***How Shall we be after Victory?***  
This week we will look at the story of Elijah in 1Kings 18…

How shall we be after a victory?

How to be covered against backlash?

“And now you say, ‘Go, tell your master, “Elijah is here”’!  
1 Kings 18:11 NKJV

The prophet announced his presence! Elijah is here is not just a statement but a proclamation and a judgment…

In 2022, our first quarter in San Francisco, God gave us a word! Elijah is here! Or the Spirit of Elijah is here! I remember telling us that and what it meant. I remember telling us to be led only by the Spirit of God.

Do you remember how careful we were up to this time in our going to San Francisco? How we only did what the Spirit of God will lead us to do? How to do every step in this assignment. So was going to the Philippine conference. We were told how to prepare before and while we were there and during.

Now how for us after? Already we are experiencing warfare in our body? And possibly in our spiritual condition. Today let us understand victory and how to conserve it.

Victory defined:  
Victory can be defined as overcoming or winning in a competition or struggle over an opponent, or difficult problems.

The bible teaches us that we have already been given the victory: “For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”   
(1 John 5:4, NIV)

For Paul, life in Christ is similar to a military battle or an athletic contest, in which it is crucial that one triumph.

It is crucial that those who run in this race run so as to obtain the prize   
(1 Cor 9:24)

Paul describes his own life as pressing on toward this same prize, the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:14)

However, believers can be thankful to God, who, in Christ, always leads them in triumph ( 2 Cor 2:14)

In fact, Christ has already publicly triumphed over the hostile principalities and powers ( Col 2:15)

Let us remember what scripture says in Ephesians 6:12:

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—”  
Ephesians 6:12-18 NKJV

Today let us meditate on the above scriptures. Come under the leadership of Holy Spirit if you have been astray and have been in the flesh rather than have been continually gathered in the Spirit please repent, get back to walking in the Spirit.

See Romans 8

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