

# Lectio Divina

## Lectio Divina: Seeing the Devil Clearly Session 2

*We begin our prayer:*

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

Lord God of Hosts,  
open our hearts to the mystery  
unfolding in heaven and make us aware  
that we are caught up in a story  
far larger than ourselves.  
Strengthen us to hear Your voice  
amid the clash between light and darkness.  
Through the victory of the One  
caught up to Your throne,  
the One whose blood conquers the accuser,  
grant us courage, clarity, and deep trust  
to recognize the spiritual battles we face  
and stand firm in triumph of the Lamb. Amen.

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture and just focus on what the passage is saying. Take notice of any word, phrase, thought, or image that catches your attention.*

Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death.

Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. But woe to you, earth, and sea, for the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time.

(Rev 12:7-12)

***What word or phrase caught your attention or what thought came to mind as you heard God's Word proclaimed?***

### Meditation (*Meditatio*)

*Read the passage again, and this time focus on what speaks to you in this text and how it relates to your life.*

You may use the following questions to guide your meditation if needed:

***What might God be trying to say to you through that word, phrase or image that caught your attention initially?***

***Since the Devil and his angels were defeated and cast down by God's power, how does this truth change the way you see the spiritual struggles you face in daily life?***

***The enemy is conquered by Christ's sacrifice and the testimony of the faithful. How does your witness lead others to holiness and refute evil?***

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

### Prayer (*Oratio*)

*Read the Scripture passage one more time. What do you want to say to the Lord? Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.*

## Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

*Read the Scripture a final time, then rest in God's presence. Simply be with Him and listen for His voice. Allow His love and grace to fill you.*

*After a period of silent reflection conclude your time of prayer with the closing prayer below:*

### Closing Prayer

Father of Mercy,  
we thank You for revealing  
the victory of Christ  
and the steadfast witness of the Saints  
who overcame the Enemy  
“by the blood of the Lamb  
and the word of their testimony.”  
Let this vision strengthen our hope,  
purify our desires,  
and embolden our witness in the world.  
Guard us from the accusations of the evil one  
and anchor us in the joy of heaven,  
where the battle has already been won.  
May the triumph of Your Son  
shape our choices today  
and deepen our longing for Your Kingdom  
so that we too may overcome the Evil One  
and give witness to Christ Your Son  
in how we live daily as His disciples.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Living the Word (*Actio*)

*This week choose one of the following suggestions to put this Word of God into action.*

### **Reply on God for Strength:**

When faced with evil, temptation, negative self-talk, shame, or discouragement, pause and reject it in the name of Jesus. Replace it with a Scripture verse that proclaims God's power and fidelity (e.g., Psalm 27:1 – *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?*) Commit the verse to memory so that you can rely on it more easily when needed.

### **Resist Evil with Courage:**

Choose one concrete way to resist evil today – refuse gossip, reject bitterness, forgive someone who hurt you, turn away from a temptation, etc. Let this small act be your participation in Christ's victory over the enemy.

### **Give Witness in Darkness:**

In a situation where negativity, cynicism, or moral compromise is present, offer a quiet but clear witness: speak a word of hope, defend someone being criticized, or name God's goodness in conversation. Let your testimony push back the darkness of sin and evil.



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