

AN OVERCOMER IN THE GALLERIES 97

LUKE 11:14

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

LUKE 11:19

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

LUKE 11:20

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

LUKE 11:21

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

LUKE 11:22

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

SONG OF SOLOMON 7:5

5 Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is *HELD in the galleries.

HELD: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 631

'acar {aw-sar'}

to tie, bind, imprison, harness, to bind (with cords), to be imprisoned,

to be taken prisoner

360-1 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

THE OVERCOMERS THRONE

Revelation 3:21,

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. "

360-2 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

Now what are we to overcome? That is the normal question to ask here. But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much WHAT we are to overcome but HOW we are to overcome.

Now this is logical, for does it matter much WHAT we are to overcome as long as we know HOW we can overcome?

360-3 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

A quick look at those Scriptures which involve the Lord Jesus overcoming will bring out the truth of this proposition.

In Matthew 4, wherein Jesus is tempted of the devil, He overcame the personal temptations of Satan by the Word, and by the Word only.

In each of the three major trials that corresponded exactly to the temptation of the Garden of Eden, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, Jesus overcame by the Word.

Eve fell to the personal temptation of Satan by failing to use the Word. Adam fell in direct disobedience to the Word. But Jesus overcame by the Word.

And right now, let me say that this is the only way to be an overcomer, also it is the only way that you can know if you are overcoming, because that Word CAN'T fail.

360-4 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

Now notice again how Jesus overcame the world systems of religion. When He was repeatedly badgered by the theologians of His day, He constantly applied the Word.

He spake only what the Father gave Him to speak. There was not a time when the world was not utterly confused by His wisdom for it was the wisdom of God.

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In his own personal life, contending with Himself, He overcame by obedience to the Word of God.

In Hebrews 5:7 it says,

"Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him That was able to save Him from death and was heard in that He feared:

Though He were a Son, Yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. "

What was He obedient to? The Word of God.

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E-37. Jesus was brought Himself to a decision. And before going to Calvary, the Father brought His own Son into conference in Gethsemane, while Angels taking their positions, to see what the decision would be.

Oh, it might not have been this way, but let's think maybe it was. I can hear Him say, "Son, do You desire to go on to Calvary? There's a band waiting for You; there's persecution; there's death and murder laying in the way.

There's exposure of Your own body; they'll strip the clothes off of You; they'll beat You into pulp. They'll pull a crown of thorns over your head, and You'll die screaming for mercy. Should You go on?"

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E-38. Jesus, when He looked up into the face of the Father, He said, "It's not My will; it's Yours to be done. " What a decision.

That decision anchored and swept the world, and still comes tonight to every penitent soul. "Not My will, but Thine be done."

HAVING. CONFERENCES_ CHAUTAUQUA. OH WEDNESDAY_ 60-0608

E-48. There was a Gethsemane Conference one time, where Jesus as a Man. . . Jesus was the Son of God, created Son of God. God overshadowed Mary, and created a Blood cell in her that brought forth the Son, Christ Jesus.

And God came down and dwelt in Him; in Him was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. First Timothy 3:16 said, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: for God was manifested in the flesh, seen of Angels (and so forth) received up into heaven. "

Oh, God. . . Not a prophet, God made flesh and dwelled among us. There He was, Emmanuel. The Holy Spirit called Him Emmanuel, "God with us. " And now it's God in us, the same Spirit.

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E-44 Let's just think. I can see Gabriel come down, His great sword standing by His side. I can see Woodworm. I can see the other great Angels lighting on the rocks around. What was it? A conference table being set.

Then that Holy Spirit of God, as we see on the picture of Gethsemane, that Light, which God is Light, El Elohim, the self existing One, when He came down into His Presence. "Do you want to go through with this, Son?" What? The Angels are listening.

"What's going to be the result? The whole world lays upon Your shoulder. Do You want to pay the price, or what do You want to do? You can come right on now without death. There lays Calvary before you.

There they'll spit in Your face, and they'll take You to Calvary, all these things. You'll die in agony with the crown of thorns on Your head, and Your Blood will drain out. Are You willing?"

Let's see what the conference. What the echo's going to be? All Angels are standing around wondering what takes place now. The decision's made. What is it? "Not My will but Thine be done."
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Oh the Angels unfolded their blessings and begin to minister to Him then, preparing Him for that great hour. A conference was set. A decision was made. I'm so glad of that decision.

HEBREWS 5:7

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

I JOHN 5:4

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I JOHN 5:5

5 Who is he that *OVERCOMETH the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

OVERCOMETH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3528

nikao {nik-ah'-o}

conquer, prevail, to carry off the victory, come off victorious: hold fast faith even unto death against the power of foes, and temptations and persecutions;

HOW CAN I OVERCOME_ JEFF. IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M

41 I was crossing an old log the other day, down a--a wash, or what is called a hollow. And I jumped up on this log. On the outside, it looked good, looked like a big old beech log.

But when I jumped on it, oh, a great chunk of it fell off. It was real rotten and dotty. I said, "That's the way the Christians are becoming. " They been dead in sin and trespasses, so long, till become doty. They can hold no weight, at all.

They--they don't know what the overcoming means. I begin to think of this text, then. Overcome, keep Life in you. When life went out, that's what brought that log to that condition. See?

And it made it worse than ever when it laid in the branch where the water was.

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42 And then, there, you take a Christian, that's supposed to be a Christian, let the Life of God go from him, and the experience, the joy of serving Christ;

and, living in a church where such is going on, he rottens twice as quick, right, living right under.

43 So, if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ. See?

Cause, if it don't, you lay around, and know That, these things that you're supposed to do, and don't do it. The Bible said, "He that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it's sin. "

Then you become doty, rotten, when you're separated from the Life of God. So, strive with all that's in you, to stay in the Life of Christ, that you be fruit-bearing.

THE. INTER. VEIL_ STURGIS. MI SATURDAY_ 56-0121

E-28. And a man never knows what it is to live a victorious life, until he's completely overcome. Who? Himself? That's the biggest enemy you got is yourself.

That's the reason you can't rise up in faith, because you got intellectuals there. You're intellectual part says, "Well, this, or that. " It's a reasoning. We want to cast down reasonings, the Bible tells us.

JAMES 1:2

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

JAMES 1:3

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

JAMES 1:4

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

JAMES 1:12

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

JAMES 1:13

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

JAMES 1:14

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

JAMES 1:15

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303

E-33 Let's go over to the Revelation. Jesus said Himself, "He that overcometh, I will give him the morning star. " The Bible said that.

What is it? A overcomer, one that's overcome the world, overcome self, overcome pride. "I'll make him the morning star. " What does it to do? "I'll shine him up and set him up there that I can. . . by My oncoming power will reflect My own Presence (Hallelujah.) in the darkness.

He that overcomes, will I give the morning star. " What's the morning star set there for? To reflect the sun coming. What is the morning star? Is the sun shining against it, reflecting the presence of the coming of the sun.

It's the brightest thing in heaven. The brightest thing in heaven ought to be today, and is today, the minister, or the Christian, or the Spirit filled man that's so filled with the Holy Spirit till he's forsaken the world and everything.

And God is reflecting His light, coming through him, warning the world that the approaching S-o-n is at hand. Oh, what hour. . .

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303

E-38. I pray, Father, that You'll let every one of us be overcomers tonight, overcomers of unbelief, overcomers of anything within ourself,

that we might overcome ourselves that Christ might live in us.....

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303

E-46. "He that'll overcome (overcome himself, overcome his own thoughts, overcome the world, overcome all things),

then I'll give him the morning star to reflect the light. " What light? The light of the approaching Son.

A. HIDDEN. LIFE. IN. CHRIST_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA THURSDAY_ 55-1110

E-46.... People today is afraid. What you afraid of? Why, even death itself don't scare a Christian. "Death, where is thy sting?" The very thoughts of people is scared.

"Oh, Brother Branham, the doctor told me I just can't get well. " What are you scared of? There's an atonement laying for you yonder. Sure. "Well Brother Branham, I've done so much sins. I've. . . " What are you scared of?

There's an atonement waiting for you. There's Someone Who loves you. Don't be scared. You got to come into Christ first, live in His Presence.

The Bible said that, "He that overcometh, I'll give him a new name. I'll put My Spirit in him. " Watch, there's an overcoming, first. You've got to overcome these things in order to be in Christ.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-23 Now, faith is a conqueror; faith is an overcomer. It just isn't a--a peace maker, it overcomes. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

What does it do? What is faith? What is the conqueror? Conquer and victory is the same. To conquer, it means to beat down, to override, to handcuff, to throw into prisons. It means that the sin, that once ruled you, you rule it now.

It means that you have overcome it, you are--you've whipped it. You're greater than it is. Oh, I feel religious, right now. Which was first, a sinner or a Saviour? A Saviour, for a Saviour is more powerful than a sin.

Which was first, the Healer or a sickness? It couldn't be a Healer, 'less it was over the sickness. It is a Healer; it could conquer the sickness. And faith is the victory that overcomes every curse of the devil. Faith is the victory.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-24 Faith in what? Not faith in your church, not faith in your creed, not faith in some man, but faith in Jesus Christ Who made the promise. That's the victory. What is it? It is the victory.

Say, "My arm's still crippled. " But faith is the victory. "I still feel sick. " but faith is the victory. Oh, it overcomes the world. When you can climb into God by prayer, until you seen the thing conquered under you.

There is nothing that can hurt you then. You've overcome. You got fifty miles of elbow room. You're sailing free then. You, who've been a drunkard and a slave to whiskey, you'll be the master over him then.

That old devil of alcohol that made you drink, he's your master now, but when you get faith, I don't mean make-belief, real faith, he's your servant then.

You who can't lay down tobacco, you women and men, when it comes to a place to where you can get to that spot, to where you have overcome it by faith, you'll master it then.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-25 A little woman, that's setting present now, she has been at this altar time after time, after time. A good woman, but she started smoking a long time ago, and she just couldn't overcome it.

And she'd come up, and I would pray with her, and seem like, she just couldn't overcome it. And the--the first thing you know, I told her here; I said, "There'll be danger down the road. "

She said, "Well, Brother Branham, I have cried; I have begged. " You see, just emotional, fighting the air. That won't do any good.

And I'd get down and pray with her, and lay hands on her, and she'd go back and in a few days I'd meet her again, just knock you down with cigarette smoke, hands still brown.

And one night, down yonder, she went to a doctor, begin to get sick and wither away, till just a little spindly thing,

and the doctor looked into her and he said, "Cancer, smoking cigarettes. . . " There she was laying there to die. Then she got down to business.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-27 And Brother Roberson's back there, and Mr. Wood's here, Brother Wood setting here somewhere, and I were going down hunting, I believe, somewhere in the truck.

And the Holy Spirit seemed to move us to go way to the Knobs to where she was. And when I got there, she'd had a dream, and when the Holy Spirit came into the room,

and she got down to real business, she never smoked a cigarette from then on, and she's gained many pounds of weight, and they can't find a trace of the cancer. What is it? It's faith that overcome.

Why didn't it overcome when I was praying for her here? She just fluttering around. But when the doctor says, "You've cancer, and going to die. " She got to business. That's the way it has to get. When you get to business, why wait that long?

Why not get down to business now? Put your faith in God. What if the woman had had her faith in me? It'd failed, 'cause I'm a man. But when she changed her faith, not in the Branham Tabernacle, or in William Branham, or in anyone else,

but placed her faith in Jesus Christ, then she got faith. She raised up above all the fears and doubts, and God healed her. And oh, she overcome. Faith is the victory that overcomes.

THE. TIME. OF. DECISION_ CHICAGO. IL THURSDAY_ 59-0611

E-11 And the time had come for Abraham, the great patriarch and servant of God, to make a decision. And this decision was, that he was to decide just on who his son, Isaac, that he'd waited twenty-five years for,

and had received him as one from the dead, and knowed that he was a called and separated messenger of God. . . And there was a time come when he had to make the decision: Who would be his helpmate to carry on the plan of God?

You see, God don't make all of our decisions. And there's many times that God doesn't tell His prophets just what to do, because they have to make the decision.

If there is no decision that we have to make, just wait every move on God, then there is no overcoming on our part. And sometimes, they make the wrong decision. God's anointed prophets makes the wrong decisions, and many times are deceived.

GOD. BEING. MISUNDERSTOOD_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-0723E

604-Q-137 137. Brother Branham, 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.

GOD. BEING. MISUNDERSTOOD_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-0723E
605-47 Stubborn--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 will 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 will just ignore him and walk away from him, he can't hurt you. See? 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 will never have it no more,

and go on and don't even pay any attention to it no more, and the thing will 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.

I SAMUEL 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1158-Q-387 387. Brother Branham, please explain how a person knows if he is thinking his own thoughts, or if the devil is placing thoughts in his mind to make him think wrong, especially, if you know you do not want to think them.

Then, if it's contrary to the Word, it's the devil's thinking. If it's with the Word, it's God thinking. If it's the wrong thoughts, it's the devil. If it's good thoughts of the Word and of God, it's God's thinking.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1159-Q-388 388. If the case may be that the devil is placing thoughts in your mind about a certain thing, how may it be overcome or got rid of?

Take the very vice versa from it. If the devil makes you think that--that--that you are. . . If you know you're a Christian, and he tries to make you think you're not a Christian, just take the versa, say, "I am a Christian. "

As long as your experience matches in God's Word say, "I'm a Christian. " Anything else, the same way.

When you answer this, please pray for me to overcome this, as I am not by myself.

God grant your overcoming, ever who you are. May your thoughts just go right back the other side and say, "I am a Christian; I am a believer. Satan, you have no hold on me. "

Frankly, I'm standing right here now saying the same thing, keep from fainting right here at the pulpit. That's right. Four or five times I've almost pitched over on the pulpit. That's the truth. God knows that's right.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1159-Q-389 389. When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this? So--should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way.

If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever--just go the vice versa.

That's the way to overcome anything is an antidote. You've. . . My old, southern mother used to say, "Hair off the dog back is good for the bite. " And that applies this a-way too.