

# **The Secret Victory**

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## I. Introduction. (Psalm 57)

- A. David put God between him and his enemies.
- B. He knew that exalting himself would not bring him victory.
- C. He knew that God's exaltation would bring him victory.

## II. Putting God where He belongs brings about our victory.

### A. The trouble of the world is that there is an inverted relationship between man and God.

- 1. We need to see Him big and see Him as exalted as He is.
- 2. Yet man has not placed God in His proper place.
- 3. When there is a choice between fleshly enjoyment and God, even the church usually chooses the flesh.
  - a. Few give up relationships for Christ.
  - b. Few give up friends for Christ.
  - c. Few give up self for Christ.

### B. We are putting man up and God down.

- 1. Men have become too willing to scratch one another's backs.
- 2. God has been given no place among men.

### C. Redemption had purpose in putting man down so that God could put man up.

- 1. God took on the form of man, became a servant, humbled himself, and took on the cross-these are all steps down. (Philippians 2)
- 2. We are exalted when we go down; if we try to go up right away, then God will keep us down.
- 3. Like Christ, we can afford to wait to be exalted.
- 4. Salvation has been watered down lately.
  - a. The purpose of salvation is not to tickle us and make us happy.
  - b. God's purpose is to invert the order of things.

c. We are to carry the cross of Christ.

1) We must choose God over family.

2) We must choose God over friends.

D. There is a ravishing knowledge of God available when we are abased.

1. Are we willing to receive Him no matter the cost?

2. We have too many bargainers.

a. God must be greater than our possessions to us.

b. Most people would not give all for God but would try to compromise.

3. We must give up our friends to the Lord-He will supply when we do.

4. We must give our life and health to the Lord-He will supply when we do.

5. May God be exalted above all things concerning us.

E. When we give it all up to the Lord, He may bless it and hand it back or He may not.

F. Before the kingdom of Christ can come in me, the kingdom of self must go out of me.

G. The language of heaven.

**Application questions.**

1. What is the role of redemption in relation to the improper order of things? How does it provide both an example and the means by which we are saved?

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2. Why does personal victory lie in putting God in His place? What does this mean? What does this mean in your personal life?

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3. The speaker asks if his audience is willing to give up all things for the exaltation of the Lord? Are you ready? What may be holding you back? What decisions will you make to put God in His place today?

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