

Volume 5, Day 30: Overcoming the World

"...we are more than **conquerors** through Him that loved us."
Romans 8:37 And in Luke 4:10 Psalm 91:11 the Bible says,
"... He shall give His angels charge over you to **keep** you."

We often gravitate to the victory lap after the race. We even brag about victory before it occurs in reality. We sometime do so because we believe that the scriptures we just read mean that we can and will be victorious. We also consider ourselves to be safe from harm and misery as sheep in the keeping of the "Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ." Yet, we at the same time spew out our complaints when we do suffer. We blame Satan or evil spirits or other people for our misery in the situation we find ourselves. And, to be honest, we sometimes think that God has failed to fulfill His Promise Keeping!

Now James writes in his epistle, that we should, "Consider it all joy when we encounter various trials..." Then he continues with the explanation of this outrageous statement! Trials serve an essential purpose for every person. The maturing or curing process takes time. It usually produces pressure and heat for the object being perfected for its intended use. Yet we want to have the benefits of maturity without the necessary steps to becoming mature.

We are more than conquerors. How can you be more than victorious? We are kept, but not from adversity and trials. So why does the Bible proclaim these things. We to be sure, it might seem like God sometimes fails us. And many of us believe that. But if we keep in proper perspective the meaning of victory from God's point of view, we can see clearly that He never fails us. He is always trust worthy.

What God offers us is victory over our worldly, selfish complaining about maladies and miseries. He enables us to face every trial as an opportunity to be victorious over our natural responses or reactions to negative experiences. Our testimony is as Jesus told His disciples at their last supper together, "...by this will all men know that you are My disciples, that you love one another as much as My Father and I have loved you!"

My Confirming Scriptures: Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan