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Revelation 51

Jesus on Mount Zion with 144,000

Revelation 14:1

Revelation 14:1-5, *Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

The book of Revelation has unfolded, as the apocalypse as unfolded.

Revelation chapter 1 gives us the **First vision of Christ**.

The vision of Christ in all His glory, moving through His Church.

Revelation chapters 2 and 3, **Christ personal letters** to the **churches**, calling them to holiness and obedience.

Revelation chapters 4 and 5, we were lifted to heaven, to the very throne of God. We saw all action around the throne of God as God began to move to enact His judgment.

Revelation chapter 6 Vision shifts down from heaven to earth.

Revelation chapter 6-11, we were given visions of the judgments of God as He devastates the wicked of the world who refuse to believe the gospel and as He begins to take over the universe.

The description of the judgment of God runs from **chapter 6 through chapter 11**.

The judgement again continues in **Revelation chapters 15-20**.

We are in that interlude of **chapters 12 to 14**.

The purpose of **Revelation chapters 12 and 13** is to go back over the same time, the tribulation, and look at it not from God's

side, not from the side of God's judgment, but from Satan's side.

Revelation chapter 12 we saw Satan's effort to **destroy Israel**.

Revelation chapter 13 we saw Satan's **Antichrist** and Satan's **false prophet**.

By the time we come to **chapter 14**, we have seen the **tribulation from God's side**.

We have seen this time of tribulation to come upon the earth from Satan's side.

Satan will make every effort to destroy the Jews, to destroy any who believe the gospel, to build a one-world empire under Antichrist with the aid of the false prophet, the two beasts described in chapter 13.

Revelation chapter 14 takes us back to what God is doing. It doesn't pick up the judgments of the time of tribulation.

They get picked up again in chronological order in chapter 15.

Chapter 14 then marks a dramatic change.

- Chapter 12 and 13, Satan is in action
- Chapter 14, God is in action.

Before the specifics of the seventh trumpet mentioned back in chapter 11 unfold in chapter 15 and 16, here are three visions given in this chapter.

Three visions.

All three visions look at the victory of the Lamb.

- The first vision has to do with 144,000.
- The second vision has to do with a series of angels.
- The third and final vision has to do with the one who comes with a sharp sickle in his hand and brings judgment.

All three of these visions look at the victory, the triumph of the Lamb.

Chapter 14 is the top side of 13.

- Chapter 13 is the dark underside.
- Chapter 14 is the light topside.

- Chapter 13 is the dark picture of Antichrist and his people.
- Chapter 14 is the light picture of Christ and His people.

- Chapter 13 is Satan, Antichrist, false prophet, demons, damned, deception, idolatry, and the mark of the beast.
- Chapter 14 is God, Christ, angels, redeemed saints, truth, genuine worship, and the mark of God.

The contrasts are notable:

- Chapter 13 we have the beast,
- Chapter 14 you have the Lamb.

- Chapter 13 you have the false,
- Chapter 14 you have the true or the real.

- Chapter 13 the wicked,
- Chapter 14 the righteous

- Chapter 13 corruption,
- Chapter 14 purity.

- Chapter 13 blasphemy,
- Chapter 14 praise.

- Chapter 13 destruction,
- Chapter 14 protection.

- Chapter 13 death,
- Chapter 14 life.

- Chapter 13 6-6-6,
- Chapter 14 144,000.

There are other conflicts.

As we come to chapter 14, we are turning to God's side of the action again.

Immediately we meet a group of triumphant men who are in the classic category of winners namely the 144,000.

We have seen Satan's plan to take over. We have seen in chapter 12 and 13 all of Satan's assaults and all his enterprise.

We are going to witness in spite of all the effort by Satan and by demons, in the end they do not win. Because in the end, on Mount Zion stands the Lamb, and with Him the invincible 144,000.

This is a very important opening vision here in chapter 14. We need to understand all we can about these triumphant saints.

To understand that we need to go back to chapter 6.

In chapter 6, we begin to see the seals broken. Those seals being broken produce judgments by God. There is a false peace,

famine, pestilence, and death. At the end of chapter 6, the sixth seal is open.

- A great earthquake.
- The sun becomes as black as sackcloth.
- The moon becomes like blood.
- The stars of the sky begin to fall to the earth.
- The sky is split apart like a scroll.

Revelation 6:15-17, *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

Who can survive the fury?

Who can live through the four horsemen of the apocalypse, the sixth seal?

Then the seventh seal opened, and seven trumpets come out of that, all indicating judgment.

The seventh trumpet, when it's blown and seven bowls out of that, all indicating judgment.

Who in the world can survive all that?

The trumpets haven't even been blown yet,
The bowls haven't even been poured out yet.

Still the question is asked, **"Who can stand?" Who can survive?**

Remember, judgment has already been severe.

Before the question is even asked at the sixth seal, we have wars, famines, earthquakes, plagues, billions of deaths, sin running rampant over the world unrestrained, people being deceived by the Antichrist, a false religious system developing and growing up under the false prophet, blaspheming God, killing of Christians, killing of Jews. This is all going on.

Demons are being allowed to run rampant over the earth as Satan himself has been cast down to the earth and all his heavenly demons with him.

Antichrist has desecrated the temple and set himself up as god by the time of the sixth seal. He has done abominable acts. He has now established one-world religion that's the worship of himself. He has abominated the temple of God. The demons have been released out of the pit, and they are running over the earth.

It is a horrifying, unimaginable kind of situation.
The question is **will anyone survive?**

Revelation chapter 7, we get the question answered.

Revelation 7:1-4, *After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.* ² *Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,* ³ *saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”* ⁴ *And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:*

It goes on to tell **12,000 from every tribe.**

Who is going to stand?

Who is going to survive?

The answer: 144,000 are going to survive.

They are going to go through this thing and survive.

God is going to put a seal on them so they cannot be harmed.

They will be protected because they belong to him.

During God’s wrath, they will be marked out.

Malachi 3:16-18, *Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name.* ¹⁷ *“They shall be*

Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.”¹⁸ Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

God knows who belongs to Him, and they are protected when His wrath falls.

- ✓ God did it for Noah.
- ✓ God did it for Lot.
- ✓ God did it for Rahab.
- ✓ God did it for the faithful in Egypt.

God can do it again, and He will do it again.

There will be some people who will survive all of that. God introduces us to them in chapter 7. They are the 144,000.

If you want a wonderful psalm that supports this kind of protecting power of God.

Psalm 37:35-40, *I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.³⁶ Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.³⁷ Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.³⁹ But the salvation of the*

righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

God saying how He protects His own.

There will also be people from out of the nations of the world saved who will survive. They will enter into the kingdom.

Matthew 25 tells us that.

There will be a judgment of the nations, and the sheep, those who are still alive who are sheep in the sense that they believe the gospel and have been saved, will go into the kingdom.

Believing people, in addition to the 144,000, they will be spared. They will be protected. But there will also be others who will survive to enter into the glorious kingdom.

There will not only be people from the nations and Jews as well. The salvation of the nations, the salvation of the Jews will take place, and there will be Jews that the Lord will protect.

We saw that in chapter 12. We know that the kingdom will be filled with people from every nation.

Some of the Gentiles will survive,
Some of the Jews will survive.

Together they will constitute the people that make up the kingdom after Christ returns.

Many of them will die as martyrs.

Many of the Jews will perish as unbelieving Jews.

Some will die as martyrs because they have come to faith in the gospel. But many will survive.

But here is one specific group who will be preserved intact.

The question in **Revelation 6:17**, *“Who will be able to stand?”* Then you go to chapter 14, where we are, and you go all the way to the end, and he starts out, *“There standing on Mount Zion is the one hundred and forty-four thousand.”*

They were able to stand.

Saved earlier, dedicated and devoted to the service of Christ, 12,000 from every tribe of Israel, they became evangelists across the face of the earth. 144,000 men at a level of dedication never before seen. A unique group of Jewish evangelists who survived the whole thing, including the events of the day of the Lord. And there they stand, alive.

The world is going to want to kill Christians, and the world is going to want to kill Jews. All the Jews they want to kill, they are going to want to kill the 144,000 most.

The only people they would want to kill more than the 144,000 would be the two witnesses of chapter 11.

But fire goes out of their mouth every time they try and consumes the people that try to kill them until finally the Lord lets them be killed and then raises them from the dead.

They will have the same animosity, hostility, and bitterness against this massive evangelistic force covering the globe. The world will want to kill them but not succeed.

The promise was they would be sealed.

They would be protected.

They would be able to stand.

Here they are at the end, and they are standing. They have had a signet or a stamp to identify ownership, authenticity, security. They are marked as belonging to God. Just like the followers of the beast have their mark, the 144,000 have their own mark.

144,000 men who have never been defiled with women, who have kept themselves chaste, who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, who have been purchased as first fruits to God and the Lamb. No lie is found in their mouth, and they are blameless. What an incredible force that would be in the world.

They are pictured in a triumphant posture back in verse 1, standing on Mount Zion with the Lamb.

These are victors.

These are winners.

These have triumphed.

The scene depicting the Lamb on Mount Zion therefore presents the return of Christ.

- ✓ **Christ has arrived.**
- ✓ **Christ is on Zion.**

There stand the 144,000 victorious, having gone through the time of tribulation triumphant.

Currently around 50,000 missionaries in the world. Triple that, and then multiply this level of commitment, and you have an astounding group.

These are the kind of men who would be attractive to all of us as Christians, and perhaps the kind of men who might even be attractive in our culture, which is so enamoured with the image of a winner, a victor, a conqueror.

We don't like losers.

- If they are coaches, we fire them.
- If they are players, we trade them.
- If they are politicians, we vote them out.

We want winners. We want people who can face the greatest danger and be triumphant in the end.

A great champion **General George S. Patton** freely admitted that he loved war, where men were men. In fact, in battle he was a brilliant leader. A film was made about him called Patton. It captured his sort of macho spirit. In the opening scene, he strode on stage in front of an enormous American flag, dressed in full military regalia, combat helmet, chest full of medals, pearl handled revolver, knee-high boots, and a whip in his hand and announced, “All real Americans love to fight. American men love the sting of battle.”

This winner’s mentality was an incomparable asset on the battlefield. As his tank division went ahead of all others into the heart of Germany, or as he led exhausted troops for days without sleep to rescue trapped Allied Forces in the famous Battle of the Bulge.

The world is obsessed with winners. The courageous, the strong, the fearless, the undaunted, those who can do what we all wish we could do: win the big battle.

Those are the kind of heroes that American men have had through the last decades.

What about General George Patton, the great hero of World War II?

His fall began when he encountered a weeping soldier in a hospital behind the frontlines. When he saw that soldier weeping, he became enraged.

He slapped him. He kicked him. He called him a yellow-bellied coward and ordered him back to his unit. That incident received worldwide publicity, and Patton, for a while, was relieved of his command because of his merciless treatment of this soldier.

When a man is labelled macho, he tries to live up to it. This can be a real trap. It made him incapable of integrity, incapable of fidelity. He was married four times. He used alcohol to avoid admitting to painful personal situations. At the approach of old age, rather than face the diminishing power in his own masculinity, he shot himself in the mouth and left his brains on the wall for his wife to clean up.

Revelation chapter 14 introduces you to some real winners. On a completely different level.

We meet as triumphant a group of men as the world will ever know. In fact, surely there has never been and there never will be anything to equal 144,000 completely committed Christian men.

There are others in the Bible.

There is Joseph who was uncompromising.

There is Daniel who was equally uncompromising.

There is Paul, and there were more faithful, godly, stalwarts, preachers, witnesses to God.

But never, in the history of the earth has there been such a large group all together. Men of this level of commitment usually appear here and there, sort of isolated from one another, now and then.

But here is a force of godly men, 144,000 strong battle weary, having survived the worst holocaust in the world's history. Seven years of the onslaught of a combination of the wrath of heaven and the wrath of hell, the judgments of God and the assaults of Satan. Through it all they are triumphant.

They are 144,000 Daniels.

What made them so unique?

What made them so invisible?

What made them so victorious?

The scene here is depicting Christ's return.

We know that because the Lamb is standing on Mount Zion.

Here we have a vision given to John of the return of Christ to take over the earth, destroy the wicked, and set up his millennial kingdom.

This, then, is a glimpse of the end of the time called tribulation, the end of the time called great tribulation, when the Lord returns.

V 1, *the mark is on their foreheads.*

Remember the beast put his mark on the forehead or on the hand.

The mark of the 144,000 is on their foreheads.

The Greek word is ***Sphragis***, the signet, the stamp of God.

“This is Mine you can’t touch this.”

Believing, saved, redeemed Jewish men instrumental in the salvation of people from all the nations.

They preach along with the two witnesses, along with an angel flying in the heavens, proclaiming the gospel from space, and other believers who faithfully preach the gospel they will preach.

- They will call people to repentance.
- They will tell them of sin.
- They will speak of judgment.
- They will survive.
- They will go alive into the kingdom.

Once they get in the kingdom, they will keep doing the same thing. They are not going to change their job. Because when they get into the kingdom, there will be Jews going into the kingdom, and Gentiles.

They will all be believers, but they will start to have children. Their children won't all believe. In fact, by the end of the thousand-year kingdom, there is a worldwide rebellion against Christ.

I believe they will continue to evangelize during the kingdom.
I believe they will continue to bring people to Christ.
I think they will fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah.

Isaiah 59 talks about how that there is going to be salvation in the time of the kingdom. It talks about that all the way into chapter 60 of Isaiah.

Isaiah chapters 59 and 60 he talks about that.

Zechariah 8:23, *“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ’*

During the kingdom time, the Gentiles are going to be grabbing on the robes and saying, “Take me to the Lord. I want to see Him. I want to meet Him.” The 144,000 will do the same thing they did during the tribulation. They will survive it all.

It doesn't say, "And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him were 139,500."

They are all there.

That's the protective power of God.

They are all there, preserved to stand on Zion when the Lamb returns and to go into His kingdom and to continue their work. Here are some triumphant saints.

Now, that brings us to ask the question that I asked in the beginning. **What makes such a triumphant saint?**

The sovereignty of God. He marked them out.

Yes, but it is also more than that.

V 4-5, *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

It was not just the sovereignty of God.

It was their own character.

It was the level of their own spiritual commitment.

Had they turned their back on that commitment, God would have had every reason to turn his back on His promise of protection?

God will protect those whom He promises to protect if they themselves are faithful.

We know 144,000 of them are there. The 144,000 are protected, because 144,000 were faithful.

What was the source of their victory?

What was the source of their invincibility?

Power.

V 1, Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

- They all belong to God.
- They all belong to Christ.
- They are kept by the power of God whose they are.

They are marked out as the possession of God. Because of that they have the promise of the protection of God which calls for the power of God. This is the divine side of triumphant Christianity.

The God who promised, the God who possessed them would be the God who protected them with His power.

God, who cannot lie, when He makes a promise keeps His promise.

V 1, *Then I looked, and behold,*

This phrase or a similar phrase ten times in Revelation.

John continually calls attention to dramatic things.

John has already said it eight times.

V 1, *“a Lamb standing on Mount Zion,*

What Lamb?

Revelation 5:6, *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

The slain Lamb is none other than Christ.

The book Revelation, the Lamb crucified.

We see the Lamb glorified later in **chapter 5: 8, 12, & 13.**

We see the Lamb magnified, **chapter 7:9, 10, 14, & 17.**

Here we see the Lamb standing on Mount Zion.
We can follow your way right through this much of the book by just following the Lamb.

He is, standing on Zion. This is a monumental moment.

I cannot tell you how important this is. It goes all the way back to Psalm 2.

Psalm 2:6, *“Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”*

The day is coming when I will send the Anointed One, the Messiah, and He will take His place on Mount Zion as King.

Psalm 2:8, *Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

This is the great kingdom.

Psalm 2:9, *You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”*

This should be overwhelming, captivating for every Jew who has ever hoped for the fulfilment of Psalm 2, a Messiah who would come and ultimately reign as King, planting His feet on Mount Zion.

Psalm 48:1-2, *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. ²Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.*

Mount Zion doesn't just mean the little hill. It means Jerusalem, that great place. Mount Zion is where the Messiah is to come.

Isaiah 24:23, *Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the Lord of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.*

He is coming to Zion.

He is going to return to Mount Zion, to Jerusalem.

Strangely, some commentators think this is a vision of heaven.

They want to equate this with **Hebrews 12:22-24**, *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

There is a discussion there of a heavenly Zion, which is just another way to express the abode of God in heaven.

But there is also an earthly one.

This is the earthly one.

The whole point here would be lost if the 144,000 are in heaven, because if they are in heaven, then they didn't stand, and they didn't survive.

If these people are in heaven, then they died, and the promise of survival was void, and the mark didn't mean anything.

But they aren't in heaven. This is not the heavenly Zion of Hebrews 12. This is the Mount Zion of the earth.

Jewish tradition expressed that Messiah will come in Zion.

Joel 2:32, *And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.*

Isaiah 11:9-12, *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." ¹¹ It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt,*

From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. ¹²He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

Here are the most faithful, the most victorious, the most triumphant. They are the same 144,000 that were promised to survive in chapter 7.

Someone said, “The 144,000 isn’t an exact number. It is just a symbol for all the Church.” **Wrong.**

Another one said, “It’s just a symbol for the tribulation saints that survive.” There are so many strange views.

Seventh Day Adventist writer M. L. Andreasen, in his writing called **The Sanctuary Source**, maintains that the last generation of Christians on this earth, which he calls the old earth, will live completely without sin, sinless and thus give a final demonstration of what God can do with humanity.

This is a little hard for us to believe, that any generation of Christians could live without sin, particularly the ones who are on the earth, when all hell is breaking loose and the Restrainer is gone.

The Seventh Day Adventist writer further says this final demonstration will follow the example of Christ. “Prove that which God did in Christ He can do in every human being who submits to Him.” So, he is saying it will be a group of Christians who are as sinless as Jesus.

Now, if you happen to be a Seventh Day Adventist, you know that the most important act of righteousness is to keep the Sabbath. If you follow the logic a little bit, it’s going to be 144,000 perfect Seventh Day Adventists.

On the other hand, the **Jehovah’s Witness group** says it’s them. They had a little trouble once they went past 144,000, and they have sort of tweaked it a little bit.

The **Mormons** claim it’s them. They claim that they are a special group of history’s most outstanding Christians that are all collected in heaven for this scene.

We know who these people are.

Why do we have all these silly speculations?

We know exactly who they are.

They are 12,000 Jews out of every tribe. It tells you that in **Revelation chapter 7**.

It’s right there. It also tells you there that it’s the people who aren’t going to die during the time of the wrath of God.

- They are going to stand.
- They are going to survive.

Here they are.

They are there.

The Lamb is on Zion here on earth. He has come back.

He has done exactly what **Joel 2:32** said.

He has gathered His own people around Him. They are the ones who were sealed. They are the ones who had the name of the Lamb and the name of His Father on their foreheads.

They have God's name, and

They have the Lamb's name where everybody can see.

Conclusion:

They will live **Psalm 91**.

Remember that great Psalm.

Psalms 91:5-7, *You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.*

Psalms 91:11-16, *For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall [\[C\]](#)bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. ¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."*

This is not only true of the Messiah but also true of 144,000. Their victory and their triumph is due to God's power.

They are there in mount Zion the reason because they belong to the Lamb, and they belong to the Father. They are marked out, and thus they are protected.

The implication is they have been faithful so that God's keeping, protecting power has been committed to them.

You want to be a triumphant believer; you must depend on the power of God.

You must depend upon Him to hold you and to keep you. He promises that and He will take care of this part. You don't have to worry about this.

Do You want to be standing when the smoke clears?

Do You want to be a conqueror?

Do You want to be triumphant?

Do You want to be a man who is a victor?

Then remember this, the benediction of the book of Jude.

Jude 1:24-25, *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.*

Do you believe in the power of God to keep you, to protect you, to take you through the battle, to bring you out triumphant?

Philippians 1:6, *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

Do you believe the confident words of Jesus, “All that the Father gives to Me shall come to Me, and I have lost none of them, but will raise him up on the last day”?

All related to the power of God.

He will keep His own.

Do you believe that if God is for you, who can be against you?

Romans 8:31-39, *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The first characteristic, then, of the triumphant is they belong to God.

They belong to God, and consequently are His possession and are protected by His power.

I would say to you that a true winner, a real conqueror, someone who is genuinely triumphant is the possession of the God of all power.

Apart from God everybody is a big loser.