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SUNDAY SERMON

The Victory of The Lord God of The Beginning.

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Text: 1 Corinthians 15:57 [57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is victory?

Victory can be defined as overcoming or winning in a competition or struggle over an opponent, or difficult problems.

The bible teaches us that we have already been given the victory:

1 John 5:4,

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

How does God give us victory?

God wants us to live a life of faith and victory that is why He gives His word, The Holy Bible.

If you will read God's Word, memorize God's Word, and obey God's Word then you will be equipped to walk in victory.

You will then be living under the authority of God instead of walking in your own.

Victory is achievement of success in a struggle or endeavor against odds or difficulties.

Therefore as we are in the beginning of year 2024, let us study the word, obey it and do it so that we will have God's victory.

What is the key to victory in life?

You must have a goal.

If you don't know where you are going, you will be fighting the wind.

Without a vision, people perish.

You must attain the goal in order for you to have victory.

Some Keys To God's Victory:

1. Holiness:

Holiness is to separate yourself unto God and begin to live the life of righteousness.

Therefore, holiness in terms of dedication and focus is a key principle in spiritual battle.

We must spend time in personal preparation for battle and readiness to spring into action at a moment's notice.

Romans 1:1

[1] Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.

Romans 6:11

[11] Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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2. Faith: Trust and confidence in God's provision

John taught that whatever is born of God overcomes the world but our faith and confidence in what God has stated and promised in his word is what specifically gets the job done.

Hebrews 11:6

[6]But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

1 John 5:4

[4]For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

3. Prayer and fasting:

Besides our trust and confidence in the provision that God has promised in his Word sometimes it is necessary to spend time in fasting and prayer.

Matthew 17:19-21

[19]Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

[20]So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

[21]However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

4. Sacrifice:

A true spiritual soldier has disciplined himself to sacrifice his own agenda and leisurely pleasures so that he can be effective the moment he is called to battle. This is a definite and continuous sacrifice and many Christians would rather live in a more comfortable and convenient manner.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

[3]You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

[4]No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

5. Courage:

Just as Moses instructed the Israelites not to be intimidated by the horses and chariots and numerous armies of the surrounding nations, we must not be afraid of the hordes of Satan and his earthly devices (the influence of the press, the power of politicians and the hostility of the world) 2 Timothy 2:3-4

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Deuteronomy 20:1



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[1]“When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

Acts 4:29-31

[29]Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

[30]by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

[31]And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

6. Unity:

Unity in battle is one of the most powerful principles of victory, so powerful it even works in hell! We can be sure that Satan and his devilish hosts work in unity and synchronize their attacks with astounding discipline.

Leviticus 26:8

[8]Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.

Matthew 18:15-35)

7. Perseverance:

The key to continuous victory is to know how to persevere in standing against the enemy dressed in the proper spiritual armor.

Even though the Devil and his angels are spiritual beings, they do tire and when we persist, they will retreat just as Satan left the Lord Jesus after tempting him in the Desert for 40 days and 40 nights.

Ephesians 6:10-13

[10]Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

[11]Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

[12]For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

[13]Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



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8. Aggressiveness against evil:

Do not spare the enemy

Just as God sent Israel to utterly destroy the surrounding nations eliminating even their children and animals, we are to show no mercy to Satan and his hosts.

The Lord has called us to be the aggressors.

We must attack the enemy with the mentality that we fight until they are utterly consumed, not as King Saul who preserved some against the Lord's command.

1 Samuel 15:18

[18]Now the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 1 Samuel 15:18-19

[18]Now the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'

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[26]But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."

1 Peter 2:11-12

[11]Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

[12]having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

PRAYERS: Isaiah 41:10-13

[10]Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

[11]"Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish.

[12]You shall seek them and not find them— Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

[13]For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.

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doesn't enjoy His blessing. This means he cannot succeed. However, anyone who puts his trust in the Lord on the contrary is blessed. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than put confidence in princes" (Psalm 118:8-9 New King James Version).

God does not fail, but man is limited, and therefore, can fail. Rebellious King Asa of Judah had a foot disease, but even when the disease became life-threatening, he did not seek the Lord's help but sought help only from his physicians (2 Chronicles 16:12-13). He didn't trust the LORD for his healing, but trusted physicians and died as a result. His physicians failed him!

Those who trust in the Lord are stabilized, rock solid, unmovable like a mountain; they stand forever (Psalm 125:1). Proverbs 3:5 says you should trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths. If you take heed to these words, you are just some steps close to success.

5. Laziness.

This is another factor hindering success – laziness at work and in spiritual matters. God and people see the lazy person as unreliable and undependable.

No one wants to commit anything serious to a lazy person. A lazy person doesn't do enough to succeed. God cannot help him because He hates idleness. He is a worker. He worked and is still working.

If the lazy must succeed, he must embrace diligence; he must embrace industry. In any equation of success in life, diligence is a constant.

Proverbs 12:24

[24]The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Hard work will always give the diligent person the upper hand in anything, but the lazy man will become a slave. Proverbs 13:4 also says, "The soul of the slothful desires, and has nothing but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat."