

Exodus 23:30

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God has promised us victory as Christians, and His method of victory is based on His power and presence, not our own strength or capacity.

Scripture: Exodus 23:30, Psalm 37:5, Matthew 6:24, John 10:10, Romans 8:37, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Galatians 5:16, Philippians 4:7, James 4:7, 1 John 5:4

Topics: "Victory in Christ", "Overcoming the Flesh"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes that God has promised victory to Christians, intending for them to experience an abundant life filled with joy, peace, and blessings. However, many believers find themselves stalled in the wilderness, unable to conquer the giants in their lives and experiencing defeat. Smith outlines principles of conquest, highlighting that God goes before us and that victory comes gradually, one area at a time. He stresses the importance of seeking the Lord, obeying Him, and not compromising with the flesh, as doing so can hinder spiritual progress and lead to bondage. Ultimately, the victory belongs to God, and we must rely on Him to drive out the enemies in our lives.

Transcript

"GOD'S METHOD OF VICTORY"

Intro: The history of the children of Israel coming out of Egypt into promised land typical history. Egypt type of world, etc. -"These things happened unto them as examples." In dealing with them God revealed certain principles.

I. AS CHRISTIANS GOD HAS PROMISED US VICTORY.

A. He has intended you to experience an abundant life.

1. Indescribable-joy, full of glory.
2. Peace that passes human understanding.
3. Blessings beyond your capacity to contain.
4. A life of victory and power.

B. Many Christians have not entered into these promised experiences.

1. They have come out of Egypt, but stalled in the wilderness.

2. Their Christian experience is one of defeat.

3. Many giants still possess the land.

a. They are slaves to their flesh.

b. Much unconquered territory.

C. It is God's desire that you go in and possess the land.

II. THE PRINCIPLES OF CONQUEST.

A. God will go before you.

1. Important to remember we are no match for the enemy.

2. We must not get ahead of God.

B. The victory comes one area at a time.

1. "Little by little, I will drive them out."

2. We get so impatient, which is a mark of the flesh.

3. We desire that God complete His program in a day.

C. It is God who drives out the enemy.

1. You have no power or capacity within yourself.

2. The victory belongs to God.

III. OUR SIDE OF THE COIN.

A. "Look for the Lord and obey Him."

1. Discover where the Lord is working.

2. The Spirit will make you conscious of that area where the flesh is ruling.

3. Typical pattern.

a. Spirit reveals some ugly area of flesh dominance.

b. I step in to destroy it.

c. I get wasted and destroyed.

- d. I admit defeat and cry for help.
 - e. The Lord moves in and destroys the enemy.
- B. "Do not bow down to the enemy's gods."
- 1. Certain areas of the flesh we desire to keep.
 - a. It doesn't look that ugly to us.
 - b. The Spirit cries "crucify it" we answer "why, what evil can it do?"
 - c. It can halt our spiritual progress.
 - d. It can bring us again into bondage.
- C. "Thou shalt make no covenant with them."
- 1. Sometimes we seek peaceful co-existence pacts with the flesh.
 - a. We seek to serve the Lord.
 - b. "We seek also to serve our flesh."
 - c. "No man can serve two masters."
 - 2. There may be areas of your flesh life you are unwilling to give up today.
 - a. By whatsoever a man is overcome by the same is he brought into bondage.
 - b. God will make no pact with your flesh.
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