

**Read: Revelation 20:1-10**

## Jesus Will Lock Up Satan Once and for All

### **Revelation 20:6**

Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown.

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

What is your favorite movie?

Chances are a big reason you like that movie is because it has an amazing ending. The bad guys lose. The good guys win. The problem is solved.

Life on earth has a very dramatic ending—a good ending for us, not so good for Satan.

In vivid word pictures, today's Word of God tells us that believers in Jesus will have struggles in this life, but on judgment day we will join him in heaven to rule with him forever! It also tells us that Satan will be bound up for 1,000 years and then let loose. The 1,000 years represents the current time you and I are living in, leading up to judgment day. In his wisdom, God allows Satan some power and influence in life. He'll have the greatest influence right before judgment day.

And then... the ending.

Jesus will throw Satan into hell (the lake of burning sulfur) and lock him up with all of his followers forever. His power and influence will be completely destroyed.

Since we know the ending of life on earth is an amazing one, we can live with hope and purpose even on our bad days. Nothing can take away how happy we are to be alive and believe in Jesus until we get to live with him in heaven! How awesome that any time we are in trouble, we can pray right then and there to Jesus just like God's priests

Lots of people are scared to think of the end of life. They try not to think about it. They're not sure what will happen to them. We get to tell them the ending is awesome, thanks to Jesus! He gives us his power to do some pretty incredible things on earth. We get to pass on his forgiveness to others. We get to lighten people's pain and suffering with our hope in Jesus.

Knowing our ending is good because of Jesus makes each day we live now special. Give thanks for today. Get ready to live tomorrow with a purpose because you are another day closer to heaven.

*The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.*

### **Questions for the Younger Children**

- Who will lock Satan up forever?
- Where do you get to go forever because of Jesus?

### **Questions for Elementary Age Children**

- Do you have any fears about judgment day? Why does the Bible say believers in Jesus don't have to be afraid of judgment day?
- Since we know the ending to life is a good one for us, how can we feel each and every day?

### **Questions for Middle School and Above**

- Name one fear, one doubt, or one pain in life that is taking away your happiness.
- Based on today's Word of God, what is the solution to your fear, doubt, or pain?

### **Closing Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, what an awesome ending you have written for my life on earth! Someday, you will do away with everything evil. Someday, we will live and rule with you forever. Thank you for making this great ending possible. Amen.

### **Hymn: CW 207:5 – The Day is Surely Drawing Near**

My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!