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## **“Year of Victory?”**

*“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” (Jeremiah 8:20)*

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

### **The Agony of Victory**

**Job 1:20-22** – (20) “Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. (21) And he said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.’ (22) In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.”

**Job 42:7** – “After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.’”

**Acts 7:54-60** – (54) “Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. (55) But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. (56) And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ (57) But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. (58) Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. (59) And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ (60) And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

<b>Victory is more of a Process than an Event</b>
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### **Suffering Servants’ Strength**

**Isaiah 49:1-6** – (1) “Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. (2) He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his

hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. (3) And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ (4) But I said, ‘I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.’ (5) And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— (6) he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’”

**Revelation 3:21** – “The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

### **Last Days Victory**

**Revelation 13:5-7** – (5) “And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. (6) It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (7) Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,”

**Revelation 12:11** – “And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

### **Conqueror’s Song**

“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer’s; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.”  
(Habakkuk 3:17-19)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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