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Victorious Living

What is the secret for victorious living? One such secret is found in Psalm 103:7. The Psalmist reveals to the reader that “He (God) made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.” It is being revealed to us through this scripture that God made known to Moses His character in how He deals with mankind in the areas of righteousness and unrighteousness; along with His character as a loving and merciful God.

As we study the Book of Exodus, we learn God revealed much of Himself to Moses regarding the ruling of mankind and granting Moses to see more of Him than any mortal man. Moses “knew” God! “Knew” in Hebrew means to *recognize; comprehend; find out; make out; ascertain or to understand*. In other words Moses knew God intimately! He knew the “will” of God.

Can Believers know God intimately as Moses? Yes! Verse 8 of Psalm 103 reads “*the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*” Since creation God has been reaching out to mankind to reveal Himself within a personal relationship, but unfortunately many have refused His outstretched loving arms. To those who receive His gift of love and salvation God makes Himself known.

God has gifted every “born-again Believer” with the wonderful gift of Holy Spirit as their mentor. He dwells within each Believer to teach them God’s ways. As we draw near to God in our hearts studying the Word with Holy Spirit, God will draw near to us revealing His ways to us. Friends, God’s Word is alive and active! His Word will speak to our hearts guiding us to the truth of His ways. Do you want to know God’s ways (His will) or just His acts (His works)! The ways of God is an intimate relationship! The ways of God is healing! The ways of God brings transformation! Knowing the ways of God (His will) will enable us to make choices for an abundant life! Victorious living is knowing the ways of God. *(By Rev. Georgetta Head)*

Hell To Shun, Heaven To Gain

Rev. Georgetta Head

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13)

At our youth ministry a few years back, a teenage girl, which had attended a Christian School, shared with me what her Bible Teacher told the class, when asked the question, "why don't you teach about hell and the Cross." His response, "I don't teach on hell because I don't want to scare anyone, and I don't teach on the Cross for the same reason because it is too bloody!" How sad! People of all ages and cultures need to know the truth, *"there's a hell to shun, and a heaven to gain."*

The Bible has numerous scriptures recorded on what happens to evil doers and the wicked. The Books of Psalms and Proverbs alone have many poet and instructional writings about rewards for the righteous versus rewards for evil doers and the wicked. The Prophets and the Disciples warned the people of what will happen if they don't turn from their wicked ways. Friends, there is a price to pay for the debt of sins committed individually, and the cost is high. The cost? Eternal hell fire! Hell with burning fire is real and Heaven with all its beauty and eternal life with God is real! There are many "so called preachers," who Sunday after Sunday refuse to speak the truth found in the Bible about hell for fear of losing their congregation and tithes. That fear will hold them accountable before God because they are leading many people straight to hell. The Bible warns Pastors who lead His people astray: *"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord"* (Jeremiah 23:1 KJV)!

Growing up and well into my adulthood many Pastors at that time were still preaching the truth straight from the Bible. Parents were still teaching their children to avoid hell and to follow Jesus for eternal life. Many of the sermons being preached today are nothing more than book reports such as: prosperity, destiny, event programs and psychology. None of these book report messages or psychology will get anyone to Heaven because they are void of "Truth," which is Jesus. Also, materialism and having the ideal job or social status in life is enmity to God. These are worldly! None of these things can be taken to Heaven or to hell. The Bible describes hell as utter darkness, it is void of God, it is a place of torment where the fire and worms never die! There are pastors who preach this is figurative but God says in His Word, which is the Bible, that the effects of hell is literal and it will happen to all that reject Jesus Christ as their Savior.

We can make the choice whether or not we will accept Jesus, but we can't decide the path to God! There is only one way to God and that way is through His precious Son Jesus Christ and the blood He shed at the Cross. The price which Jesus paid for my SINS and for your SINS! Satan is the great deceiver! Just as he deceived Eve by distorting God's Word to get her to disobey God's Word, he is doing the same to everyone today who chooses to believe his lies and deception. Satan is powerful, but not more powerful than your choice to believe and accept the truth!

Everyday people watch TV, which is make believe, and allow that deception to desensitize them to the truth of God's word for living a godly lifestyle. Everyday people listen to the news, which is full of hype and half truths, and easily believe these hypes and half truths, which is designed to control their thinking. Everyday people read newspapers and magazines, which are written and promoted to sell news



at any cost, and they take this news into their minds without investigating the truth. So my question is, "why is it so easy for people to believe lies, but not embrace TRUTH which promises eternal life!" The truth! We are born into earth for but for a short time and all will die. The next question is, "upon death where will you spend eternity?"

Too many people, young and old of all races, are dying everyday having been deceived about the truth, and they will unfortunately spend eternity in hell. Friends, there is a hell to **shun and a HEAVEN to gain!** Will you continue to be deceived? Are you ready to break away from deception and lies? Do you know where you will spend eternity? Do you know that one day every one, "one-by-one" will stand before God and give an account for what they did on earth, good or bad? When we stand before God it will be too late to change our minds (Romans 14:11-12).

People love to hear that God is a loving God! Yes, He is a loving God, but He is also a God of judgment and wrath against evil doers. There will be, what the Bible calls, a "white throne judgment" for the wicked. Matthew 7:21-23 tells us that not everyone who says to God "Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, God will say to them "depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." At this judgment many will stand before Almighty God weeping and gnashing their teeth realizing their fate. Isaiah 3:11 reads "*Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.*"

Friends, God says it is not His desire that any should perish! So, He has made a way of escape for every human being. That way is through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus willingly came to earth to die for sinful men and women. His death was a horrible one! Jesus was beaten and nailed to a cross to pay the penalty of sin for every sin mankind has committed. God loves His creation, but will not tolerate sin!

Hell was not created for mankind, it was created for satan and his demons. Rebellious men and women who choose to follow satan by believing his lies and to reject Jesus as their savior are making their own choice to follow satan. They will receive the same fate as their father satan, the great deceiver, which is eternity in hell. The Bible describes hell as the absence of God's presence. There will be total darkness. It's a place where the fire and worm never die; individuals in hell will be conscious of pain and in constant torment for eternity. In hell individuals will be tormented in their minds forever as they remember in their minds of the wrong choice they made. Eternity is forever and forever, an unending torment.

Today, call upon Jesus before it is too late. Don't let satan deceive you another moment. Jesus is waiting for you with outstretched arms. Run to Him now, He is standing at the door of your heart as you read this (Revelations 3:20)! Make the right decision now! He will forgive you of any sin!

Rev. Georgetta Head



Journey In His Word

Abram - The Arrival

Genesis 12:6-7 *"And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him."*

Have you ever been on a long trip, or had to relocate for your job to another state with the entire family and family pets? You have a carload of kids fussing and yelling "are we there yet, I have to go to the bathroom!" You are at your breaking point, when you finally arrive at your destination.

Now, just imagine Abram traveling during Biblical days. His mode of transportation, his feet, donkeys, and/or camels. Genesis 12:5 tells us that *"Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came."* Abram's trip, with family, servants, and animals. from Ur, to Haran to Canaan was approximately 700 miles. This was quite a momentous journey and undertaking - truly a 700-mile "walk of faith!" History books record travel in Biblical days as dangerous and very difficult. Travelers didn't have paved roads, hotels, no food stops along the way, no prepackaged foods, no cell phones, and no AAA. It was the traveler(s) and the hard terrain, and in some cases wild animals lurking about. Now let's not forget Sarai! She was accustomed to living a comfortable life with family, friends, and a thriving community only to be told she was moving to an unknown destination! She was probably wondering if her husband had lost his mind.

Many thoughts also had to be going through Abrams mind, such as "did God really talk to me! Did I make the right decision? Sarai must think I am crazy for leaving comfort to struggle through tough terrain. None the less, Abram in spite of all difficulty and complaints, continued on this long journey being guided by God. The Bible doesn't reveal much about what transpired doing the family's 700-mile walk, but knowing our God as a loving and protective God, He watched over Abram and family. I would venture to say that with Abram being 75 years old, God may have given him supernatural strength and confidence to make this long journey without discouragement and health issues!

The Arrival

Finally, after months of treacherous traveling, Abram, family, servants, and animals arrive at their divinely guided destination - *the land of Canaan*. Holy Spirit ends the sentence in verse 6 *"And the Canaanite was then in the land."* What does Holy Spirit want us to learn from this phrase? That Abram arrived in the Promised Land, but it is occupied by hostile and impure people. Abram was probably concerned with this knowledge of entering into a land filled with wicked people and undeveloped land. This was going to be a trial of faith on Abram's part. He was probably wondering if his family would be harmed. (Canaan represents a lifelong battle of the flesh with Abram's seed then, and for Believers now.)

Abram - The Arrival Cont'd

Appearance of the Lord

A wonderful thing happens next, God doesn't allow Abram to ponder too long in thought, verse 7 reads, "And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him." Faith produces reward! Notice Holy Spirit doesn't say "the Lord spoke!" He says, the Lord God appears to Abram and makes a great promise to give to his seed (Abram) the land he was standing upon. In verse 2 of Genesis, God prophetically *speaks* to Abram telling him, He (God) is going to make Abram "a great nation!" Now we read in verse 7, the Lord *appears* to Abram speaking prophetically to him once again saying "I am going to give to thy seed!" Remember, Abram and Sarai are old and without children, which means God is conveying to Abram He is going to produce a miracle through them to bring this about!

The next thing Holy Spirit reveals about Abram is that he then builds an Altar before the Lord and worships Him. This building of the altar proclaims Abram believing God's promise that Canaan will be his seed's land and that the Canaanites would be dispossessed from the land. God honors faith and I must point out, this is Abrams first act of worship before the Lord and it is in the promised land! As we continue our study about Abram, we will discover he was a worshiper.

What can we learn from these two verses?

- Abram's journey was not without difficulty, but in spite of 700 miles of rough terrain and many trials he may have encountered, He believed God and continued his journey to the promised land.
- Abram's trip was divinely guided by the Lord.
- The Lord divinely protected Abram spiritually and physically.
- Abram arrives at the promised destination - Canaan.
- Upon arrival he notices that "*the Canaanites are in the land.*"

Abram discovered two things about the promised land.

- The Canaanites were hostile and impure people.
- The land was not as industrious and thriving as his native land.

However, this discovery didn't influence Abram to return home to what he was familiar with. His faith is honored by the Lord. The Lord appears before Abram and prophetically speaks to him. Abram becomes a worshiper. He builds an Altar and worships God confirming that he believes God's promise.

If you were asked by the Lord to travel hundreds and hundreds of miles from home to an unknown destination with limited resources, what would your reaction be like? Would you complain? Would you step out in faith and do what God asks of you, or would you hesitate?

Did you know that the Lord honors faith? Whenever we live our life through faith trusting God for the results, the rewards are tremendous.

Let's end today's study with **Hebrews 11:8-9** which says of Abram's journey "*By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:*"

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"Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." (Matthew 15:21-28 KJV)

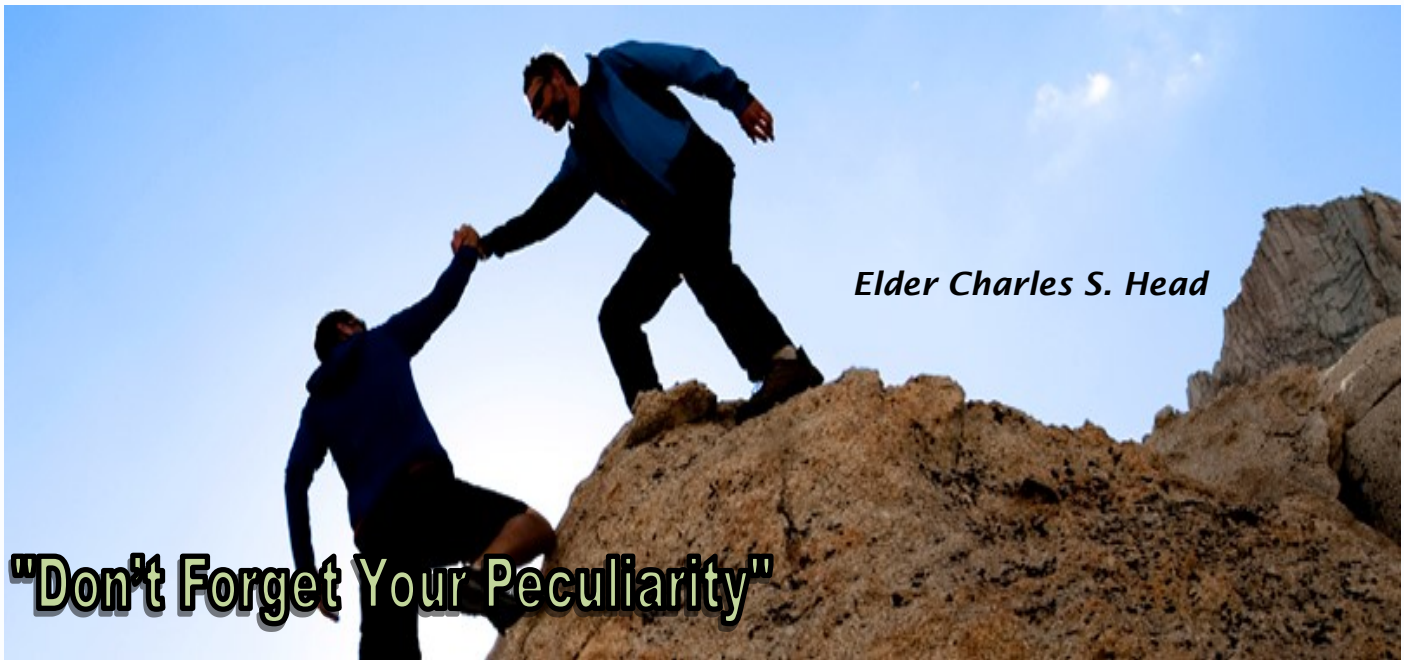
Have you ever wanted something so badly, that you never gave up pressing, seeking, and hoping for your hearts desire—especially if your desire is for your sick child? In Matthew 15:21-28 above, there are several facts and principles we can glean from for personal application. As we study these scriptures, note that Jesus' fame had proceeded him and everywhere He went people sought after Him desiring to have their physical needs met. On this particular journey it's the same, but Holy Spirit is pausing here to reveal to the reading some important facts and principles regarding this incident. So let's study these scriptures.

Fact: A Canaan (Gentile) woman cries out to Jesus for mercy and acknowledges Him as Lord and "the Son of David," she states her physical need: "my daughter is vexed with devils!" In Biblical days Jews and Gentiles didn't mingle or acknowledge one another! **Principle:** For this Canaan woman to call Jesus "Lord" and "Son of David" is her way of acknowledging that she believes in Him as her Lord.

Fact: Testing her faith, Jesus doesn't respond to her cry! The disciples not understanding what is happening, want to send the woman away. But Jesus knowing her heart cry replies, "*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" **Principle:** Faith perseveres! Faith doesn't give up! Faith hopes! And that is what this woman did! She fell down and worshiped the Lord—her Lord, asking for mercy!

Fact: Jesus continues to test her faith by replying: "*It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.*" **Principle:** Faith holds on! Faith doesn't look at what it sees, faith believes in Truth—the Word of God! By faith she replies: "*Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.*"

Fact: Hearing the Truth produces faith! "*Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*" **Principle:** Let the Word of God permeate into your hearts and mind producing steadfast and unmovable faith. This is the kind of "FAITH" that pleases God. God responds to "faith" that believes He can move the mountains in our lives.



Elder Charles S. Head

"Don't Forget Your Peculiarity"

The Lord has chosen a name for those who are saved – “*peculiar!*” We are considered a set apart people who He has set aside as lights to the world. Because of our transformation, how we function and the way we live our daily lives may cause some to come to the light of Jesus in us or stand in the way because our life causes the brightness to dim.

In 1 Peter 2:9-10 we read “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*”

We must keep in mind that God has given people of the world the right to watch us and expect us to be a representative of His kingdom to show His glory and give them hope for a victorious life in Christ. It’s a troubled time today in the church as many are compromising their “should be” Godly convictions in the name of things such as status, partiality, hate in our races, and followers of those that are evil rather than the Godly standard He has set. When we are caught up in this agenda we are no different than those who don’t profess Christ as Savior.

It is time to put away all our carnal thoughts and actions and be obedient to the command Jesus gave before He left this earth. He commanded us in the Book of Matthew with a title known as “The Great Commission,” which is “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” (Matthew 28:19-20)

We should never take lightly what Jesus has commanded us in God’s Word, it’s neither a fairy tale nor symbolic, it is to be read, meditated upon and applied with action to our life. Never should we as peculiar people get so caught up this world and forget our purpose to be ambassadors to both win souls for God’s kingdom by pointing them to the Light of Christ, and live as a light to others.

Yes, we all have faults, and we are not to bury our head in the sand and ignore the world around us, but at the same time we are to be more sensitive and mindful that we have an advantage with the Lord on our side. The hope that the world needs in the midst of all the crisis around us resides in us. Exercise it in order to bring fruit that can make a difference for others.

**Acknowledge God
In all your
ways and
He will direct
your path.
Prov. 3:5-6**



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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14:16)

*Are you in need of a Savior today? God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your Life. All you need to do is pray the "sinner's prayer below!"

*Dear Jesus, I come to you today as a lost sinner. I am asking that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin. I know that I need help and that I can't save myself. I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me.

*I realize in my heart the need of salvation, which can only come through You. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

*In obedience to your word, I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

*You have said in your Word which cannot lie, "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)."
"I have called upon your name exactly as you have said, and I believe that right now, I am saved.

*If you have sincerely prayed these words, which have been written out for you, and believed in your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are at this moment saved, and your name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. Congratulations! You are a "new creature in Christ and a child of God!" Now share the "good news" by telling someone else about your salvation.

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