

# Psalm 68

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David, or possibly Ezra, has written this song to remember the victory God has allowed His people to experience. If the song is accredited to David, it is easy to see the exodus from Egypt might be reflected in the words. If Ezra is the writer, the song might possibly refer to the first group of Israelites returning to Jerusalem after being released from captivity in Babylon (Ezra 2).

## Defining Victory

When we hear the word “victory”, our mind naturally gravitates to military battles. Most of us have not been on the front line of military maneuvers, but we have experienced battle. We often must carry out spiritual maneuvers on the front line of life, battling the enemy of our soul.

Let’s examine some military terms in a spiritual light. Dictionary.com gives the following definitions:

**Victory:** success or triumph over an enemy in battle or war

**Battle:** any conflict or struggle; participation in hostile encounters or engagements

When we put the words “victory” and “battle” together, we can have a simple working definition for our spiritual application.

*Spiritual Victory:* a success or triumph over an enemy in any conflict, struggle, or hostile encounter.

Each one of us has experienced conflict, struggles, or hostile encounters. It is very likely that many of you reading this today are currently experiencing conflict, struggles, or hostile encounters. This is result of living a world tainted by sin. In the midst of strife, however, we have good news and a cause to celebrate.

**Read John 16:33.**

What is our good news?

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**Read 1 John 4:4.**

What is our reason to celebrate?

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In John 16:33, Jesus confirms that we will have troubles in this world. John forecasts victory for all who are secure in Christ. Knowing that we will be victorious makes facing conflict, struggles, and hostile encounters more bearable. Our position in the battle is to hold onto the “will be.”

Scripture supports our “will be” stand:

Read 1 Peter 1:5. What can we trust God to do for us? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Philippians 4:19. What will God supply? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 8:18. What we will see in our suffering? \_\_\_\_\_

### Dressing for Success

Knowing we are going to be triumphant and successful is not enough. We must dress for success. Dressing the part always makes a girl feel confident. The apostle Paul selects an outstanding wardrobe, including accessories.

Read Ephesians 6:14-17.

List our success outfit including accessories, and don't forget our hat.

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### A Winning Attitude

Along with claiming victory and dressing for success, a winning attitude is essential. Life is hard, and it is easy to get ~~down~~ a defeated attitude when the battle heats up. Our mind begins to doubt God's ability to care for us, and sometimes, we question His sovereignty. But we can transform an attitude of defeat by knowing “winning attitude” truths found in Scripture.

Read Isaiah 54:17: What will prosper against me? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Philippians 4:6: What should I be anxious about? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Philippians 4:13: What can I do through Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Hebrews 13:5: Who will never leave or forsake me? \_\_\_\_\_

Read 1 John 4:4: Who is greater than our enemy? \_\_\_\_\_

These truths are worthy of memorizing, or at the very least, putting on an index card. For years, I recorded power verses in a spiral index card notebook. This book was my mini-Bible. It fit perfectly in my purse, and I could easily wield my sword when the battle heated up.

Our lesson today has fully equipped us for victory. We now must be determined not to live defeated—ever.