Victory is on its way

Isaiah 40:28-31; Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

- ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.
- ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,
- ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

In verse 28 we read of 3 names given by God as He spoke the Word to Isaiah.

Everlasting God. He's been God for all eternity of the Past, Present, and Future.

The Lord; that just means Jehovah

The Creator; All things are Created by Him.

And we know He is a God that will meet needs. BUT for the Church; Could it be we are so spoiled by the secular world that it creates frustration and struggles in the Spiritual world because we expect everything to happen so quickly?

The truth is, we do not serve a microwave God into which we can pop our problems and have instant results. God wants us to seek His face, Pray, and at times, even Fast as we wait His divine answer.

Folks it is the will of God to give us great Victory in our lives.

Yet there are times when those Victories come only after a season of difficulty.

SO; How do you cope when Victory seems long in coming? How do you stay secure in faith during the waiting process?

SOMEONE NEEDS TO HEAR THIS; It is very important to remember that in all reality, our starting point IS VICTORY.

Victory was **firmly won** by Jesus at Calvary when He died on the Cross and rose on the 3rd day.

Our success or failure during the time of a dark trial depends on our reactions to all we may be going through. Life does not hinge on the circumstances we face, but on how we respond to them.

Ask yourself; What do we do while waiting on Prayers to be answered and for Promised to be fulfilled?

What do we do while waiting on the Fulfillment of every "Wait" promise in the Word of God?

What do we do while waiting for Victory?

We Radiate God's Presence

Exodus 34:29; Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came

down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

When Moses stood in the very presence of God, the encounter resulted in a human face glowing with the refection of God's Grace and Power. He was literally Radiation God's presence.

Moses was Radiant and his time with God had a noticeable effect on his appearance, and it didn't happen just one time. It kept happening, and every time he stood in the presence of God, he Radiated with God's glory.

The mere afterglow of God's glory was something that the people could not physically tolerate, so Moses wore a veil to shield them from it.

Whether seen on our faces or heard in our testimonies, God's glory is evident when we have been with Him in worship, weather at church or home. Yet, how we Radiate God's presence while waiting for our Victories reveals much about our hunger for God's presence and how much time we are spending with Him.

<u>LOOK AT STEPHEN</u> in Acts Chapter 7, we are told of the martyrdom of Stephen. After Stephen had testified of Jesus being the Son of God and the prophesied Messiah, he was dragged outside the city and stoned to death. Just prior to his death, Stephen lifted his eyes and beheld the glory of God as he saw Jesus standing at the Father's right hand.

As they were stoning Stephen, His last prayer on earth was asking God to forgive those who were throwing the stones at him. He prayed; in Acts 7:60; "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. A couple of different translation says that He Died.

How can this kind of grace be so evident in a man's last moments of life? The answer may be found in the chapter before 7. Acts 6:15; And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

Stephen Radiated the presence of Jesus that he loved and served. He had been with Jesus, even in the trail of his life, it was obvious. The outward reflection of God's presence on Stephen's face was proof of the inward dwelling of His Holy Spirit.

We should Remember God's Promises

God's Word flows with Promises that offer solutions to the problems in our lives. There are literally 1,000's of Promises in the Bible. We could spend a lifetime studying in the subject of the Promises found in the Word.

NOW here on earth, we are accustomed to making Promises, being given Promises, and seeing Promises broken. **BUT WITH GOD**, His promises are as engraved in stone as the 10 Commandments were throughout the ages.

Peter tell us in 2 Peter 1:3-4; As His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have **been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

When God makes a promise, it is for our greater good and for His Glory.

Peter also said; 2 Peter 3:9; The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

In every trial of life always remember tat there is a promise for your Problem.

If your need is **Financial**, rely on Philippines 4:19; And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

If you are afflicted with **Sickness**, lean or Exodus 15:26; For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

If you are Lost in **Chaos**; look to Proverbs 3:6; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

If you ae consumed with **Fear**, draw courage from Ps. 91:1; He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

If you are deep in **Despair**, embrace Ps. 121:1; I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help?

If you are wrestling with **Loneliness**, look to Matthew 28:20; I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

If you are in **Sin**, look at 1 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.

And if you feel as no one **Loves** you, turn to John 3:16; For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Do not allow the devil to rob you of the Word of God and the Promises that are made for you.

Learn to Rely on God's Power

Man's ability cannot cope with today's problems, but God's unlimited power will always meet the need.

God's power is all sufficient and never fails. We tend to think of God's power in terms of physical strength, all-knowing, all-seeing, and all-knowledge, or as a wealth of resources at His disposal.

But the power of God is demonstrated by His ability to accomplish His will in every situation, both real and potential, through any means He chooses.

Isaiah 40:29; He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.

God never turns His back on His Word, and His Power is our greatest defense. *Matter of Fact*, God's promises in Psalm 91:9; Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place,

The writer is saying because you've made Him your Dwelling Place;

No Evil shall befall on you,

No Plague will come near You,

He will give His angels charge over you to keep you,

His angels will bear you up,

And You will tread on the things that would destroy most.

Let me just show you how powerful God is;

Ephesians 6:10; Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord **and in the power of His might.**

Matthew 19:26; But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible."**

2 Timothy 1:7; For God has not given us a spirit of fear, **but of power** and of love and of a sound mind.

1 Corinthians 6:14; And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

Ephesians 3:20; Now to Him **who is able to do** exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Romans 1:16; For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, **for it is the power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes...

Isaiah 26:4; Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, *is* everlasting strength.

Anyone getting this? But just in case you're not!

2 Corinthians 13:4; For though He was crucified in weakness, yet **He lives** by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

Exodus 14:14; The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Luke 10:19; Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

1 Corinthians 4:20; For the kingdom of God *is* not in word **but in power**.

Is this for anyone yet?

Psalm 147:4-5; He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great *is* our Lord, **and mighty in power**; His understanding *is* infinite.

Revelation 4:11; "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor **and power**; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

1 Corinthians 2:5; that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Romans 4:21; and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Just 2 more Church, but is anyone getting this or need this kind of Power in Your life today?

Isaiah 41:10; Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

But the sentence before this in verse 9 says;...And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

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2 Peter 1:4; By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

In this passage, Peter tells us that there are 4 things that you can depend on from God when trails come.

1) He will Perfect you.

Perfect in this passage means to make an adjustment and put in order.

2) God will Stablish you.

The word Stablish means to make strong.

3) The Lord promises to Strengthen you.

Strengthen here means to bind together so there is no wavering or falling apart.

4) God has promised to Settle you.

To be settled means to be grounded. Having a strong foundation.

The title of this message is; Victory is on it way. VR Family, Victory is NOT on the way, IT IS HERE!!

So if the devil attempts to claim victory over you tonight, push back with the strength of God's Word, and remember while you're waiting for victory. Radiate His presence,

Remember His Promises

And rely on His Power.