

Spiritual Victory - Part 4

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I. Spiritual Victory: Worship, continued

A. The curtains in the tabernacle speak of separation from the world. (Exodus 40:8)

1. Separation can be negative or positive.

2. Two things are important.

a. How we use spare time.

b. Keeping good company. (Proverbs 13:20; Psalm 119:63)

1) Jesus did associate with sinners, but He did it to save them.

2) His objective was salvation. (Luke 19:10)

3. We are all pilgrims on the earth, headed for eternity.

4. The Christians walk in a narrow way while the lost walk in abroad way.

a. We all started under the influence of the world.

b. Christians recognize they are not of the world.

c. Church is a great equalizer, putting rich and poor together. (Proverbs 22:2)

B. The anointing oil consecrated everything in the tabernacle to God. (Exodus 40:9-15)

1. We also need to consecrate everything to God.

2. God deserves our whole lives.

II. Spiritual Victory: Obedience (Exodus 32)

A. Moses went up on the mountain and the people lusted after idols.

1. People need leadership. (Matthew 9:36)

2. Followers of God are called sheep.

a. No sports team wants to be known as sheep.

b. Sheep are harmless and stupid.

3. The people knew Moses was going up the mountain. (Exodus 20:18-20)

- a. The people served idols in Egypt. (Josh 24:14; Ezekiel 20:8)
 - b. They only needed to wait one more day for Moses but they failed.
- 4. When people lust for sin they do not think logically.
 - a. In their hearts they turned back to Egypt. (Acts 7:39-40)
 - b. They wanted a god they could make after their own interests.
 - c. They changed the glory of God into foolishness. (Psalm 106:19-21)
 - 1) The world makes gods like animals.
 - 2) The world insults the true God.
- 5. Aaron allowed the people to gather their gold in order to make an idol. (Exodus 32:2)
 - a. People will pay to sin.
 - b. Loving money affects the whole life.
 - c. Aaron tries to trick the devil by having the people pay for their sin but they went after it anyway. (2 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Corinthians 10:5-15)
- 6. God had Moses go down to the people, calling them Moses' people.
- 7. Moses insisted on calling them God's people.
- 8. No one likes to claim the results of sin.
- 9. Amazing things will sidetrack people, and God used this to test the people. (Deuteronomy 8:2; 9:7-21)
- 10. God wanted to destroy Israel and begin again with Moses. (Exodus 32:10)
 - a. God was testing Moses here.
 - b. God will test us when we least expect it.
 - c. Moses had an opportunity to lead the Mosesites into victory.
 - d. Moses interceded for the nation, becoming a great man in Israel. (Ezekiel 14:12-14; Jeremiah 15:1-6)
 - e. God would have destroyed Israel had not Moses interceded for them. (Psalm 106:23)
- 11. Moses prayed, asking God to remember his promises to Abraham. (Exodus 32:11-14)
 - a. Moses asked why God's wrath burns against his people.

b. If He destroys Israel Egypt will hear of it and disparage God.

c. Moses claimed the promises of God in prayer.

1) God's promises prompt our prayer.

2) Our prayer activates the promises.

12. Descending the mountain Joshua thought the shouting was war.

a. Moses knew it was singing and cast the stone tablets down before their eyes in order to display how bad their action had been. (1 Corinthians 10:7; Acts 7:41; Psalm 106:19; Deuteronomy 9:17)

b. Moses had been with God and had the boldness of God and made the children drink the powder of the golden calf.

1) The apostles were also bold when they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

2) The cure for the fear of man is the fear of God.

3) Aaron might have gone along with the people because he feared them.

4) Moses feared God more than the people.

13. Moses questioned Aaron about this sin.

a. Aaron pled for mercy.

b. Aaron pled ignorance in that the calf came out.

c. No one wants to claim the results of sin.

14. Moses saw the people were naked and asked who is on the Lord's side.

a. Those who did not show themselves to be on the Lord's side were killed, 3000 men.

b. We will face options of doing right or wrong and the consequences can have long lasting effects.

c. We must find the will of God for our lives and obey him.

15. Moses made atonement for the sin of the people.

a. Moses asked God to blot his name out of God's book if He would not forgive the sin of the people.

b. It looks like Moses is hard to the people, but he cared for them.

c. Moses knew more about the glories of heaven than any other person, and he still was willing to be blotted out of God's book.

1) Paul also knew more about the glories of heaven than any other man yet he still prayed to be blotted out of God's book on behalf of his people. (Romans 9:1-3)

2) Moses and Paul prayed fervently; they did not just pray prayers.

3) Fervent prayer takes time to develop.

4) Being a prayer warrior is rare in the church.

16. The people were forgiven by the prayers of Moses.