

# VOICE OF VICTORY



# HOW CAN I BE A WINNER IN THE BATTLE OF LIFE

These extracts from the recent news may interest you

\* *A man just finished fifteen years of struggling through school, qualified as a neurosurgeon, visited home, got back to the U.S.A., slept and never woke up again.*

\* *An upward mobile man closes from work, drove home and as he was entering his house, armed robbers attacked him, shot him dead and left with his car. He was survived by wife and 3 children.*

\* *A beautiful lady, with a good job and good background, ready for marriage and longing to be married, but no husband in view.*

There are challenges every day in the world. There are forces all over this planet earth, which are ready to steal, to kill and to destroy.

Life is a warfare. Can there be any hope of victory? How can we overcome the forces of evil in this world? Is anyone truly secured? Millions are living in fear; fear of the unknown and fear of what will happen tomorrow. The Bible says. "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

This message will provide answers to some of our questions and show us the way out.

**What did Jesus say about the world? John 16:33.**

Here Jesus said that there are tribulations, trials, troubles, frustrations and wickedness in this world, but he did not end it there. He also said, be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Jesus did not overcome for himself; he overcame so that we can be overcomers too. Jesus started the statement with, "In me ye may have peace." It is only when we are in Him that true peace and joy can come.

**What invitation did Christ make to everyone with problems, frustrations, and trials in the world? Matt.11:28.**

Are you troubled? Jesus says, "Come." Are you sick? Jesus says, "Come." Is your family in crisis? Jesus says, "Come." Are you in financial crisis? Jesus says, "Come." Are you frustrated? Jesus says, "Come." Christ does not want you to carry your load all alone. He says, "Are you heavy-hearted?" Please come because He has rest for you.

**What are the three ministries of the devil? John 10:10.**

He cometh to steal, kill and destroy. Satan is the cause of all frustration; he is the cause of all accidents; the cause of all problems, all evil; his ministry is to steal, to kill and to destroy; Unless you are in Christ, you are a victim, you are an ordinary man. The bible says, "The way of a sinner is hard." Things will continue to be hard until you change your nature and stop being in the devil's kingdom.

**What did Christ do for us about Satan's dominion? Col. 1: 13-14.**

Friends, there are two kingdoms in the world and you can only be in one: either the kingdom of God or the kingdom of darkness. The devil rules in the kingdom of darkness. In the devil's domain dwelleth all forms of evil, sin, death, sickness and diseases, poverty, fear, barrenness and accidents. These are the entitlements of being in this kingdom but in the kingdom of God there is life, righteousness, peace, joy, love, prosperity, good health, long life and victory. Those who choose the kingdom of God have been rescued from the domain of Satan. Friends, you do not have to be dominated any longer, Christ has paid the price, He has delivered us from oppression and wickedness of Satan. All you need to do is make a choice and

effect it now. You shall be set free. The Bible says that if the Son of man shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.

**What did Jesus say about changing your kingdom? John 3:3**

Jesus is saying, unless you are born again and you receive a new nature, you cannot be in the kingdom of God.

Some time ago the newspaper told the story of a young girl who had raised a tiger as a pet. It was only a few days old when it was given to her. The girl was ever so kind to this pet and the two of them spent many hours together in play everyday.

As the tiger grew larger and older, the girl was warned of the danger of having this wild animal for a pet. She had almost grown up with the tiger and was certain that the animal would never harm her. She claimed that all the wild traits of the particular tiger had been eliminated by its constant association with humans.

Then one day the girl cut her finger as she was playing with the animal. The tiger licked the blood from the wound. In a matter of a few seconds this kind, gentle playmate became a ravenous beast. Knocking its master to the ground, it viciously chewed and .....

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been changed by its association with humans, but she discovered that it still had the nature and the heart of a wild animal. This story illustrates the nature of man. Man is born with a basically sinful nature. It is much easier for him to do that which is wrong and sinful than that which is good and right. Education and training may develop some outward signs of good behaviour, but the evil nature inherited from Adam will remain.

In order to be right with God, we need forgiveness for our past sins. More than this, we need the evil nature, which produces these sins, changed.

**How can a lost sinner become a child of God? Act 3:19.**

*Note: This text tells us to repent and be converted. The word "converted" means to be changed. We are to have the carnal nature changed into a spiritual nature. Our part is to repent or be sorry for our sins. God's part is to accomplish the change in us which we call conversion.*

How many times have we failed in following the saviour? Many of us have tried so very hard

to do right only to fail more miserably than before. Our intentions were good, but we were trying to do good without God's help. We were still carnal and sinful in nature. We were controlled by passions and habits acquired before we knew God's plan of redemption.

Without Jesus our hearts cannot be changed. We can never overcome the devil in our own strength. It is only as we put our lives in the hands of Christ that we can gain the victory over past sins. It is only through Him that we can live the victorious Christian life. So many have said, "When I overcome this habit, or gain the victory over that sin, then I will accept the Lord and become a Christian." This is the sick person saying, "When I get well, I will go to the doctor and let him help me."

The time to come to Christ for help is when you recognize your need. Give Him your heart today and know the joy and peace that comes to you as you become a new creature in Christ.

You can come to Christ by dropping to your knees just now and letting Him take control of your life. Perhaps you do not know how to come

to Christ, just repeat these simple words as an expression of your heart's sincere desire:

Heavenly Father, I come to you today. I confess I am a sinner. Please forgive me all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that He died and God raised Him from the dead. Today, I accept Jesus as my Lord and savior. Please come into my heart right now. Give me the gift of eternal life. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me. Amen.

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God, if you said the prayer with me.

The following are three important steps you must follow after you have given your life to Jesus Christ:

**-You must read the Bible everyday (you can start with the gospels; John, Matthew, Mark and Luke).**

**-You must pray everyday**

**-Join a Bible believing church or fellowship with us every Saturday at Victory Sanctuary Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hunponu-Wusu Street, by Oba Oyekan Estate, Elf bus stop, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos. 9am (1st Service), 11:30am (2nd Service).**

**If You Have Questions/Comments or You Desire to Be Prayed For, Please Contact Us On: 08092956767  
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## Promise FOR THE WEEK

### Psalm 126

1. When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion,  
We were like those who dream.
2. Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with singing.  
Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."
3. The Lord has done great things for us,  
And we are glad.
4. Bring back our captivity, O Lord,  
As the streams in the South.
5. Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap in joy.
6. He who continually goes forth weeping,  
Bearing seed for sowing,  
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,  
Bringing his sheaves with him.

## Testimony

I was 8 months pregnant During the endsars protest. The hoodlums started raiding all the stores on the road. We prayed that they wouldn't get to the plaza where my store was located. But they succeeded in entering the plaza and looted everything I have in my shop including all my sewing machines. I was heavily pregnant and confused. But I held on to God's word that all is well. God surprised me in a way I couldn't imagine. Within 1 week, I recovered everything I lost 3 times fold. I replaced everything with ease. God raised angels to donate money to help me get my business back. **Praise God.**

## Worship with us



MONDAY

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYERS**

7.00am - 8.00am

WEDNESDAY

**MIDWEEK SERVICE**

7.00pm

SATURDAY

**SABBATH Service**

9.00am (1st Service)  
11:30am (2nd Service)

**HELP LINES**



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