

The Way of Victory

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praises shall continually be in my mouth."

Psalms 34:1

When I was pondering over verse 15: "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." The Holy Spirit whispered in my heart, "why then does my people still suffers defeat?" I was caught off-guard by this remark. I found the answer in the preceding verse 11-14. Spiritual 'abortion' of our prayers come through ill-speaking of our speech (Eph 4:29-30). We incur self-sabotage through our lips (Prov 13:3). For negativism paralyzed our faith in God.

The psalmist repeats the same promise in verse 17. God is attracted by sincere humility (Ps 34: 2,6; 1 Pet 5:6). When our world crumbles and fall apart, we need to humbly surrender our lives into His hands like David did (2 Sam 24:14). Humility wins the favour of God (2 Chro 14:11). When nothing seems to work, humility is the remedy (1 Kg 21:29). All prayers uttered in the spirit of humility gets a hearing ear of God (2 Chro 33:12-13).

Faith can never be divorced from the issue of victory (1 Jn 5:4). When we believes wholeheartedly the promise of Psalm 34:19, we shall see the redemption of the last verse. When our hearts are set on God in daily praises, our faith will be firmly rooted in Him. Then we shall be able to taste the goodness of the Lord (Ps 34:8).