacks, rejection, all because of having faith in Jesus Christ. Why?

“And there appeared” – not what comes next, but a vision of what will come when Satan is cast down – and a picture of how much success Satan can have.

So how safe are we?

#### I. No one could \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (12:1-5)

- The Dragon is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.9)
- Isaiah 14:12-16 – Wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Many tried to stop \_\_\_\_\_
  - Herod, Pharisees, Chief Priests, . . .

The ministry of Jesus Christ is the one \_\_\_\_\_  
mankind has, Satan tried, but could not stop it.

#### II. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (12:6-8)

- There is more than we can \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 6:11-)
- Prevailed not – was not \_\_\_\_\_ - incapable

I John 4:4 – Our support is \_\_\_\_\_ than our foe

#### III. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (12:9-17)

- Not through \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 9-10)
- God can \_\_\_\_\_ what is needed (11-14)
- God’s arm can \_\_\_\_\_ (15-17)

We see man’s desperate measures to try to stop  
God’s plan. What comfort: They cannot \_\_\_\_\_!

## “A Cause For Joy”

### Luke 1:38-80

#### I. The Joy of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:41-45)

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#### II. The Joy of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:46-55)

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#### III. The Joy of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:68-79)

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The birth of Christ brought \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s people.  
More joy than the birth of a baby, Christ’s birth marked  
the start of God’s work to fulfill His promises to  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What joy is ours knowing  
what these three looked forward to, are all  
now accomplished \_\_\_\_\_!

## **Revelation**

Intro:

- I. Stop, Son, Satan, like, Jesus, hope.
- II. Defeat, Army, see, able, greater.
- III. Harm, People, deceit, win

## **Luke**

Intro:

- I. Elisabeth
- II. Mary
- III. Zacharias

Conclusion: