



A GLORIOUS, VICTORIOUS CHURCH! “Victim or Victor?”

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Isaiah 2 ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ^{3a} Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."... ^{4b}...They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. NKJV

1 John 4 ⁴ Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world. ^{5:4} You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world. ⁵ So who are the world conquerors, defeating its power? Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. TPT

Ephesians 6 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. NKJV

2 Corinthians 10 ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, NKJV

1 Timothy 1 ¹⁸ This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, NKJV

Hebrews 10 ¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. ¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴ For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. NLT

Romans 16 ²⁰ And the God of peace will swiftly pound Satan to a pulp under your feet! And the wonderful favor of our Lord Jesus will surround you. TPT

Zephaniah 3 ¹⁷ "The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. NASU

Psalms 3 ³ But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head. ⁴ I was crying to the Lord with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah. ⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about. ⁷ Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah. NASU

1 Corinthians 15 ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. NKJV

Romans 8 ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
NKJV

Numbers 13 ¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸ and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; ¹⁹ whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; ²⁰ whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. **Be of good courage.** And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes. ²⁷ Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. ³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "**Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.**" ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." ³² And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³ There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and **we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.**" NKJV

2 Chronicles 20 ²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.**" ²² **Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes** against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²⁵ When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. NKJV

Daniel 7 ²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And **the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.** His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' NKJV

Contrasting the victim mindset and victorious mindset

(for the sake of time, I will not use the word "mindset"):

- The victim sees a challenge as an obstacle. The victor considers the obstacle to be an opportunity.
- The victim blames others for their failure. The victor takes personal responsibility for success or failure.
- The victim is never satisfied and is always looking for something more. The victor is grateful for what they already have and build upon that to succeed in life.
- The victim feels like everybody owes them something. The victor believes nobody owes them anything.
- The victim spreads a negative attitude to others. The victor spreads a positive attitude.
- The victim is pessimistic. The victor is optimistic.
- The victim gives up quickly if they fail. The victor doesn't quit until they succeed.
- The victim repels people. The victor attracts people.
- The victim has a critical spirit and is judgmental of others. The victor blesses others.
- The victim has faith in evil to make things worse. The victor has faith in God to make things better.