

## **Word and Spirit!**

### **Part 3: "A Majority Force in the World!"**

**Parallels to the Frog (Kermit and Reddy sing "You and Me Against the World!")!** Frog Prince about to get creamed! No one else around – except the One who sticks closer than a brother! Circus came to town and we were frightened by the "Clown!" Nice to be around some One big and strong and looking out for you! In all the times we cried, God was on our side! And when One of us is gone, and one of us is left to carry on... Our memories will have to do, our memories alone will get us thru... So think about the days of me and You... of *You and me against the world!*

***God and us is a majority force in the world!***

**Last Week!** Made the first move to defeat Misbelief... His deception that we can never get over the past; too damaged for the future! The issue is "Victimization!" Wants us to feel singled out, helpless, hopeless, self-focused and self-inflicting! Wants us to be negative, defensive, untrusting, unadventurous, sad... And SICK spirit, soul and body!

We're answering with resolve: "Not going to be a victim any more!" With the Cross, that set us completely free of the past, empowering the future! Filling up on faith! Leaving the old man, old ways, to receive God's mercy and grace! Had no idea his work was so invasive!

***Today, Spirit, Word and us coming against the spirit of "Disbelief!"***

**Not a minority! God and...** Noah against the world! Abraham against Abimelech, king of Gerar! Moses versus the Egyptian Pharaoh and his armies! Moses against the desert!

"Worried about the future? 40 years, no Walmarts, clothes didn't wear out, feet didn't swell... God still knows how to take care of us!" –Sonny Bowman

Not a minority! God and Joshua against the walls of Jericho! Gideon against the Midianites! Samson against the Philistines! David against Goliath! David against jealous Saul! David against his adultery! Elijah against prophets of Baal! Elisha against the Syrian army!

2Kings 6.13-23

"And when the servant of God went out early in the morning he saw that the entire city was surrounded by armies that had come to take them and he cried out, 'What are we going to do?' And Elisha said, 'Don't be afraid! There are more with us than there are with them.' And he prayed, 'Lord, open his eyes.' And the young man saw that the whole mountain was full of supernatural horses and chariots of fire around Elisha!"

Not a minority! God and... Hezekiah against the whole Syrian army! Nehemiah against detractors/ impossible project! Esther against scheming Haman/ extinction! Job against the devil! Daniel against the indulgences of Nebuchadnezzar!

**And this special forth-telling...** Surrounded by aggressive workers of the Anti-Christ... who have been spoiled by his vain flatteries... the people who know their God will be strong and do exploits! **Dan 11.32** "Don't say to Me that you are a child, go to all that I send you to and speak what I say to you. Don't be afraid of them for I am with you to deliver you says the Lord!" **Jeremiah 1.6-8** "You are My servant, I have chosen you, you are not cast off. So don't be afraid, I am with you. Do not be dismayed, I am your God. Everyone angry with you will be ashamed and confounded; they will perish. You won't even be able to find those who have contended with you; those at war with you will be as nothing. For I the Lord, your God, will hold your right hand, saying, fear not, I am your helper!" **Isaiah 41.9-13**

**Whatever the Adversary...** Worldwide depravity/darkness... Leaders hindering the way... The barrenness of desert experiences... Walls erected to keep you out... Overwhelming odds... Covetous

scheming people... Personal lusts/sin run amuck... Competing Systems of faith... Brute forces... Slanderers and their lies... The devil/principalities/powers... Your fleshly desires for pampering... *Sickness/disease/poverty mentality...*

**“YES! IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN OVERCOMERS!” “THRU OUR GOD WE WILL DO VALIANTLY, IT IS HE WHO WILL TREAD DOWN OUR ENEMIES...”**

**All those OT verses are updated and upgraded in the NT!**

**Upgrades...** OT kings, priests and prophets were overshadowed by the Spirit... **Who now lives and testifies within us! John 14/16, Rom 8, 1Cor 3.16, 2Cor 6.16** Least of the NT saints greater than the greatest prophets... **Lk 7.28** No longer just the people of God, **now we are the Body of Christ Himself...** Who loves, sanctifies, cleanses, nurtures us, Savior/protector us! **Eph5.23ff Col 1.18**

**We now have the Holy Spirit full time... not merely overshadowed!**

**Not a minority!** “The Spirit of God helps us in our weaknesses; for there are times when we don’t even know how to pray like we should, but He Himself intercedes for us with groaning’s that are not articulate to our ears... So then, if God is for us who can stand against us? And if He didn’t spare His Son but gave Him on behalf of us all how will He not give us all things? Who then can lay anything off on God’s elect when God has justified them?” **R8.31-33**

**We are neither victims nor are we a minority force on the earth... we are the cherished sons and daughters of the Living God! God with us makes us a majority force in, and up against, the world order! If ever there was motivation to embrace the Word and Spirit of God this is it!**