



Spiritually Aware Victory Over Darkness

I. Standing Our Ground

Habakkuk 3:19 (NIV®)

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

II. What is Our Posture? ---A Prevailing Church

Matthew 16:18 (NIV®)

. . . I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

A. The Salt of the Earth

Matthew 5:13 (NIV®)

"You are the salt of the earth."

I am the salt of the earth.

B. The Light of the World

Matthew 5:14 (NIV®)

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

I am the light of the world

C. I am a Child of God

John 1:12-13 (NIV®)

¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Jesus is my Lord, I am a child of God. He has chosen me.

D. Heirs with Christ

Romans 8:17 (NIV®)

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him.

E. A New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NIV®)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

I am a new creation, reconciled to God.

F. Prepared by God

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV®)

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I am God's workmanship, created by God for His purposes.

G. I Have an Assignment

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV®)

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

I am an ambassador for Jesus of Nazareth, my Lord and King.

III. A Case Study

2 Kings 7:3-11 (NIV®)

³ Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "**Why stay here until we die?**" ⁴ If we say, 'We'll go into the city' -- the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

⁵ At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there, ⁶ for **the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army**, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" ⁷ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. ⁸ The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them.

A. A Great Need

Revelation 3:17-18 (NIV®)

¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

B. Dependent upon God's timing

C. Those ready with discouragement

2 Kings 7:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria." ² The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

D. Help from unlikely candidates

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 (NIV®)

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things -- and the things that are not -- to nullify the things that are...

E. Movement

F. God's Unexpected help as you move forward

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