

Jesus Christ - The Mighty Conqueror

We read in Romans 8:31-39,

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Furtheron some excerpts from God's messenger for this time:

Jesus Christ, the mighty Conqueror, Who conquered every temptation, every habit, everything that the devil put on man, He conquered it.

He conquered every sickness, He conquered every sin, every temptation, He conquered death, hades and grave. He possessed every gate of temptation. He was the promised royal seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:14-17).

When Satan took Jesus up to the top of the mountain for temptation, he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world (Mat. 4:1-11). Now, that was all that was and all that would be, all the kingdoms of all the world. And he said, "These are mine, and I do with them whatever I want to. I can make them fight; I can make them do this or any." And he claimed the kingdoms of the world, so then we can see how greed and selfishness comes into politics. See? We can see then where it is in the church and in the church leaders, where greed and selfishness comes into the church.

Notice, each church age, the same overcome when they, some out of each church age overcome the temptation of that age. I got the Scriptures here; I don't think we really have time to make it. But we know, each one of the church ages.

See, as I said at the beginning, you are born defeated. And that birth can never bring you to Life, because you're born defeated. And you're in a defeated world amongst defeated people amongst defeated creeds, defeated denominations. You've got to come to victory some way.

Jesus gave us the example how to do it. Now, we want to know how to overcome. Jesus told us how to do it. See, humility--girded Himself took a towel, and washed the disciples' feet, and wiped them. The very God of Heaven humiliated Himself.

We don't want to be humiliated. That's the reason women don't want their hair to grow out, the reason they don't want to dress like ladies should dress, like man don't

want to... See, it's the same thing. They get humiliated. But Jesus constantly... Look who He was. Greatness humiliates itself. Grace humbles itself--greatness.

I've had the privilege of meeting some great men. And it's these guys that's got a change of clothes and fifty cents in their pocket and--to rattle, that's the guy that thinks he's something when he's nothing. But I stood with great man, I mean, great man, with ragged sleeves, cuffs; and they make you think you're the great person. See, greatness is humility. Don't forget that, church! Greatness is expressed in humility, not how fine you can be... I don't mean dirty now; I mean humble in spirit. See? I don't mean just didn't get out and go to wash and clean up. You should do that, you know that. See? But I'm talking about humility, genuine humility, not something that's put-on, something that is, that's real humility.

Jesus told us how to do it. He overcome. Overcome means "to stand the test," like all the old saints did, like Jesus did. In the midst of all of His enemies He stood the test. Everything He was tested against He stood it. In the very face of sickness, and Him being Messiah, He healed them. In the face of death, He brought it back to life. In the face of Calvary, His own death, He defeated it by surrendering Himself, Why? By the Word. Said, "You destroy this temple, and I'll raise up in three days." The Word said so. See? And in the presence of death He defeated it; He overcome death. In the presence of hell He defeated hell and overcome hell. Yes! In the presence of the grave He overcome the grave. Why? **All by the Word and humility.** Oh, my. There's the real Man. There's the One to make your Example. See? He defeated everything, overcome it.

The Bible said He - Jesus Christ - was tempted in all points like we are yet without sin. He was tempted by drinking; He was tempted by women; He was tempted by everything that could be tempted by. He was tempted by everything that we are; He was a man. And yet you couldn't put a mark on Him. Yes, sir.

Overcome means **"to recognize the devil at every one of his tricks."** Lot of people says there is no devil; it's just a thought. Don't you believe that. There's a real devil. He's just as real as you are, anybody, a real devil. And you must recognize him real! You must know he's a devil! And then, the same time that you recognize him and know that he's the devil, and he's against you, **then, to overcome you must recognize that the God in you is greater and mightier than he is, that the One that's in you has already overcome him, and by His grace you're more than a match for him.** Amen! There's real overcoming (I John 4:4).

You look back and say, "I'm doing this, and I'm doing that." Then oh, you're defeated. But there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus that walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Then you realize that you've overcome, and you know that he's a devil. You can't say, "I got a sickness and I don't believe it is a sickness." Oh, yeah, it is a sickness. You got cancer; you don't believe it is a cancer; it is a cancer. It is a cancer. But remember, greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world. You must realize that the Holy Spirit that's in you has already overcome this thing. And He's in you, and you can overcome by Him. That's exactly sensible. That's exactly the way the Scripture's written. Overcoming.

The God that's in you is greater than the one that's in him. The god of the world is not as great as the God of Heaven which is in you.

No more than darkness can stand in the presence of light... Now, darkness cannot stand in the presence of light... I don't care how dark it is, light will put it out. It can't stand. Glory! But you take as much darkness as you want to, and try to stand against light one time, and see what happens. That's the One that's in you is Light. And the one that's in the world is darkness. So the Light has proved to overcome the darkness. And a man that's in Christ and knows that he's overcome the things of the world (amen!), it has no more ties to you at all, you're free. *"Walk in the Light as He is in the Light, and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and we have fellowship one with another forever"*(I John 1:7). There you are.

He that's in you is greater than he that's in the world. Now, if you look back, and you're condemned, then you're still in the world. But if you're living above that, then He that's in you has led you above the darkness. Like the lily, he's above the darkness of the mud. He's above the darkness of the muddy waters. He's in the light, reflecting the beauty that was put in him before he left the mud. Amen!

Now, I feel like a shouting Christian. What was in there by God at the beginning, and it pressed its way through, overcome. It overcome the shell; it overcome the mud; it overcome the waters. It overcome everything and was an overcomer and reflected the beauty and glory of God.

That's the way every believer does. That's the way Noah did. That's the way Lot did. Look what a mess he was in. That's the way Moses did. That's the way Joshua did. That's the way Daniel did. That's the way Shadrach, Meshach did. That's the way John the Baptist did, Zacharias, Elisabeth. That's the way that Simeon, that's the way that Anna, every one of them did. They, overcome the mud that there was around them and packed into them, stuck their head above the thing, and shined forth the glory of God. That's what a real Christian does.

Remember, Jesus showed us how it's done. Forty days of temptation, He was tempted above any man that ever could be tempted, in the temptation of Jesus Christ. Now, watch. He showed us how it's done. Look, He showed us how it's done. How did He do it? **By the Word.** That's how He done it, for He was the Word. Jesus said, *"If ye abide in Me, and My Word's in you..."* (John 15:7), you're back to the Word again, the Word of promise. What is the Word of promise to every Christian? *"Greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world."* **Then how do I overcome? Not me, but the Word that's in me. The Word is God.** Then I overcome the things of the world, because it's the Word in me. *"If ye abide in Me, My Word's in you, then just ask what you will"* (John 15:7). Just keep pressing up. You're coming to the top as sure as anything. See? You got to come to the top.

In forty days of temptation, by God's Word He overcome. I want to stress something here just for a few minutes. Satan made three major assaults upon Him in that temptation. Watch, it's always in them three's. Don't forget these. He made three major assaults from the highest to the lowest. He tried his best to conquer Him, but He was the Word, Amen! **What did He use? Himself, the Word.** Satan's three major attacks, or assaults upon Him, but He met it with the Word. Every attack, he could make it with the Word from the highest to the lowest.

The first he made his attack upon, to use His great power. Which He knowed He was the Word; **He knowed His position.** You believe He did? "I am the Son of man." He knowed His position. And Satan come and wanted Him to use His own

power on himself, to feed Him. He wanted Him to feed Himself; He was hungry. A man gets hungry, he can do almost anything. He'll steal, rob, beg, borrow, anything. See, He had that appetite. And Satan used his first great major assault upon Him to take His power that He had been given to overcome with and use it on Himself. He didn't use it on Himself. No, He used it on others. That's right. He used it on others, not Himself; it wasn't for Him. Though He could've done it, He certainly, could've done it.

But see how the devil gets? The devil wants you to mind him. He Minded only what the Father said do. That's right. But Satan said, "It's written he'll give the angels charge to..." (*Luke 4:5-13; Mat. 4:5-7*)

He said, "*Yes, but it's also written.*" There you are. See, He knew who He was. The thought runs deeper than what is wrote. **See, it's inspiration. The kernel is on the inside of it, what it really is.**

Though He could've done it, He didn't do it. But He never paid heed to Satan's propositions. Now, here's a good thing. See, sometimes Satan can take you, and when you think that you're doing the will of God, and can make you a proposition, you'll fall for it. Yes, sir. He sure can.

Now, let's just take for instance like our sisters. They're pretty, and he can get you to a place that you let your hair grow out and you didn't realize it looked so nice on you, and the first thing you know you get kind of feeling a little stuck-up, a little above something else. Some of you man, you know what I mean. See, and he can take that same thing and proposition it with you. That's right. See? You got to overcome that. Just remember, you're living for God. You have one objective, and that's Jesus Christ. Outside of that, there's nothing else counts, that's Him. Then secondly, for your family; then thirdly, for yourself; but first, for God, and next, for your family, and next, for you. You're number three that's the end of the road. You put yourself last; He did.

Look what He could've done, "*but I could call My Father, speak to Him, and straightway He'd send Me twelve legions of Angels, when one of them could destroy the world,*" Said, "*If My Kingdom was of this world then My subjects would fight, but My Kingdom is of above.*" There you are. See, He could've done that, but He didn't. See? Though He could've done it, He never listened to Satan's proposition.

Now, have you heard people say, "If you believe there's a Divine healer... If you're a Divine healer... Go get your Divine healer; I got a man over here sick; I'd like to see him heal him." See that same devil? He's trying to proposition with you. He's trying to make you listen to him instead of God. But a real, true servant of God will listen and see what Father says first.

Overcome how? By taking the Word, the promise, in humility, humbly walking. Oh, when that trumpet sounds, you can bury me in the sea, but the trumpet will awake me. I'm going home one day. Amen! Until then I'll struggle on bearing this cross, keeping my eyes not on people, but upon Calvary yonder; for He was my Example; He showed how to do it. And His example we'll gladly follow day by day.

Jesus told us how to overcome. He didn't only tell us, but He showed how it was done. He led us. He showed us how to do it: **receive the Word inside of us and be sure to hold that Word, "It is written," in every temptation, but be humble, walk humbly.** Then we have conquered through Him, through His power, which

has already conquered our enemy. And the only thing we have to do is just walk humble with faith believing that and our badge of identification of the Holy Ghost, and Satan has to move.

He - Jesus Christ - conquered every devil, every power upon the earth that come against Him with the Father's Word only. Every temptation that Satan give Him, He rebuked Satan--**not with His Own powers that He had**, but with the Word of God. *"It is written... !" "It is written... !" "It is written... !" For He was the Word!*

When Satan flew against Eve, she wasn't the Word, so it failed. When he flew against Moses, it did the same thing. But when he hit into this Son of God, He was 10,000 volts. It knocked the loose feathers out of him. When He come back and said, *"It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!'"* There was that Man Child made flesh, God's Eternal Word Himself manifested in the body of flesh here on earth to represent the Word!

We are taught to resist the Devil, and he will flee from us (James 4:7). Now, "to resist" is to just simply "turn him down"; just resist him; that is, just walk away from him. God said a certain thing; no matter what he's trying to tell you, you don't even listen to him. You have... Your ears are deaf to anything else but what the Spirit says. See? "To he that has an ear (that listens, has faith), see what the Spirit saith unto the churches," the one that's got the listening post, that catches what the Spirit says to the churches (Rev. 3:22).

Brother Branham was asked a question:

"I am saved and have been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, but how do I get away from a stubborn spirit that I can't seem to break away from?"

Well, my Christian brother or sister, whoever it may be, now, most times when you find people that's got stubborn spirits, it's usually a complex that causes this, either they have inherited it from a mother, father, uncle, aunt, or grandmother, grandfather, somebody like that. And if you'll chase back down through your life, you'll find... Now, I've taken it by experience under discernment, because I have met cases on the platform, thousands of those that had that spirit. And the first thing you know, I'd chase that spirit right back by discernment and find that there was a granddaddy, there was a grandmother, there was somebody else back down there, and you inherit that by nature.

Stubbornness is not of God. And now, **the only way to get away from that is you have to have faith to overcome that, that's if you are a Christian.** You are a son or daughter of God, whichever you may be, and you'll never be able just to stand and rebuke it and rebuke it and rebuke it. It's just like tantalizing a rattlesnake; he's laying there ready to bite you. **If you'll just ignore him and walk away from him, he can't hurt you.**

So when you feel that you got a stubborn spirit, lay the thing on the altar, and believe God that the thing is dead and you'll never have it no more, and go on **and don't even pay any attention to it no more, and the thing'll leave you.** Resist the Devil and he will flee from you; that's "get away quickly." So that would be my

advice how to overcome it. We overcome the Devil by faith. That's what we overcome all evil, is by faith.

Apostle Paul said in Galatians 2:19-20,

"For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Now that's us. Any man, any man is subject to mistakes. He is subject to error because He is human. He is subject to the violations of God's laws. And he is subject to many things, because Satan tempts him, and he is just a human being. And if God ever lifted His hands, he would fall. That's all.

And I've heard people say, "Oh, Satan can't do that."

Yes, you just let God lift His hand one time, and watch what happens. I constantly plead, "God, don't send him. Have mercy on me. Keep him away from me," you see. I need God's mercy. And we all need that.

It paid your price. It settled the question. Your sins be as scarlet, they're as white as snow: red like crimson, white like wool. Then you have no sin. You are perfectly sinless. No matter what you done or what you do, you're still sinless. As long as you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your sins are forgiven. Anything that's forgiven is remitted and forgot about.

Then what does it do? It gives you, after that condition, His Spirit to follow Him and to do as He did, for others who is following on.

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