

Week 8 - Psalm 18:37 - 42



The Restoration Of All Things

“I will restore to you the years the locusts have eaten”

Joel 2:25

I have pursued my enemies and have overtaken them; nor did I turn till they were finished.

I have shattered them, and they cannot rise up; they fell under my feet.

And You have girded me with strength for the battle;

You have bowed under me those rising against me.

And you have given me the neck of my enemies that I might cut off those hating me.

They cried, but no one is there to save; to Jehovah, but He did not answer them.

And I crushed them like the dust before the wind; I emptied them out like the mire of the streets.

Within Genesis 3:15, a promise is given to the serpent – his defeat! “He [Christ] will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” The above words in Psalm 18 ring with the sound of victory – but let us be mindful, victory came through the suffering of Christ.

✚ **Christ’s Victory;** Through his life, death and resurrection Jesus the Christ disarmed and conquered sin, death and hell.

✚ **David’s Victory:** David’s words are not of vainglory but rather high praise, giving glory to God for triumph over his enemies. *“In everything he did he had great success [he was very wise] because the Lord was with him.”* [1 Sam18:14] David was armed and made dangerous – **yielded** unto the Father to carry out His will.

✚ **Our Victory: Truth will set us free – John 8:32**

Our Identity *“We are more than conquerors through him who loved us...and nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* [Romans 8:34-19]

The Battle *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities and powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”* [Ephesians 6:12]

The Warfare *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world...they have divine power to demolish strongholds...that sets itself up against the knowledge of God **and we take captive** every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”* [2 Cor 10:4-5]

As we reflect on the Psalm 18 verses, it is important to place David's bold accounts of victory in context of the previous 36 verses. In distress he calls out to the Lord for help and experiences God's faithful presence; rescuing, rewarding, protecting, strengthening and training him for battle. Even in the darkness David learned that the Lord was with him and is mighty to save. He believed God – and rested [walking in faith/confidence and trust] From this place of rest David saw the Lord fight for him and could boast of His faithful presence and power through the victories the Lord gave him., *"I have pursued my enemies and have overtaken them.. and finished them."* [Deut 20:4, Ex 14:13-14]

When God is with us sins and troubles are consumed by the power of His grace - battles are won. Thank Him for the victories He has given you, battles that raged against you from the world, the enemy and your old nature.

In 1861 Thomas Adams, known as the Shakespeare of Puritan Theologians wrote, "Though passion possess our bodies, let patience possess our souls. The law of our profession [as Christ followers] binds us to a warfare; "Patiendo Vincimus" "Our troubles will end, our victory is eternal." John 16:33 reminds us that, *"In this world we will have troubles but we are to take heart for Christ has overcome the world."* In areas of your life where you feel the battle continues, ask the Lord for His weapons with the divine power to demolish arguments and pretensions [in the circumstance] that sets itself up against the knowledge of God. Ask also for the grace to take every thought captive; thoughts about God, yourself and others. Ask the Lord for the wisdom and patience to rest in His faithfulness. Read out loud; Ephesians 6:10-18, Galatians 5:22-23

At the very beginning of the Psalm 18 initiative, David Damien from Watchmen for the Nations called the Body of Christ to a 40 day period called, "The Yielding." This was a time of extended grace from the Lord to draw us deeper into a place of oneness of spirit with Him. This theme has become an integral focus as we journey through this Psalm.

Within this 40 day period there was an international gathering in Egypt - an unprecedented time where followers of Christ worshipped and communed together from Egypt, Syria and Israel. Upon the team's return, David Damien delivered a prophetic message titled, "The Restoration of All Things" to his home church in Canada. About his experience he said, "Egypt for me is another sign that the countdown is going on," and he referenced 1 Corinthians 2:9, *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."* He began his message with these words, "This is the time the Lord has been speaking about [like] in Acts."

Here are excerpts from his message.

"Never before has this happened, 150 sitting together... leaders from the nations seeking the face of the Lord to hear what the Holy Spirit wants to say. We heard God. We felt what the Holy Spirit wanted to do...when we entered the meeting every session the Lord would say, "You have done well, I am pleased with you. You have come together in one accord. I was able to reveal my heart to you. But this meeting is mine. Step aside and I will do what I want to do. You have done your part. Now let me do what no man can do." Sovereignly the Lord moved. It reminded me of all the stories in the bible when they walked around Jericho; when Gideon took the 300, when Jehosaphat took the worshippers in the front. The bible says after they did all what the Lord had asked them to do. The bible says, "Then God"..."Then God" Every time..."Then God." "Then God." I asked the Lord, "Why did you ask them to walk around the walls if it is your act any way. Why did you ask them to do that?" - That's our part, to remove the stone, but the raising of Lazarus is not our place. That's His place.

Acts 3:19-21 tells us, *"Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets."* Jesus must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything.

Say it over your life speak it with faith! It is not humility to let go of your inheritance. It is not humility to let your kids be stolen. It is not humility to let your inheritance disappear...And I believe that there is something about the rising up in our spirit in this season because Jesus is waiting for the restoration; on every level, on your personal life, on a national life, on your church, on every level the restoration of everything.

I want to say this with all my heart. This is what the Lord spoke, "I want you! I want to engage with you," The Lord spoke to us from 1 Corinthians 6:17, "*Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh. But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."* In the context of "*two shall become one flesh*"it's about oneness...is it your spirit or the Holy Spirit? No difference anymore this is the restoration of the unity.....this is the season.

There is something different I need to step in....I don't know how to do that....I don't know what to do and the Lord said, "Let me do what you cannot do, just long for me. Long for me. Desire me and I will do what you cannot do." And this is the season we are in - He will do what we cannot do. ...all what he needs is a yielded heart. "Here am I Lord." Today Jesus is standing at the door and knocking, He is speaking to us/the church, "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*"- I'll be one with him.

How great is our God! How great is your God![Do you think] He is the one that could not change you. He is the one who did not fulfill his promises. He is the one that did not bring your hopes and dreams to pass. **It is time to cancel the accusations and what the enemy has done in our minds.** How great is your God? - Faithful, faithful to the end.

This season we want to clear the air of even how we looked at ourselves, how we looked at God, how we looked at one another. The countdown is here. He is here to do what you could not do. But he needs you to say, "I yield, I surrender." Even our trial has failed, our repentance needs repentance. It's time to say, "here am I, you know my weakness, my judgements over myself over my brothers and sisters. ..

He shook the idols He shook the ancient days.....He is going for the restoration of all things.. ..The glory of the latter house and the house is not walls – it's you and me. The latter house is greater than the former house ...Aslan is on the move. This is the hour! Hear this! He will do all that man cannot do - give it to him, surrender your thoughts, your emotions, your finances, your children, your husband, your wife, your parents, this is the time. How great is our God!

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