

INTRODUCTION

1. R 8:35-39 overcome in spiritual war: v37

1st: Our Enemy and Our Battlefield - R 8:35, 38-39

1. Jesus re: opposition & difficulty - Jn 16:1-2; 33 - *tribulation*
2. R 8:35, 38-39 = opposition - *Who or what will separate us?*
 - i. *Who* - v33-34 = accuser in God's courtroom. Satan: *accuser of brethren* [Rv 12:10] - we have *Advocate* [1Jn 2:1]. No condemnation.
 - ii. Satan is active in lesser courtrooms.
3. *Tribulation* likened to woman in birth-contractions [R 8:22-23]
4. v35 = opposition & difficulties - threat of death.
5. v38-39 = pairs of opposite extremes - immensity - overwhelming
 - i. Threats experienced in life - *neither death nor life*- R 14:7-8.
 - ii. Threats from powers - Eph 6:12; Col 2:15. Supernatural opposition
 - iii. Threats in time & space - entire created & fallen realm
6. Khans - Tuesday Aug 28th, 2007 - devotions on R 8:35-39. Danger of ministry in East & West - Revelation's Beasts & Harlot [Rv 18:24].

2nd: Our Strategy and Our Victory - R 8:36-37

1. Ps 44 [v22 cited in R 8:36]. Bewilderment in battle. Overview of Ps 44
 - i. Recalls previous victories & renews allegiance to Lord.
 - ii. Experiencing disorienting defeat
 - iii. Maintain God's worship, even tho engulfed by death.
 - iv. Calls to God - bewildered

2. Experience of slaughtered lambs - where is the victory in that?
3. Theme of Lamb: Passover & sacrificial system - prophecy of Isa 53:7,10-12
4. JnB intro'd Jesus - *Behold the Lamb of God* (Jn 1:29). The Cross.
5. Rev 5:5-7 *Lion of Judah* - Lamb = *overcomer*
6. Rom 8:37 - our battle strategy for victory - *in all these thgs* - v35, v38-39
 - i. *We overwhelmingly conquer* - "hyper-conquer" = *overcome* in Rv 5
 - ii. Battle strategy = gospel & discipleship

3rd: We Conquer in the Love of Christ - R 8:35-39

1. What will we experience? Being loved by Jesus. Emphasis - v35 & v39 [inclusio] & v37 center of chiasm ["X"]: *Him who loves us* defined in v34
2. Inclusio - *separate* [v35,39] - nothg in created realm severs us from Christ's love - Jn 10:27-29. Events of Aug 29, 2007 did not separate us from Christ See blog post [<https://heraldofgrace.org/arif-and-kathy-khan/>]

Applic #1: Are You Committed to *fight the good fight*?

1. *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith* [2T 4:7]. Martin Lloyd-Jones to WWII survivors
2. 2 main threats in Rev: persecution & compromise - *him who overcomes*

Applic 2: Are You Experiencing Being Loved by Jesus?

1. If you're not a Christian - receive the revelation of Jesus love - R 8:34.
2. If you're a Christian - grow in experiential love of Jesus & for Jesus.
3. Eph 3:14-21 AMEN.