THE PRICE OF VICTORY

Victory isn't free at any level

1. Victory After the Commitment

A. Is your commitment as fervent today as when you made it?

(1 Kings 8:61) Let your heart be completely devoted to the Lord our God to walk in His ordinances and to keep His commands, as it is today.

B. Have you forgotten your commitment to the Lord?

2. Victory During the Conflict

- A. Have you made your commitment to Christ?
- B. We enter into the conflict focused on the Victory.

(John 16:33) "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

(2 Corinthians 4:17) Therefore we do not give up, even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen; for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

3. <u>Victory Before the Confirmation</u>

- A. The cross of Christ Jesus was the turning point in the battle.
- B. The Lord's return will be the confirmation of the victory.

(John 14:2-3) "I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

(Matthew 24:30-31) "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

C. Can we live in the promise of "future victory"?