

**v28 ~ Jesus is Happy for Himself**

- ❖ Jesus told them He's leaving and that He would return
  - He is returning to His Father in heaven / He's happy about this
  - He's looking beyond the cross / He's not dwelling on that now
    - Heb 12.2 *".. for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross"*
    - We can learn from Jesus' example / We ought not obsess but look beyond . . .
    - This reflects a future orientation / not a present one
- ❖ He wants them to be happy for Him as well

**v29 ~ Jesus Prophecies to Strengthen Their Faith**

- ❖ To prophecy is to predict or foretell the future
  - One reason for prophecy is to strengthen people's faith
  - He had just counseled them against fear and anxiety
  - He's telling them to look to the future like He is doing

**v30 ~ Ruler of this World is Coming**

- ❖ There are many euphemisms for Satan / They're all bad
  - Devil, angel of light, serpent of old, great dragon, evil one, god of this world, prince of the power of the air, prince of darkness
  - Here we have *"ruler of this world"*
- ❖ *III: A Mighty Fortress is our God` "For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal."*
  - Yet Jesus tells his disciples that he is coming . . .

**v31 ~ Jesus' Obedience Demonstrates His Love**

- ❖ The disciples don't know what's about to happen
  - But Jesus explains beforehand why it's happening
  - It will happen because Jesus is obeying His Father out of love
- ❖ This action tells all the world of His love for His Father

Jesus looked past what He was about to suffer to the joy of what was coming after

This was not a "coping mechanism" / It was the wisdom of God

Jesus sought to strengthen their faith by prophesying of what was coming

Our faith can be strengthened by studying fulfilled prophecies and promises

There is no earthly equal of Satan

But we praise God that there is a heavenly Master of Satan