

## VII. Timeless Truth for Timely Topics in Biblical Perspective

*What Does the Bible Say?*

“ISIS in Biblical Perspective and a Christian Response”

Romans 13; Revelation 13

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First we will be looking at Romans 13 and then the foundational text will be in Revelation 13. In Romans 13 the Apostle Paul is giving this Gospel-saturated world and life view after calling us to the Gospel life in Romans 12. Then he gives us direction as to our relationship as Christian citizens in government and he gives us insight into a function of a government. Romans 13:1-7 says *[1] Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2] Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4] for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6] For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7] Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

The grass withers, the flower fades, for this is God's Word and it abides forever.

Our ministry theme has been the supremacy and sufficiency of God's Word and God's Word is truth. In one series we have been looking at what the Son of God says about the Word of God. We took a break on that due to our mission's conference. In the evening series we have been looking at what the Bible says about the end times, difficult texts and themes. We looked at Daniel 9 and looked at the seventy weeks and we noted that they weren't 69 weeks leading up to Jesus and then we're in a gap. But the 70 weeks was what would occur from the Babylonian captivity to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then the subsequent removing of the kingdom of Israel by 70 AD as the abominations of continuing sacrifices in the temple after His sacrifice would continue in this generation so therefore God's judgment fell upon it in 70 AD.

Then we looked at Revelation 20 where we examined the four millennial views – the dispensational pre-millennial, the historic pre-millennial, the post-millennial and then the a-millennial view. I think the a-millennial view makes the most sense of the text and in that view there is an insight into the present activity of Satan in this world as the statement is made that Satan has been bound. This is referring to what Jesus has already said when He said “I have bound the strong man, now enter into his house and plunder them.” Satan is bound but not passive. He is restrained but not paralyzed. He is specifically bound, restrained and restricted in that he is not allowed to deceive the nations because now the Kingdom of God is moving from Israel, having come through Israel, into all the world. The Gospel and the Bible indicate that as it moves to the Gentiles the Gospel comes back to Israel with great revival and the work that is there.

Satan is also going to be loosed at the very end where he once again will become a deceiver of nations and a rising up will take place in a rebellion against Christ and His church in extraordinary ways. It will be characterized by two beasts and the anti-Christ. We will take a look at the anti-Christ in the next study but for now we're going to pick up on something from the book of Revelation – the two beasts. I'm doing this to cover the topic I need to in this study but we'll come back to a closer examination of these two beasts in a future study. I do think it's relevant to look at them in this study to put some framework around this ISIS situation in the world today with the persecution of believers in the Middle East, North Africa and South East Asia.

As we face these things today many of you ask how you can pray for what is happening. For me personally I sometimes want to pray the Psalms where it talks about getting back at these enemies but as a pastor during our recent conference I am making pledges to send people over there as missionaries, so how do we work our way through this justice issue and Gospel issue and all? So as a pastor I felt it appropriate to try and give you a Biblical perspective on this and then just enunciate what our response should be and then set it in the context of what seems to be both a chaotic response from our government in general and then from the church very specifically. In so doing let's start by going to Revelation 13.

The Bible tells us in Revelation 12 that Satan has been defeated yet he wanted to stop the birth of the Redeemer, was not able to but now he rages against the bride of Christ, the church. At the end of Revelation 12 Satan is found standing on the sand of the sea. In terms of what he is doing is somewhat explained for us in Revelation 13. Revelation 13:1-10 says *[1] And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. [2] And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon (referring to Satan) gave his power and his throne and great authority. [3] One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. [4] And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"*

*[5] And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. [6] It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. [7] Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, [8] and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. [9] If anyone has an ear, let him hear:*

*[10] If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain.*

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

I think this is referring to the book of Thessalonians when it talks about this great battle led by the anti-Christ and it is in concert with what we learned later from Revelation 20, the loosening of Satan for a season at the end times when he now begins to rage against the church in Revelation 13. It looks as if he'll completely snuff out the church through its persecution and destruction unto death. It seems as if he is all

powerful and cannot be stopped. Is there anyone who could stop him? In the context of that we find out that there is not only this beast that is doing Satan's work in this world but there is also a second beast in this period of the loosening of Satan.

Revelation 13:11-18 says *[11] Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. [12] It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. [13] It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, [14] and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. [15] And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. [16] Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, [17] so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. [18] This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

What is being stated here? For those who study their Bible this has the precursor to Daniel 7. The beast and the image that bears the mark and appearances of the Assyrian kingdom, the Babylonian kingdom, the Greek kingdom and the Roman kingdom that are depicted prophetically in Daniel 7. This beast coming up out of the sea is the power of the state and it is government in its hideous form, not in its Romans 13 function. In a fallen world the government was designed by God to restrain evil even to the point of lethal power, a sword, and so they were to be ministers of God, not for Gospel preaching but for justice. Yet here are states that take the place of God and to be worshipped in place of God. They use their power to coerce that worship.

There is even something miraculous about the existence of this beast that comes up out of the sea seeing Satan on the sand of the sea and the beach that is there. This beast does not operate alone for there is a second beast. This beast looks like a lamb but actually speaks the doctrine of demons. This is the apostate religion and church of the day. It is the religious beast for it serves the other beast so that together they are worshipped. There is even the echo of that passage where Paul tells us that the apostate church will lead many astray because it departs from the truth but people follow it because of their hunger for miracles. Therefore they are deceived by false signs, wonders and miracles.

People think they are fake miracles but no they are false miracles done with power. The Egyptians that parroted the miracle of Moses didn't just pull a slight of hand. There was a supernatural event that took place there but the supremacy of the hand of God was seen when the serpent from Moses staff devoured the three other serpents from the Egyptians staffs. Here is a political beast and a religious beast united at the conclusion of the end of time to bring war against Christ by reaching out against Him through His church and try to bring it to extinction and annihilation. It is telling you that Satan's present restrictions are not bringing him to repentance but increasing his rage. Here it is seen and allowed by God for a specific reason to show His glory in the triumph of His Kingdom when Christ returns and brings all of this last great conflict to a conclusion and His victory. So that is just a brief overview of Revelation 13.

Now I think we have some material to take a look at ISIS and understand it and also how we ought to be responding in terms of a Christian response. Satan though restricted is active and though defeated is not destroyed and in his present activity he has two basic schemes in his war against the church. One scheme is intimidation and one is infiltration. His active intimidation is when it goes to the point of persecution it even becomes the growth of the church at that time. I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet but this is just a pastor speaking from his own analysis with a Christian world and life view. In other words I will not test you on this.

I believe that today, the adversary, Satan, has his henchmen, his servants to carry out these schemes and I believe there are four enemies of the church that we must be aware of. Two of them are engaged in infiltration and two of them are engaged in intimidation. In this study I'm only going to talk about the two of intimidation and not the two of infiltration but I will tell the two of infiltration – one is theological liberalism. I'm fully aware that there are Christians in liberal churches and evangelical churches in liberal denominations but theological liberalism is the most anti Gospel expression among religions today. Everything that is essential to understand Christianity, theological liberalism stands against. Liberalism is an enemy and a death parasite that destroys the church when it infiltrates the seminaries, colleges and pulpits of the church.

The second enemy that infiltrates the church is church growth pragmatism. When church growth is seen not as a consequences of the faithful effective ministry, but as the objective of the ministry it is always a matter of time until the church compromises methods, message and ministry in order to get the numbers. I believe that is what is leading to the impotent Biblically illiterate church today because it's been all about our numbers and not our faithfulness and effectiveness. We measure success by the world's standard of success instead of the Biblical standard of success.

In this study I want to deal more specifically with the two intimidation enemies today and I'll come back to the infiltration enemies at a later time. The one enemy that originated out of the West it is the enemy of secular fascist humanism. What we're facing today in the western culture in general and increasingly in this country is secular fascist humanism. Fascism is when the government power is used to coerce and implement a certain philosophy upon its citizens. When government power does not serve the people but it is used to enslave the people and impose its world and life view – its philosophy of existence upon a nation, is fascism. That's what Hitler did and when he used the government to do this the evangelical church in Germany laid down. I believe that's where we are today.

The secular humanism of our day is saying that this country must become a secular country that "tolerates" religion. Forget the first amendment, the free exercise of religion. We will give you the freedom to exist with a religious identity but you must remain right here. This is happening because secular humanism sees religion as a disease and their objective is to eradicate it but they can't immediately move to eradication so the first step is to quarantine it. So you are seeing judges say about free exercise of religion 'you are not free to exercise your religion in the public square but you may hold it as your private opinion.' You have the freedom to have a religious opinion but not a religious exercise. That's called quarantine.

Then there is this Atlanta fire chief who is just living out his faith from the context of his ministry in his church, a couple of things he has written, with the free

exercise of free speech and religion which makes its way to some of his employees and he loses his job. He loses his job because the government will not tolerate the freedom of the exercise of speech or his religion. We will quarantine your thought and we'll quarantine your actions. The first step is the quarantine with fascist power – government power invoked.

Another case of this involves a 70 year old grandmother with a florist who had this marvelous relationship with two homosexuals and gently explained to them that she could not participate in their ceremony because of her convictions and then gave them the name of the florist they could visit. She had sold things to him all her life but what she couldn't do was witness, affirm and propagate what she believed was blasphemy before God. The two homosexuals kind of went on their way until an attorney general got involved and he brought the full weight of the government on her by tell her "We will put you out of business unless you agree to the terms which we say you have to do business." That is fascism.

A Houston mayor gets the transcripts of the preachers who opposed her passing a law that would cause every bathroom to be opened up to anybody in terms of how they self-identified themselves at that moment in terms of gender. She wasn't trying to get sermons to read for that was a shot across the bow, the power of the government because anyone could read those sermons at any time of the day if they wanted. So we're in a secular, fascist, humanist act of intimidation in the West but from the East there is another enemy of intimidation.

The enemy from the East is Islamic theocratic (full of Allah) fascist (sword of the state imposed, religion controlled) caliphate. What's a caliphate? It is a movement and the movement of a caliphate called by an Ayatollah or an Imam has two objectives. They believe that both will come into reality. One is that all opposition to Sharia law and surrender to Allah must be eradicated by one of three ways – conversion, compulsion, or eradication (genocide). For instance, Christians today in the caliphate of ISIS some are allowed to be there at this moment and being tolerated as long as they pay tax and they are allowed to operate within the confines of their church building. Is any of this starting to sound familiar to you? Tax exempt status needs to be removed, the churches that don't tow the line. Biblical doctrine is now identified as hate speech with the threat of the state. Penalties are imposed upon the free exercise of religion or you just keep it as your personal opinion. Taxes used, imprisonment used and threats used in order to quarantine Christianity in the caliphate of Islam. It sounds very familiar as to what is unfolding right before our eyes here with the fascist power of the state imposing secular humanism.

People have heard me say that intimidation never works with the church for the church does not die from state homicide, in fact it usually grows. So why does Satan keep doing this? I believe Satan keeps doing this for two reasons. Number one is to get the momentary silence of church as he terrorizes the church. We become silent in what is not accepted in the culture and the power of the state. The second reason is that the church wants to be a part of the game and therefore intimidation begins to compromise the message and opens the door for infiltration as people come and say there is another way. We can just drop this doctrine or this truth and then they'll accept us. So intimidation opens the door for infiltration. Those are the reasons I think Satan continues to use intimidation.

Some have said to me “Harry, don’t you see that your view on marriage is on the wrong side of history?” By saying that to me they actually think that will work with me. I love history but I’m not interested in being on the right side of history for I’m interested in being on the right side of God for He is the One that writes history and He is going to write the last chapter. So I want to be on the right side of Him but there is always this threat of isolation unless you modify the message with infiltration. I think those two things are constantly working together.

Here is the one that is facing us coming out of the East at the moment that confounds us as we look at it, this political and religious beast that is rising up. Do I think ISIS is the beast of Revelation 13? I will tell you in four weeks if I believe that or not but I will give you a little hint. I believe the Bible teaches that there will be an anti-Christ, a man of lawlessness and I think his first appearance was in 70 AD with Titus but John tells us that there have been many anti-Christes but I think there is yet one that is coming. The Bible says there is going to be this political and religious beast uniting in an assault against the church and it goes on to describe this as the battle in the Valley of Megiddo - Armageddon. I believe that while there is a final beast, religious and political, on the way to that day just like there are many anti-Christes, there are many additions of this beast that is being seen, whether it was Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Nazi Germany, Communist China or Paul Pott. I believe there have been many additions of this state empowered attack and assault upon all that is good and evil. ISIS is either the last one or it’s one in a list that is getting increasingly genocidal in its presentation.

It even has a doctrine called Takfiri. This is the Koran documented right that whenever a jihad has been established for the propagation of the caliphate to bring everyone into submission to Allah by compulsion of obedience to Sharia law and if you don’t surrender, paid by taxation or by conversion then they have the right to take your life. In fact it is a holy act in this jihad holy war to take your life. Now you are seeing a caliphate out of ISIS. Why? A caliphate not only has to be directed by a cleric but a caliphate must come from a national statement and that’s why ISIS keeps insisting. ISIS means the Islamic State of Al-Shami and it is now controlling land larger than Great Britain. It is also extending. Al-Qaeda was never a caliphate. It was an underground movement and if you read the writings of Bin Laden he said they were a movement leading to a caliphate. They were only a terrorist organization anticipating a caliphate.

ISIS is a caliphate because it is a declared state that is now bringing a jihad war against Jews, Christians, apostate Muslims and against any and all nations that do not succumb to Sharia Law and the worship of Allah. I believe it is the seventh attempt at a caliphate by Islam. The last one was the Ottoman Empire that came to its final existence after WWI but I think ISIS is the seventh one that has begun to move forward. It is now an attempt to go throughout the world or to bring into a reality an apocalypse.

You can say why are they doing what they are doing because they are getting people mad but that is what they are wanting to do. When they say that they are going to raise the flag over the White House, the Vatican and take Rome and Washington that is good old Islamic trash talking and taunting to get you to simply go to a war because if they can’t take Sharia Law to everywhere, then the other objective is to create the apocalypse. To do this in a jihadist war Takfiri is the doctrine that allows them to bring to those who don’t convert, death.

So if this is the case why won't our President simply recognize this? I have spent this entire week praying and thinking through this and why he won't do it. Why is it when an Islamic terrorist comes and kills Jews in a Jewish kosher delicatessen and then calls up a journalist and says 'I've been killing some Jews' and then the President and his spokesman says we decry this random senseless violence by a religious death cult? There is nothing random about it because they just said they were going to kill some Jews. Now which ones they killed might have been random but Jews were their target and it's very clear where they went to find some Jews. After they did it they shouted their Islamic motivation and then our act is that is just a religious death cult. No, it may not be your interpretation of Islam but it claims to be Islamic and words mean something. It wasn't random.

Then there is 21 Egyptian Christians who marched onto a sandy beach and were ritually decapitated while Christianity berated all at the same time. Then our President and his spokesman make a statement that say we decry this unspeakable act of barbarism against 21 Egyptian citizens. Those people did not die because they were Egyptian citizens. They were Egyptian citizens who were Christians who came over to get some work in Libya and were rounded up because they were Christians and they died professing Christ, calling out for Christ to deliver them and the taunting, statements and berating made it very clear why they were dying. When I read this it almost makes it plausible for workplace violence when Major Nidal Hassan killed those 13 people at Fort Hood.

This is veiled, at best half-truth, at worst dishonest and deceptive public statements, and why will our government not say that? As I prayed and thought through this I came up with five reasons. One is because our President and our administration either sense or feel the need to protect the Islamic religion from being identified with the Islamic theocratic caliphate that is going on. Somehow they defend the necessity to defend Islam. Why? I don't know. I don't know if it has to do with our President's father being a Muslim and there are loyalty factors at play here or whether it's personal or family. I know how I feel about people that raised me.

The second reason why is that perhaps he doesn't want to offend the majority of Muslims who are supposed to be peace loving. I'll accept that and he doesn't want to affirm the majority of Muslims. Three is that he doesn't trust Americans if he identifies it in its roots of Islamic religion to refrain from persecuting all Muslims. With all due respect at that point, I have been utterly amazed at the restraint of Americans since 1979 and 9/11 to protect the first amendment rights of everyone including the Islamic religion.

The fourth reason is the secular humanism of our nation and the Washington elite just cannot bring themselves to believe that religion matters that much to anybody. It is something they want to eradicate so how can it possibly be the real foundation, motivation and defining factor in what is taking place? That's why they won't call a terrorist a terrorist but they will call him a militant. That's why we're told that their real problem is that they just don't have jobs. With all due respect they are religious terrorists, religious volunteers for Takfiri, not patriotic militants or unemployed people looking how to handle their time until they get a job.

Again, from the previous president to this one when it comes to being politically correct this is not a war on terror. Terror is a tactic. That's like saying we went to WWII to destroy ovens or concentration camps. No, it was because we had an enemy. You

have to identify the enemy and yes Mr. President you are absolutely right when you say America will not declare war on a religion but this isn't simply a religion for it is a caliphate movement. Secondly, Mr. President we don't declare war on a religion but a religion that is taking over the power of the state can and does declare war on us and we can't act like they haven't.

So Mr. President, in light of Romans 13 I have some unsolicited advice for you. We did not elect you to be the apologist for Islam to protect the religion and we didn't elect you to be the apologist for Christianity either. You weren't elected to be the Imam for America nor the pastor of America. You took an oath as a president to defend this country against all enemies, domestic and foreign. These are enemies of the country. They have been acting on it since 1979. Your job is to protect the citizens of this country. Your job is justice. Your job is to restrain evil. I'm not telling you how to do it, I just know what your job is. If you have a personal inclination towards the Islamic religion then tell us, that's fine for I believe in the freedom of religion and you have that freedom in this country. If you're afraid that America will respond inappropriately as citizens then tell us and tell us it won't be tolerated and that you will not persecute Muslims in this country. If the issue is that you sympathize then tell us and if you don't trust us then challenge us. If this doesn't belong in Islam then tell Muslims to police themselves organizationally, foundationally and theologically. Let them do what we need to do when people in the name of Christ do what is wrong and that is that we need to confront them. You confront Christians and Americans and whenever you're right I thank you so confront Islam for what it is allowing to be present without challenging and then by God's common grace hopefully they will thank you.

The fifth reason why is some combination of all the other four reasons with an emphasis on number four.

Here are some takeaways from this. Number one is that we are not allowed as the church of Jesus Christ to pick up the sword of the state to bring into this war. We don't bear the sword of the state, we bear the sword of the Spirit. It is fine for us to serve in the state with the sword of the state but the church does not bear the sword of the state. It is the state that does that and the state by oath is required to accomplish justice and the safety of its citizens with the sword if necessary. We are not at war with the state but they have declared war against us. So our state, our government, cannot ignore this. It must find a way to appropriately, even if it requires lethal action, protect the lives of its citizens. No more politically correct language, but be direct, give us definitions and if you think we're going to respond wrongly then challenge us as Americans. If you think that the Islamic religion should not be tolerating this caliphate movement with this fascist imposition then tell them and let them deal with it.

To more than Mr. President, to the academic elite, to the cultural elite, to the elite culture shapers who in the name of secular humanism with fascist power are attempting to erase Christianity, believe me, you will never erase religion for the more you try to erase it – for instance where are more of our sons and daughters converting to Islam and going to ISIS? It is in the states that have outlawed the free exercise of religion on college campuses. There is a religion in secular humanism. We are going in two directions. One is back to Eastern religions at the propagation of Hinduism, its practices, its language and two we are going toward Neopaganism. Paganism has one sacrament which is unfettered sexual gratification. That is our religion today where we are going

back into paganism and therefore our children are now fair game in the emptiness of secular humanism.

The government should not impost Christianity, it ought to just simply create the safe public square and let everybody go to it. When you try to erase Christianity all you do is create the vacuum where things like ISIS, paganism, and far and Eastern religions are going to prosper. What needs to happen is to simply do what the government is supposed to do. It is not to shape the culture, impose with fascist power culture, but it is simply to protect its citizens and that is its number one responsibility.

I have spoken to the state and the culture and now I want to speak to my brothers and sisters in the church. It is absolutely righteous and appropriate for your sons and daughters to go to the state and volunteer as ministers of God to bear the sword of the state for the protection of this country. Jesus told no converted centurion to resign. The bearing of the sword for the protection of citizens in a just warfare is righteous. So if our sons and daughters go to the Armed Forces to protect this country against encroaching enemies it is right and righteous.

Number two, it is right for our sons and daughters to be sent by the church with the sword of the Spirit as sheep to be slaughtered to the Middle East and North Africa. It is righteous and good if our sons and daughters put on the armor of God, take up the weapons of the Spirit and go like lambs into the lion's den to preach and teach the Gospel of grace.

Number three, it is right and righteous that we pray for the state, our President, those who protect us, our church and those who take the Gospel as ambassadors of Christ to the most difficult places in this world. Pray for the state and its ministry of justice. Pray for the church for its work of spreading the Kingdom, the Gospel of the Kingdom and the sword of the Spirit.

In all of the blessings of having prayed for those under persecution we take the state and call them to deliver the oppressed and we take the Gospel, knowing that we take it not simply for the persecuted but to the persecutors. It was right there in this same area that Polycarp, having been warned in the book of Revelation, lost his life in the gruesome act of genocide as the bishop of the church at Smyrna in Revelation 2. They are still beheading today but I will tell you that trying to bring clarity to this matter my biggest concern today is the fascist imposition of secular humanism from the West.

I will say this to you as your pastor; I refuse to call it a war against terror because you can't fight tactics. I would also ask God by His grace, to refuse to be terrorized. Do not fear. Perfect love casts out all fear and whether it's the propagators of an Islamic caliphate or the propagators of secular humanism, do not fear for with the love of Christ win the argument and win the people to Christ as Lord and Savior. Take every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ and may the enemies of Christ become the servants of Christ, just like persecutors named Saul became Apostles named Paul. Let's pray.

Prayer:

Thank You Father for the patience of my dear brothers and sisters as we work through a difficult issue trying to be faithful to Your Word, the realities of history and the present and then responding as believers. Send us to our knees. Send the Word of the Gospel to the lost and send moral courage to those who lead us in this country and may we be not only willing to serve a state and serve Your church but first and foremost seeking Your

face upon our knees. O God be merciful to us in the Name of the King who has won the victory, Christ our Lord. O Lord of the battles be with Your people and put on the armor of God for I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(No Power Point provided.)*