

Victory in Jesus

Matthew 12:15-21

“God is God and I am not and I am committed to be a witness of Him in both word and deed”

Introduction: This morning the message will be simple but profound.

A. Simply put victory is in the person of Jesus Christ!

1. Victory cannot be found in material things, emotions, entertainment or motivation.
2. Victory cannot be found in proving others to be wrong rather in doing and living in what is right.

= Much too often we see victory as bringing attention to ourselves to which the scripture plainly speaks that pride goes before the fall.

B. So to experience victory we must understand two things

1. What is victory?
2. And how does it happen?

READ Matthew 12:15-21

C. Before we before we answer these to questions let me give you a little background leading up to this passage.

1. Jesus and His disciples were walking through a field on the Sabbath first according to the Pharisee was unlawful, and then He picked some grain wrong again according to the Pharisees.
 - Jesus responds to them “For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath”

2. Then He heals a man with a withered arm so the Pharisees conspire to destroy Him.

= Then a bunch of folks start following Him and He is healing all of them telling them not to make him known.

= Then he quotes from the Prophet Isaiah clearly speaking of himself: READ 18-21

Transition: So here are questions What is Victory and How do we experience it.

A. First victory is Justification through Christ.

I. Victory is Justification Through Christ verse 18

A. God refers to Christ as His Servant that He has chosen.

1. His beloved, the one that He is pleased with.
2. The one that His Spirit is upon.

➤ This leaves no question that he is referring to the one that will proclaim justice.

B. Victory is being justified before God.

1. Often victory is misunderstood as winning a prize or being elevated above others.
 - But victory for the believer is being able to call God our Father which is in heaven.
 - Victory is being able to be seen by the Father as His child.
 - Victory is being able to stand before a Holy God completely justified being there.

■ And all that victory is in Christ.

C. I am reminded of Joshua's victory at Jericho:

1. God ordered Joshua to do something incredible, something that Joshua would have never come up with himself.
- Most of you know the story God told Joshua to have the people march around Jericho once a day for six days and on the seventh day march around seven times blow the horns shout and the walls will fall down and they did.
- They experience victory because they were justified in what they were doing because it was the direction of God!
- Victory comes in being in Christ
 - Certainly salvation is a victory in Christ, it is the victory but we can experience everyday victory in Christ by walking in the character and the faith of God!

D. I am a very competitive person maybe you are too I like to win at sports I like to win arguments.

1. But church these are not victories these are just temporary emotional fixes to that satisfy are prideful flesh they mean very little if anything at all.
- This word victory that Jesus speaks of is the Greek word NIKROS and it means much more than winning a contest it literally means complete, everlasting splendor.

= It is the same word that Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: **O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"**

☞The sting of ☞death is sin, and ☞the power of sin is the law;

☞but ☞thanks be to God, who gives us the ☞victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Victory cannot be measured by any earthly measurement real victory is to know that we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ before a Holy and Just God!

Transition: In the following verses we see how we come to experience victory in Jesus.

2 Victory is experienced through a relationship with Christ.

II. Victory is Experienced Through a Relationship with Christ. Verse 19-21

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