

THE SECRET OF VICTORY

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Introduction:

God used the experiences of King David to teach us many essential lessons.

The lessons David learned in his military campaigns have application to the daily life of God's people. This national lament that was sung in the temple embodies one of those lessons.

Evidently the historical setting for this lesson is found in 2 Samuel when Joab and the armies of Israel moved forward in a clear victory over the armies of Ammonites and the Syrians. While gaining this victory, Edom invaded the land of Israel. The young kingdom of David was in serious trouble. Would the Edomites gain enough strength to topple his kingdom and conquer Israel? It looked like a distinct possibility. In this time of national threat God taught David a lesson about the secret of victory. Is it not interesting that we learn some of our greatest lessons in a time of defeat?

- I. OUR DEFEATS ARE THE SIGN OF GOD'S DISFAVOR. (The loss of Victory)
- II. THE WORD OF GOD PROMISES VICTORY. (The promise of victory)

III. THE HELP OF MAN IS USELESS IN ATTAINING VICTORY.

(The vanity of man's help)

IV. THE PRAYER OF FAITH CLAIMS THE VICTORY. (The

Means of Victory)