

Strike the Ground

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Text: II Kings 13:14-19

Victory is promised, power is present, but participation is required to see *complete* victory.

1. Victory is Promised because God is Present

What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus, who died-more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:31-34

2. Participation with Jesus Reveals Expectations.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11

“If sinners are zealous in their sins, should not saints be zealous for their God?” - Charles Spurgeon

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation-but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:12-13

3. Complete Victory is Possible

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2