Victory Has A Voice

Rev. 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb. And by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.

Sound
There is power in Sound.

• A group of scientists determined to prove how potent sound waves can be.
  o They placed a selection of unfortunate laboratory animals
    ▪ on the receiving end of very high-powered
    ▪ low-frequency sound waves
    ▪ that are below the hearing threshold of the human ear.
  o The exposure to these sound waves caused internal bleeding
    ▪ and even destroyed muscle tissue in the bodies of the test subjects.

• There is power in sound.
  o That shouldn’t come as a surprise, however.
    ▪ The use of disconcerting noise to unsettle the enemy is hardwired into most higher animals.
      • Lions roar, dogs growl, and monkeys shriek all to intimidate their foes.
      • Armies blow their trumpets, beat their drums, sound the bugle and play the bagpipes to instill confidence in their troops and strike fear in the heart of their enemies.
      • The war cries, taunts and shrieks were all about unleashing fear and intimidation upon the enemy.
      • to the war cries, taunts and piercing shrieks used to intimidate enemies.
• Balak and Baalam noted in Numbers 23:21 that, in regards to Israel there was the “shout of a king among them.”
  o There is undeniable power in vocalization
    ▪ There is power in your praise.
    ▪ There is power in your worship.
    ▪ There is power in what comes out of your mouth!
  o Your enemy is intimidated when you worship your God.
    ▪ The accuser of the brethren,
      • the one who would like to silence your praise
    ▪ Is frustrated and intimidated when,
      • in the middle of his attack against you,
      • you begin to praise God!
  o This was what struck fear in the heart of Baalam and Balak.
    ▪ The shout of a king was among them!
  o Some of you have struggled.
    ▪ Some of you have been under attack.
    ▪ Some of you have wrestled with the opposition of your enemy.
    ▪ Some of you have been oppressed, have been discouraged, have felt hopeless...
  o You ought to send Hell a message tonight!
    ▪ You ought to let the devil know that the shout of a king is still in your heart!
  o Nothing has the power to stop your praise!
  o Nothing has the power to silence your worship!
    ▪ Only death can quiet you and only God holds the power of life and death!
    ▪ Nothing that hell can do can stop you from praising God!

Modern science has harnessed the power of sound.
• Believe it or not
  o some of our nuclear submarines
  o use small sound powered engines
  o in their refrigeration units.
• Sound is capable of levitating objects in space.
  o There is an experimental conveyor system
  o in actual use today
  o that uses sound waves to lift a microchip into the air
and carry it through the production process
while nothing at all physically touches it.
  That sounds like science fiction but the technology exists today.

Sound is a waveform
- It is defined by two variables, frequency and amplitude.
  These waveforms possess the singular ability to move whatever they come into contact with
    regardless of how big or how small it is.
  Even the densest granite vibrates on a molecular level when sound waves pass thru it.
- When these sound waves, and their resulting vibrations, are harnessed the results are incredible.
  The human voice contains within it the capacity to break glass.
  Sperm whales use it to incapacitate the large squid that form the basis of their diet.
  And medical doctors use it to crush kidney stones.
- All by the power of sound!

The author of Hebrews is careful to note that it was “by faith” that the walls of Jericho fell down.
- The book of James teaches us that faith without works is dead.
  At Jericho the faith of Israel resulted in obedient action that produced the worlds first sonic weapon.
- A few years ago I read a scientific report that demonstrated how that God may have used the simple science of sound and vibration to destroy the walls of Jericho.
  Those walls, and their enormity were the obstacle that stood between the children of Israel and victory.
  Those walls were massive and they were very real.
  History says that the inhabitants of Jericho held chariot races on top of those broad impregnable walls.
- I want to demonstrate a principle tonight and it starts at Jericho.
  Because it was at Jericho that we first began to recognize the fact that victory has a voice.
    And there is incredible power in the voice of victory.
• Science tell us that in the constant marching around the circular walls of Jericho
  o The footfalls of a quarter of a million Jews
  o Established a powerful cadence.
• The resounding rumble of an army of believers marching around the walls of Jericho
  o created a pattern of vibration that set those mighty walls into motion.
• As the children of God totally encircled the mighty obstacle
  o that was blocking their entrance into the promised land,
    ▪ they transferred to it the power of vibration.
• Each day, long after the marching had ended,
  o it took time for those stone walls to settle back into their foundations,
  o for the vibration to cease,
  o for the motion to end.
• No one could see it.
  o Not the marchers.
  o Not the inhabitants of Jericho.
  o But the power of obedience focused the power of sound
    ▪ Caused those mighty walls to tremble.
• Day after day for seven days,
  o God utilized the obedience of his people
  o and the laws of nature that he created
  o to cause the strongest defense that could be built by man
  o to become a fragile thing.
• When that seventh day finally rolled around
  o That mighty army marched around those walls again
  o But this time they didn’t stop after only one trip.
  o In obedience to God, they marched around those walls 7 times.
• The powerful sound of those marching feet literally set the walls of Jericho into motion
  o but it wasn't the vibration that brought them down...
    ▪ it was the shout!
• On the seventh circuit on the seventh day
  o there arose from the ranks of Israel the shout of a king!
• The deafening crescendo of worship,
  o the magnificent voice of victory
• provided the impetus that catastrophically disrupted the rhythm.
  o The steady motion of those trembling walls
    ▪ was shattered by the deafening roar of victory.
  o And the walls that no man’s hand could ever destroy were laid low by a shout!

**Victory’s Voice**
I’ve come to tell somebody in this place this evening that Victory has a voice.

• There are obstacles and trials in your life that will only be overcome by the voice of victory!
  o There are some things that will not be destroyed by any other power than the power of worship in your life.
  o You’ve struggled under a heavy burden of doubt and insecurity.
  o You’ve battled the steady persistent voice of the enemy of your soul.
  o It is high time that you heart soar and gave victory a voice!

We see in the first part of Revelation chapter 12 the struggle that occurred at the time of Christ’s birth.

• It outlines for us the spiritual upheaval that took place between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of Light.
  o There was an intense battle that was raging.
  o There was a “war in the heavens”
  o As Satan tried to stop the Promised One from being born.
• And when we come to our text, in verse 11, we understand the spiritual warfare that is taking place there surrounds the birth of the Church Age.
  o Verse 11 deals first of all with the beginning of the Church Age, which started in the book of Acts, and its referring to the struggles and victories of that “Book of Acts” church.
• But, the core message that seems to pulsate through this chapter is found here in these verses!
  o Because, in spite of all the trouble
    ▪ In spite of all the battles
    ▪ In spite of all the wars
In spite of the fact that the Devil is fighting with every trick in the book

- In the face of all the opposition of Hell...

- John said,
  - I heard a voice!
    - And that voice said that salvation and strength is coming!
    - That voice said that the Kingdom of God is being established
    - And the power of Christ is starting to be manifested
    - And all the gates of Hell can’t stop it!

- That’s enough to shout about right there!
  - But there’s more!
    - “and the accuser of our brethren is cast down”!

I’ve come to tell somebody in the house that the enemy is defeated!

- He’s “cast down”!
  - He’s not “going to be…”
    - He already is!
  - He doesn’t have any authority over a child of God.
    - He doesn’t have any power in the life of a believer.

- He can attack you and he can besiege you and he can bring trouble on every side.
  - But the word says that when you resist him
  - HE MUST FLEE!

- He’s already been beat!
  - He’s already been overcome.
    - Somebody ought to shout!
      - Satan the blood of Jesus is against you!

- Stop letting the devil push you around!
  - Tell him to get out of your mind.
  - Tell him to get out of your family.
  - Tell him to get out of your home.
    - Send him a message tonight.
    - Tell him I will praise God no matter WHAT is going on in my life!

- One songwriter put it like this –
  - I went to the enemy’s camp and I took back what he stole from me...
because he’s under my feet!!!!
- Somebody needs to launch a campaign to take back some things!
  - Take back your joy!
  - Take back your praise.
  - Take back your peace of mind!
- Somebody ought send up some praise!
  - The accuser is cast down!

From there the narrative makes a transition.
- The text declares: “And they overcame him...”
  - This is a prophetic announcement
    - It is talking about the church.
  - It applies to every believer.
    - Every person that is filled with the Holy Ghost
      - “They overcame”
      - That means me...you!
    - We are “they”!
    - We are overcomers!
- The key word for me here is “overcame”!
  - It means to subdue;
    - to conquer;
    - to prevail against;
    - to get the victory!
  - And the Word declares –
    - “They overcame him!”
- Let me tell you something: This is the back of the book!
  - This is the end of the story.
    - That which is born of God overcomes the world!
    - The church is destined to overcome the adversary of their souls!
- John, looking through the lens of prophecy sees the church struggling with the devil and he declares:
  - They overcame him!
  - They subdued him!
  - They conquered him!
  - They prevailed over him!
  - We have the victory!
• Sometimes it is just as important to note what scripture doesn’t say as it is to notice what it does say.
  o It doesn’t say that they shall overcome.
    ▪ It doesn’t say that they will overcome one of these days!
    ▪ It doesn’t even say that they should overcome!
  o But what it does say is powerful.
    ▪ It says they overcame...past tense!
• In other words, the victory has already been established!
  o It’s a done deal!
    ▪ It’s signed, sealed and delivered!
    ▪ The devil is defeated!
    ▪ He has lost!
• And he doesn’t want me preaching this tonight,
  o As a matter of fact, the devil has tried his best to hinder this message.
    ▪ But I’m going to proclaim it anyway!
• The battle has already been won!
  o I know you are right in the middle of the struggle.
  o I know that you are in the heat of the battle.
    ▪ But listen to what I’m telling you:
      • Hold on, because you win!
      • Hang in there, because you are going to come out on top.
      • The fix is in, the devil can’t win this fight!
• The devil has tricked some of us into thinking that he’s still got enough power to wage war against God!
  o But the truth is...he’s a liar and the father of it!
    ▪ The truth isn’t even in him!
• I hear a voice, the Voice of Victory in this house tonight
  o And it is saying, “The kingdom of God is being established in this city!”
    ▪ The Power of God is being manifested in this place!
    ▪ The hand of God is upon his church.
  o And the enemy is defeated!
    ▪ The accuser is cast down!
    ▪ The Devil is defeated!
The text says “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony”.

- “Overcame” originates from the greek word “NIKE”.
  - Nike, in the Greek language, has this definition:
    - The method or means by which victory is achieved.
    - Or, to have at your disposal the available resources to achieve the victory.
- I’m trying to tell someone in the house
  - that there are some resources that are available to you
    - We have the ability to be an overcomer.
    - We have the resources to win this battle.
- We are made overcomers by the Blood of the Lamb and by the Word of our testimony!
  - This is how you win this battle.
  - These are the resources that assure your victory.
- I want to help you for a few moments tonight to understand these mighty resources that God has placed in the life of every believer.

**The Blood**

They overcame “by the blood of the Lamb”.

- The first resource that causes us to overcome our enemy is the precious blood of Jesus Christ!
  - Anybody thankful for the Blood!
    - Thank God for the blood!
- They overcame “by” the blood.
  - That means, on account of
  - Or on the grounds of
  - Or because of “the blood of the Lamb”!
- Satan’s accusations against us would be unanswerable because we have all sinned...
  - we have all fallen short of the glory of God.
    - But the blood changes everything!
  - The blood meets every accusation with the mercy of God.
  - The blood answers every charge with the innocence of Jesus Christ!
- When the accuser of the brethren drags up your past and beats you down in your present...
  - When the accuser reminds you of where you have been and what you have done wrong in your life.
o When the accuser indict you and impeaches your very character
  ▪ You don't have an adequate response.
  ▪ You are guilty as charged.
  ▪ You're not perfect and you know that you are not.
    • But the Blood!
    • The Blood has an Answer for the Accuser!
    • The Blood has an answer for every accusation!
  ▪ Thank God for the blood!
• When the accuser of the brethren stands in the throne room of heaven and accuses you in the presence of God.
  o The blood cries out
  o It's already been forgive.
  o Its already been atoned for.
    ▪ Judgment has been stayed,
    ▪ mercy has been loosed,
    ▪ the blood has prevailed!
• I say “Thank God for the blood of Jesus”!
  o Somebody ought to stand and say “Thank you Jesus”!
    ▪ Somebody ought to remind the devil, I may not be perfect, but the lamb of God was spotless...
  o When the devil tries to get you to plead your case,
    ▪ You need to plead the blood!
  o We are made overcomers by the blood of the Lamb!

In Jewish theology, their rabbis have a traditional belief that Satan will accuse men all the days of the year, except for the Day of Atonement.
• What's so significant about the Day of Atonement?
  o The Day of Atonement is special because that’s the day when the blood was applied!
    ▪ On that day the blood silences the accuser.
• I’m glad I know another Day of Atonement!
  o It happened about 2000 years ago on a hill called Calvary.
    ▪ And on an old rugged cross the blood was shed...once and for all!
• When I fell to my knees and repented of my sins,
  o the blood was applied
    ▪ and “there is therefore, now, no condemnation”!
      • Because it’s under the blood!
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• Hey! I know a way to silence the Accuser!
  o “It’s under the blood”!
• I know a way to shut the mouth of that roaring lion –
  o “It’s under the blood”!
• What sin are you talking about?
  o It’s under the blood of Jesus”!
• What mistake? What fault? What failure?
  o Thank God for the blood!
    ▪ There’s power in the blood!
    ▪ There’s victory in the blood!
    ▪ There’s hope in the blood!
    ▪ There’s healing in the blood!
  o I’m made an overcomer by the blood!

• An old poet wrote about it this way:
  o I asked them from whence their victory came
  o And they with united breath
  o Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb
  o Their triumph to His death

• If you ask me where my victory comes from,
  o it comes from the blood of Jesus!
• If you ask me where my joy comes from,
  o it is the joy of my salvation
  o and it comes from the blood.
• If you ask me where my peace comes from,
  o it is the contentment of knowing that my sins are washed away
  o and it comes from the blood!
• Oh, there is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb!
  o We have the victory because of the blood!

The Voice
The Blood alone is enough to shout about but the scripture doesn’t stop there.
  • The word says - “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony”.

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“And” is a conjunction that joins two complete thoughts together.
  ▪ The concept of overcoming is void without both parts being applied.

• Listen, you’ve got to get this:
  o These aren’t two separate independent elements of victory.
  o They work together.
    ▪ We overcome by BOTH the blood AND the word of our testimony!

• Anybody can believe in the blood,
  o but if you want to apply that victory in your life,
    ▪ if you want to subdue the enemy,
    ▪ You will have to recognize that victory has a voice!

• There is power in your testimony!
  o One theologian said it this way:
    ▪ It is on the grounds of our testimony that we are made victorious.
    ▪ Our testimony demonstrates our victory!

• Victory has a voice!
  o It is the voice of your testimony.
    ▪ It gives an outward evidence of an inward reality!
  o When we testify about the goodness of Jesus and all he has done for us
    ▪ Right in the middle of our trying circumstances
      • We demonstrate to the devil that we are not defeated!
      • We give Victory a voice
      • And we are made overcomers by the word of our testimony.

• Watch this, the blood and the testimony work together.
  o When Paul and Silas were locked up in chains
  o After having been brutally beaten for preaching the gospel.
  o They began to sing in the midnight hour.
  o Why did they begin to sing?
    ▪ Because even thought they were in chains on the outside,
    ▪ they were free on the inside!
  o The blood of Jesus Christ had set them free
• And no amount of chains, shackles and prison bars could change that reality.
  o So they began to sing!
    ▪ They gave voice to the victory that was on the inside.
  o Their circumstances denied it.
    ▪ The evidence was against it.
  o But the blood said they were free.
    ▪ And the word said that where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.
      • So, being washed in the blood and filled with the spirit...
      • They began to sing!
  o When they began to sing, the prison walls began to shake because they gave victory a voice!
• That's why you can't afford to stifle your praise during the struggles of your soul.
  o Your victory is attached to the word of your testimony!
    ▪ When you worship God
    ▪ When you declare your liberty
    ▪ When you recognize that the circumstances of my life don't limit my freedom
    ▪ When you begin to praise him no matter what is going on
    ▪ You loose victory into your life!
• We are made overcomers by the reality of the blood of the lamb and by the recognition of the word of our testimony!
  o When you start to praise God, you give testimony to the spiritual reality of your life.
    ▪ When you begin to bless God you testify to his goodness in your life.
    ▪ And your testimony becomes the very thing that brings the victory to your situation!
  o When you open your mouth and declare “Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised”
    ▪ That’s victory saying I will not be silenced!
  o When you shout “I will bless the Lord at all times, in every circumstance, in every situation...”
    ▪ That’s the voice of victory that looses the overcoming power of God in your life!
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• When you throw back your head and declare “Thank God for the blood” – there’s victory in your testimony!
  o We are made overcomers by the blood and by the word of our testimony working together!
    ▪ If the blood has set you free, act like it.
    ▪ If the blood has made you whole, worship like it.
    ▪ If the blood has made you victorious, then let the shout of victory be loosed in your life!
  o There is power in your praise!
    ▪ Victory has a VOICE!!!

• It’s not ‘how’ you praise that makes you an overcomer.
  o It’s ‘because’ you praise that brings the victory!

Testimony
In order to understand just how powerful your testimony can be, you’ve got to realize what a testimony really is.
• Testimony comes from the Greek word from which we get the English word Martyr.
  o It means a witness or a record of evidence.
• When you study it out it has to do with somebody’s personal experience.
  o Not anybody else’s experience, but my own!
    ▪ You don’t know, like I know,
      • what the Lord has done for me!
    ▪ And because you don’t know like I know,
      • then you can’t tell it, like I can!
• You may not understand why I shout like I do!
  o You may not understand why I worship like I do!
  o You may not understand why I run, and dance, and leap for joy!
    ▪ But it’s because you weren’t there when He found me!
      • You didn’t feel what I felt!
      • You don’t know how far down He had to reach to pull me out!
    ▪ You don’t know the Mercy and Grace that was poured out in my life!
• Listen: YOUR TESTIMONY MAKES THE VICTORY OF CALVARY PERSONAL!!!
  o It looses Christ’s victory into your life
• It demonstrates – thru faith – that the victory is won!!!

• Acts 1:8 says that “you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses...”!
  o There it is!– it’s the same word as “testimony”!
    ▪ You shall be a testimony!
      • You shall be the evidence of my mercy and power!
    ▪ Your personal experience is going on record!
      • Everywhere you go, there’s gonna be evidence that you are an overcomer!
  o And not only will you have a testimony,
    ▪ but there will be Power in that Testimony!
      • The Power of deliverance is in your testimony!
      • The Power of healing is in your testimony!
      • The Power of salvation is in your testimony!

Close
The message is real simple tonight
• I know you’ve got problems and circumstances in your life
• I know the devil is fighting you.
• I know that everything seems to be against you
  o But I submit to you that the key to your victory
    ▪ is in your mouth!
  o Give victory a voice!
  o Testify of the goodness of God
  o Demonstrate that you have the victory
    ▪ and watch the walls come tumbling down!
• The thing that stands between you and your promise may seem as massive as the walls of Jericho, but listen to your pastor tonight:
  o Two things worked together to bring those walls down:
    ▪ Their obedience and their worship!
• Your obedience caused you to repent of your sins, be baptized in the name of Jesus and to be filled with the Holy Ghost.
  o The blood is applied to your life through obedience.
    ▪ That deals with the sin problem.
• But it is your worship that overcomes the obstacles in your life.
  o It is your worship that changes situations.
• It is your worship that cases walls to crumble.
  o It is your worship that looses the overcoming power of the blood to transform the spiritual landscape of your life.
• Let me challenge you tonight, no matter what is going on in your life:
  o Give victory a voice!
  o Lift your voice, loud and long, and praise God and see what he does in your life!