



## PRAYERS



## LEARN

**Commentary: "Victory in Jesus"**

Influential and prolific Gospel music writer, Eugene Monroe Bartlett, Sr. dedicated his life to Jesus at an early age. He was a singer, song-writer, producer and a very successful businessman. At the age of 54, a stroke rendered Bartlett partially paralyzed and unable to perform or travel. He spent the last two years of his life bedridden. Amid such bleak personal circumstances, and the world on the brink of World War II, he wrote his final and most beloved song, "Victory in Jesus." The three verses and refrain enthusiastically tell of one's own personal salvation experience from beginning to end. Bartlett composed more than 800 songs and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1973.

**Lyrics: "Victory in Jesus":**

I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, Of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins And won the victory.

I heard about His healing, Of His cleansing pow'r revealing. How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't To me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory. And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing,  
And the old redemption story, And some sweet day I'll sing up there, The song of victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.

He sought me and bought me

With His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.

May the Joy of Jesus fill your heart as you study *Victory over Death*.



## LIVE

**Discussion questions:** Read the text and scriptures below and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. How does Paul distill Christianity down to its absolute essence in this passage?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. What does Paul mean "your faith is futile"?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-34. What do you have to celebrate after reading these verses?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49. How does the metaphor of the seed help you understand what your own resurrected body will be like?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. How should believing the resurrection affect the way you live now?

Application Question: How does the Easter story help you do the work of the Lord?



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**Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer**