

Believing and Praying from a Position of Victory

The Lord's plans and purposes for man never change. It does not matter what the circumstances, conditions, and challenges are that we may face; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." From the beginning of time God gave man a calling and He has not retracted from that. Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God blessed them and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" God gave man the authority to rule over His creation but when he sinned and fell, he lost what God had given him. When Jesus Christ came, lived, died, and resurrected from the dead He restored that authority to man. In Luke 24:50 it says- "And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them." God's blessing on man was pronounced and God's authority that man lost in the Garden of Eden, was restored to him.

We live in a world that is unstable, unsafe, and uncertain. People are now facing things that are unprecedented. So as a church how do we respond to these challenges? We must get our eyes off of these challenges and fix our eyes on the Lord God and remind ourselves of what Jesus and His shed blood accomplished for us on the cross, VICTORY. 2Corinthians 2:12 says- "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph (=victory) in Christ."

2Chronicles 7:14 it says- "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Drawing near to God in prayer through the blood of Christ and dwelling in His presence is the key to experiencing His victory individually, corporately as His church and for this nation. In Exodus 17: 8-15, the Israelites faced an impossible battle against the Amalakites who had overwhelming resources- men, weapons, horses, etc. From the natural perspective there was no way that the Israelites were going to defeat the enemy but thank God that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds" (2Corinthinas 10:4). Moses instructed Joshua to go and fight against the enemy while he, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill and prayed for Joshua. When Moses' hands were held up Joshua prevailed against the enemy but when his hands became heavy the enemy prevailed. Aaron and Hur supported his hands and Joshua prevailed against the enemy. Moses made an altar to the Lord and called it "The Lord is My Banner" because the Lord God gave His people the victory.

When Jesus lifted His hands and pronounced His blessing of His authority upon His church, His calling upon His people was restored. He calls us to intercessory prayer from this position of victory, the altar of His cross and His blood. The enemy is defenseless, therefore, as His church we must proclaim His victory over the enemy on behalf of this nation and its people. The only reason why we can "fight the good fight of faith" is because He is our Victory. Amen.