

# **SERIES: BEING LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD**

## **#1776: The Victor's Crown.**

Do you live as if you KNOW God's victory is assured?  
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NLT=New Living Translation

*At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."*

*Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!"* — 1 Kings 18:36–39 (NLT)

*When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, "So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?"* — 1 Kings 18:17 (NLT)

*About noontime Elijah began mocking them. "You'll have to shout louder," he scoffed, "for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!"* — 1 Kings 18:27 (NLT)

## **How To Live A Victorious Life**

- 1. Take God At His Word.**
- 2. Pray As If God Means What He Says.**
- 3. Live A Life Dedicated to God.**

*And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel. Then the LORD gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.* — 1 Kings 18:45–46 (NLT)