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The Saints who gained Victory through Faith"

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Bible reading: Romans 5: 3-5 (KJV)

³ *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;*

⁴ *And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

⁵ *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Hello everyone,

Today I am going to speak to you on the topic, "The saints who gained victory through faith." I think the most important thing for us today is the extent to which we are able to have faith. When we are able to have a true and absolute faith, all issues and problems can be resolved through it.

We have received this special grace that all of our sins are forgiven in our faith. Today's scripture says, "We glory in tribulations." Even in the midst of tribulations we have joy because we know that we are in the special position where even in tribulation our True Father in the spiritual world is always with us, works with us and cooperates with us.

For a person who has absolute faith their hearts can be opened to God; ways are opened for them to go to God so they can be in harmony with God. We have no merit and yet without any merit it is by faith that we are able to receive God's forgiveness for our sins.

I once knew an older woman in our church who said that she was very grateful for her faith that gave her joy even in the midst of tribulation. Think about it: how is it that a person can be joyful even happy in the midst of tribulation, in the midst of trials? It is only by faith that we are able to achieve this.

Think about it: it is easy to be grateful when things are going well, but how difficult it is for us to be grateful when things are not going well, when we are in tribulation, when we are in trial! The incredible thing is that if you are able to be grateful in that kind of situation, then that gratitude multiplies, and increases the amount of gratitude that you are able to feel.

Verse 3 says that *we glory in tribulations*; it means that even in the midst of tribulation, we are joyful, we are grateful, we are happy. When we reach that state, a way for victory is opened before us.

Tribulation worketh patience means that patience comes from tribulation. And what does patience produce? Patience produces incredible victories. This is not something that just anyone can attain; it has to be someone who has faith. When the saints of the past were put in jail and were beaten by their jailers, they would sing hymns; the more severely they were beaten, the more loudly they would sing those hymns.

And patience, experience; and experience, hope: patience brings experience, and experience gives us hope. Those who are filled with faith, those who are filled with the Holy Spirit can be in an unbearable situation where hope is impossible, and still have the hope that can bring victory.

The King said to me today, " Oh! I was filled with the Spirit; I felt a strong spirit." I can tell from that that he is so filled with the Spirit that when he is speaking the Word, he does not realize how much time is passing; from that I know that he truly lives a life filled with the Holy Spirit.

When we are filled with the Spirit, when the Spirit resides in us, we are able to live a holy life and that way we are able to gain victory.

In ¹ Thessalonians Ch 5: 23 (KJV)

²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So when our Lord, our True Father comes to us, our whole spirit, our soul and body can be kept blameless; that is very important. By faith we are given the special privilege to be the sons and daughters of God, and He bestows on us the special grace of being forgiven.

And not only that: by faith we are given special authority to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. Those who believe can be resurrected even if they are dead; for those who believe there will be no obstacle. So God places us in a very special position where we may be the owners of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the Book of Revelation it says that the Kingdom of Heaven is a place where there is no death; this is a wonderful place that cannot be described by words.

¹ *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

² *In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

³ *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

Also in Revelation 22; 1, it reads:

It also describes how the tree of life bears twelve different kinds of fruit, and how the leaves of the tree of life will cure all diseases. The Kingdom of Heaven is a place where there is no curse, where the throne of God stands and where the people attend and serve Him. It is a place with a bright light, and where there is no shadow. The Kingdom of God is a place where a lamp and the sun are outshone, a place where the saints of God can see each other's faces and be happy to be with each other.

When the saints of God were in prison, they lived lives where they could experience the Kingdom of Heaven. They would sometimes be in prison for seven or eight years but they maintained patience and hope, so they experienced the Kingdom of Heaven, even in prison. This was their victory. We need to model ourselves after their victory so we can also experience the Kingdom of Heaven in our lives today. We can do that in faith.

We can have such a life here on earth where we are able to speak with God directly, to ask Him questions and we are able to receive his answers; all that is possible through faith. We can have that kind of incredible experience but it requires a living faith. So let's examine ourselves today to see what kind of faith we have.

I saw many times in the past where True Father would have faith in something that was completely unbelievable and yet he believed in it and he gained victory in that fact. When a person would come to Father and tell him, "Oh, Father! I had this kind of spiritual experience," Father would consider that as if he had experienced it himself, as if he had been there directly. He would encourage and comfort that person. We need that kind of faith where we are also, like Father, able to experience these things.

I could see that Father's faith was not something contrived, artificial, or forced; it was something that came, whirled out of him, just naturally. It was something that he already possessed naturally, and I could see that it was this kind of faith that gave him the ability to gain victory even in situations that seemed impossible.

A very strong Holy Spirit is residing in our 2nd King, and it is with that kind of a spirit, that he can gain victory even in difficult situations. We need to be with him and work with him in Sanctuary Church.

This morning I would like to encourage you and ask you to live a life experiencing the Kingdom of Heaven, to live such a life that you can be in the presence of the Holy Spirit of God.

Thank you very much,

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