

# **“GOD PROVIDES PERFECT VICTORY”**

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God has provided all that is needed for us to be victorious in everything, spiritually, physically, financially, in the home or at work, and every place that concerns us. The Blood has been provided as the merit; the entire power of God is the means, and the Word of God tells us how to receive it.

God has provided for us to have our spiritual deliverance from the power of the devil and every evil thing. To have our heart and conscience in a position to exercise real faith and to be able to enjoy God's presence at all times.

The devil will always try to get us to hang on to something that is not fully according to God's Word and to make us feel that we can't get our victory over it. He does this to defile our conscience and to make us think that we can't have perfect victory in everything.

As long as the devil can defile our conscience and convince us that we can't get our victory, he will hinder our fellowship with God and our enjoyment of all the manifestations of God's presence.

This is one of the most valuable possessions that a Christian could have; to stop and realize that we really do have the presence of God with us, and we can enjoy all the manifestations of His Almighty presence with us.

When God has that place in our hearts, things won't matter like they used to. It will make no difference to us if friends are favorable to us or unfavorable, whether things turned out as we wanted or just the opposite. When God is with us our every interest will be taken care of and all that we may need will be provided and He will keep us safe and perfectly happy.

The reason it is so easy to get upset when something happens to us or someone says something unpleasant to us, is because we are not resting in God. When we rest in God and place everything in His hands, these things won't matter to us anymore.

Jehoshaphat learned to rest in God. When those three armies came against him, it didn't make any difference to him how strong they were or if they had no power. He believed God was present with him and knew that His ability is sufficient for everything.

It makes no difference what the circumstances might be, God can turn the worst circumstances into the greatest blessing, when met in God's way.

If we get upset, we are resting in circumstances. We are to settle it as Romans 8:28 tells us, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God," When we are resting in God, we know that it will all work out for the best and we will be happy. When we have God, we would not mind how it turned out.

Satan is always trying to keep us from enjoying God's presence with us. He tries to convince us that it isn't possible to be victorious in everything. He has many plans and schemes that he uses as excuses for us to not be victorious. But once we are convinced that God has an ample provision for us and it is more than sufficient for any need that we may have, we are getting close to victory.

It is only our toleration of the devil that allows him to do these things to us. If we find ourselves making excuses for our lack of victory, we are accepting the devil's excuses. That is one of Satan's plans to rob us of God's power and blessings that He has waiting for us.

No one can exercise true faith in God while their conscience is being defiled and they are doing something that they know is not according to God's Word. One thing for sure, God has a plan for our full deliverance, and we can be victorious in everything.

There is no excuse for not living an overcoming life in every part of our life. As long as we are making excuses, we will never meet things right. When we have settled it that there is no excuse for us and that our blessings here and our hope of Eternal Life hereafter, depends upon our meeting all things Scripturally. We will begin to find out just what God has provided and learn how to apply it in our daily lives and find out that it is delightfully easy.

When we become willing, then God can work for us. He cannot work until we have that willing heart. The very moment we surrender our will to be His will, without

reservation, then He can work and will give us the light and wisdom and strength we need to receive our victory.

The first step we must take in order to receive full victory in all that concerns us, is to make a full surrender of our lives to God, regardless of the cost and to live up to the teaching of the New Testament. We can't do this in our own strength, but only in full dependence upon the power of God. That is how many Bible characters reached the place of perfect blessing and victory in their lives.

It was no trouble for Cornelius to receive his victory. It was because he was definite and firm in his decision. He said, *"We are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."* (Acts 10:33) Cornelius believed God's Word, and verse 44 says, *"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."*

Paul had that unconditional surrender to go God's way and he was healed of blindness and was filled with the Holy Spirit. He was definite in wanting to do God's will. He said, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do." Acts 9:6

Paul's willing heart enabled God to work in his life. Three days later, God sent Ananias to Paul and in verses 17&18 Ananias said, *"Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."*

Paul was healed immediately, without delay, because he had settled it to go God's way. The scales dropped from his eyes, and they were opened, he was given perfect eyesight and God's Holy Spirit dwelling within.

Our uniting with Jesus Christ's death and resurrection life and power depends on a clear conscience. If we don't have a clear conscience, we are not in a position to believe that our heart is pure and clean. If there are things in our lives that we know are not scriptural, anything that we may be tolerating, we can never believe that we are united to Christ.

It is a fact that the full power of the resurrection life of Christ cannot flow through us unless we believe with our hands clean and our hearts pure.

Psalm 24:4-5, *“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”*

We are to be kept by that life, by the power of God; but it is through faith. When we are living with a defiled conscience we cannot believe.

We are told in 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:20, *“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.”* If we are tolerating anything in our lives that is not according to God’s will, we cannot believe.

This does not mean that the Blood of Christ does not cover our sins, but it does mean that through our defiled conscience we will be unable to believe God’s Word. Our sins are forgiven, but we cannot believe this when we have a defiled conscience.

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:21-22, *“Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”*

That shows the condition of using Mark 11:24, *“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”*

We are to have a clean heart, or we will not be in a position to believe. If we don’t, Satan can overwhelm us with his doubts and fears and block our answers to prayers.

Proverbs 28:13 tells us just how to get thoroughly free from every defilement of conscience. It says, *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

That means that if we go along with something that we know is not right. Maybe a little thing in the home, or holding a grudge against someone, or it may be an activity that may be a little questionable. Then it is obvious that we are willing to listen Satan’s suggestions and we have laid aside God’s will.

Proverbs tells us that if we cover them up or tolerate them, “we will not prosper.” It will work against us somehow or another. It will be like leaven in a lump of dough, going through us and spoiling our whole Christian life and robbing us of all the blessings God has in store for us.

If there is anything in our life that is defiling our conscience, we should go before God in earnest prayer and settle it that this must be gotten rid of, and we will no longer tolerate it. We will not have it any longer and are going to give it up and forsake it finally and forever. If it is truly given up right, it will go.

The devil tries his best to get us to think that we cannot give it up, but we can give it up in God’s strength alone. The very moment we are willing to give it up, confess and forsake it, He is faithful and just to forgive us.

1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

The very moment we have truly surrendered and have given up every evil and unscriptural thing and attitude, we are in a position to truly believe that we have a clean heart and that we are a branch on the true Vine and that the full power of the resurrection life of Christ can flow through us freely. Then we are in a position to believe right and take the same attitude that Paul took when he said in Galatians 2:20, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

Paul was positive, his conscience was cleared up, as he said in his trial before Felix the governor in Acts 24:16, *“And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.”*

Paul taught this as one of the main objects of the Christian life, “to always have a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.” That would place us in a place where we have confessed and forsaken anything in our lives contrary to God’s will and settle it that God has made the provision and that we are going to have it and nothing less.

Satan's great object is to have us tolerate something less than perfect victory. If that is what we accept, it gives him the opportunity to make things unpleasant for us. If we have truly confessed and forsaken all sins or wrong attitudes, God says that He will have mercy and will 'cleanse us from all unrighteousness'.

Then we can exercise real faith in Him and have whatsoever we desire, Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

It is the same in every part of our life. As long as we tolerate the devil, he will stay. When we stop and take into account that Jesus bore all our troubles, our sicknesses and all our sins for us on that Cross, we will refuse to tolerate it and then we are in a position to believe God and accept that perfect victory that He has promised.

When we confess our unbelief and unwillingness to believe Him right, then God can cleanse us and inspire us with confidence that we can believe unto perfect victory. All God asks is our free-will choice. If we tolerate the devil, God cannot work, but if we go to God in faith and believe we have what we have prayed for, GOD PROVIDES PERFECT VICTORY.

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