


Year of Victory
(December 30, 2018, by Rev. Anthony Menzel)

This year God did not give me a specific word for the coming year... However, as I was preparing this message, I felt in my spirit to declare the coming year a year of victory...

Scripture 1: 2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

Every moment we get closer to the Lord Jesus, we are more blessed... Therefore, each moment can be more blessed... And being blessed with more of the Lord Jesus is the most important part of having victory in our lives...
SO THE KEY TO MAKING 2019 A YEAR OF VICTORY IS CONTINUALLY GETTING MORE OF THE LORD JESUS IN OUR LIVES...

Scripture 2: James 4:7-10

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. ⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

We are going to quickly do communion again today... Last week someone missed out on communion... I spoke with the people who gave out the elements, and they confirmed that the person had their eyes closed when the elements were distributed... What we have learned is that those distributing the elements should ask people if they want communion even if they have their eyes closed... Likewise, if someone gets skipped for communion or anything else in the church, they should speak up right away... For example, they can raise their hand if I am in front of the church, or they can tap me on the shoulder if I am in the pews...

In any case, this year we will get closer to the Lord Jesus by having communion not only for Christmas but also for the new year...

As this new year begins, Lord Jesus, we want to say to you that we want to be with you more and more...
We can never get enough of you...

Scripture 3: 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ^[b]by the Spirit of the Lord.

We can always grow more in the Lord...

Scripture 4: Matthew 19:16-26

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good^[d] Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, ^[e]“Why do you call Me good? ^[f]No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and *your* mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept ^[g]from my youth. What do I still lack?”

²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

With God All Things Are Possible

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵ When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

[Scripture 6: John 17:12-26]

¹² While I was with them ^[e]in the world, I kept them in ^[f]Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is ^[g]lost except the son of ^[h]perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify ^[i]them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who ^[j]will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”]

Now we are going to partake of the body and blood of Jesus Christ...

As we do, we join ourselves with the Lord Jesus in a special way...

As we do, His life will flow through us, and part of that life will provide healing for each part of our beings, spirit, soul, and body...

I mention this about healing because so many people in our congregation are seeking the manifestation of healing...

Scripture 5: Leviticus 17:11

¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

Scripture 6: 1 Peter 2:21-24

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for ^[e]us, leaving ^[f]us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² "Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose ^[g]stripes you were healed.

We will now have a time of repentance and then our confession of faith to prepare for communion...

Scripture 7: 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and ^[f]blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks ^[g]in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the ^[h]Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many ^[i]sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Scripture 8: Acts 17:30

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Scripture 9: Romans 10:9-10

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with

your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Communion

As we join ourselves with the Lord Jesus in a special way during communion, remember that we are also receiving His healing power into our spirits, souls, and bodies...

Scripture 10: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ^[d]“Take, eat; this is My body which is ^[e]broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.