

"When Satan Speaks Up"
Revelation 10:1-11

In Revelation chapter 10, (as chapter 7), in the middle of the tribulation, God gives us a break, an interlude.

**When does Satan speak up?
 Well, Preacher, at our house, about every day.**

**When does Satan speak up?
 Well, before we answer that
 I want you to notice in verse 3 of chapter 10:**

3. And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Now, out beside "SEVEN THUNDERS"

write the phrase: "THE VOICE OF THE DEVIL"

**because:
 that is the voice of the Devil
 objecting to what Christ has just done.**

4. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write

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**(Now notice what God said to do
when the Devil tries to get in the act):**

**and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and
write them not.**

**He said, John, you IGNORE THE DEVIL.
Just ignore him. Don't write it down.**

**It's interesting that we will never know what the Devil
said and we shouldn't know.**

**Because the Bible says the Devil is the father of what?
"Lies".**

That's right.

When Christ spoke up in Revelation chapter 10,

(this is where we take a break in the TRIBULATION),

**Here comes an unbelievable emphasis on the Lord Jesus
Christ, an unbelievable, majestic, praise of His name,**

and when all of that happens the Bible says:

Satan issued seven thunderous objections.

And God says to John:
 don't waste your ink,
 don't waste your energy,
 don't waste your pen,
 don't waste your time,
 don't even write it down.

I don't want the generations to come to know the objections
 of Satan to the magnification of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHEN DOES SATAN SPEAK UP?

Number one:

Satan always speaks up
WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS GLORIOUSLY MAGNIFIED.

Look at 10:1

1. And I saw another mighty angel

(Jesus Christ,
 He is the only one mentioned as a mighty angel)

come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud

(He went away in a cloud.
 The Bible says He's coming again in a cloud):

and a rainbow was upon his head

(why was a rainbow upon His head?)

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**Let's look at that for just a moment.
A rainbow is a symbol, of the mercy of God?**

**Because God put a rainbow in the sky after the flood
saying never again would He destroy the world in such a
manner.**

**And, folks, when we see the Lord Jesus,
He shall have upon Him a RAINBOW
of the fact that God above all things is:
a God of mercy,
a God of love,
a God of care,
and a God of patience.
Oh, what a God He is.**

Now notice the Bible says:

"and his face was as it were the sun."

**One day in the Old Testament:
HE PUT OUT THE SUN.**

**When He died upon the cross:
HE PUT OUT THE SUN AGAIN.**

**But when He comes back the Bible says
His face shall be as bright as the sun;**

WHEN DOES SATAN SPEAK UP? Listen:

**1. At the baptism of Jesus the voice from Heaven said,
This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.**

**You don't see the Devil here;
but when Jesus gets way out in the wilderness,
the Devil begins to TEMP Him,
and for forty days, the Devil doesn't let up.
Why?**

**He hates the fact
that Jesus Christ was magnified.**

**2. Do you remember when Jesus was being brought into
the city of Jerusalem on a donkey?**

**They came and placed palm leaves before Him
and shouted, Hosanna, hosanna.**

**But the very next day, those who shouted Hosanna
were shouting Crucify Him, Crucify Him.**

Why?

**The Devil can't stand it when Jesus is magnified.
The Devil can't stand it when Jesus is being honored.
The Devil can't stand it when Jesus is being lifted up.**

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3. The very next hour, do you remember what Simon Peter had done just previously?

He had told Jesus,

Lord, if all the world leaves you, I won't leave you.

Lord, if everybody else forsakes you, I won't forsake you.

Then all of a sudden you find Simon Peter ...

what was he doing?

warming himself by the enemy's fire.

Better Watch warming by the enemy's fire !!!!

And a little maid said his voice gave him away.

And Simon Peter said: Who? Jesus?

I don't know Him.

One moment Simon Peter says:

I'll never deny you and, folks, the very next day

Simon Peter is denying

that he had ever met Jesus of Nazareth.

Why?

Because the Devil hates when Christ is magnified.

When the voice said this is my Son in whom I am well pleased, THE DEVIL CAME.

When the crowd hollered Hosanna, THE DEVIL CAME .

**When Simon Peter said to magnify Jesus,
I'll never leave you or forsake you or deny you,
the Devil entered Simon Peter
and makes him deny the Lord.**

**Take your Bibles and look at Matthew 26:7, .
Remember how Satan is angry
when Christ is honored.**

Matthew 26

**7. There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box
of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he
sat <at meat>.**

**8. when His disciples saw it and they had indignation,
saying, to what purpose is this waste?**

**9. For this ointment might have been sold for much, and
given to the poor.**

**10. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why
trouble you the woman? for she hath wrought a good
work upon me.**

(She had magnified Jesus)

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- 11. For you have the poor always with you;
but me you have not always.**
- 12. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body,
she did it for my burial.**
- 13. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be
preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this
woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.**

Now hang on. Here Jesus has just been anointed.

Now notice verse 14.

- 14. Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot,
went unto the chief priests,**
- 15. And said unto them, What will you give me, and I will
deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for
thirty pieces of silver.**

COMMENT:

I mean, folks, here a woman comes and honors Christ,

**lifts Him up, puts that oil upon His feet
and begins to wipe His feet with her hair
and then anoints His blessed head,**

and immediately after the honoring of Jesus Christ,

I mean immediately, the very next verse,

the Bible says:

Judas goes out to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

**EVERY TIME CHRIST IS HONORED
SATAN SPEAKS UP**

**Jesus said if I be lifted up: I'll what?
If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto me.**

**What's the one thing Satan doesn't want?
He doesn't want all men drawn unto Christ.
He doesn't want men to be saved.
He wants people to be lost.**

**Satan knows that: you can uplift society;
you can uplift the preacher;
you can lift up the United Nations;
you can lift up everything in the world.**

**But if you lift up Jesus
somebody's going to get saved.**

That's why Satan hates it when Jesus is lifted up.

**When does Satan speak up?
HE SPEAKS UP WHEN CHRIST IS HONORED.**

We saw in verses 1 and 2 the magnifying of Christ.

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II. WHEN DOES SATAN SPEAK UP SECONDLY?

He speaks up when Christ comes to claim His own.

Revelation 11:15 says:

one day the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord.

This is a world that belongs to Jesus Christ,
and Satan knows that he is living on borrowed time.

And Satan is extremely angry when Christ begins to claim
what really belongs to Him,
what really belongs to Christ.

III. Let's go to number three.

the Devil always speaks up, when he knows
he's about to be dealt a fatal blow.

Read on with me in verse 5 & 6:

5. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6. And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

(now in your Bible write beside the word "time", "delay."
That there should be no more delay)

7. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

The Bible says that Satan knows
he's about to be dealt a fatal blow

because the Bible says
the little book that Christ has in His hand,
is it open or shut?

It's open.

Why is it open? It's always been shut.

Because Christ is saying:
there are no more secrets,
that all of the prophecy
and that all of the plans of Christ
and all the plans of God are now wide open.

And if you'll notice in verse 7
it says that the mystery of God should be finished.

You say, PREACHER, what is the mystery of God?

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**When I see a little baby dying, so very young, of cancer,
and I see that God has let it happen,**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

**When I hear about the beatings of little children until their
faces are black and blue, and I see that God has not stopped
it,**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

**When I see war and hunger,
I WONDER WHY GOD HAS TURNED HIS HEAD.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.**

**I see some people in excruciating pain, lying on hospital
beds,**

I SEE THAT GOD HAS TURNED AWAY HIS HEAD.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

**And when I see a little crippled child trying to play on a
playground but is incapable of doing it,**

**I say Why, God, why have you turned your head away from
that little child?**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

**And when I see homes breaking up and sorrow and sin
and alcoholics getting on the wrong side of a highway and
hitting innocent families head on,**

I SAY GOD, HOW COULD YOU DO IT?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

God, how could you watch it?

God, how could you sit in Heaven and let it go by?

God, doesn't your word say you are a God of love?

God, why the death?

Why the sorrow?

Why the pain?

Why the sin?

Why the brokenhearted little children?

GOD, WHY?

You say, Preacher why? I don't have an answer.

You see the Bible says that's the mystery of God.

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**But, folks, one day the Bible says:
Christ is going to say:
Devil, that's enough.
Pain, that's enough.
Sin, that's enough.**

**Heartache, Little crippled children,
Blind people, Deaf people, Broken homes,
Funerals, Cancer, Sin,
THAT'S ENOUGH !**

**And the Bible says: the mystery of God shall be finished
and His revealed will shall be open,
and Satan will look at the open book
and he will know that his days are numbered.**

**And that which you and I cannot understand:
that's hidden in the mystery
and the majesty
and the power of God,
that which is clouded by our ignorance,
one day shall be revealed !**

**You need to understand that the same GOD
that is so powerful in the Bible
is the same GOD that can help you**