

AN OVERCOMER IN THE GALLERIES 98

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?

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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.

PROVERBS 2:16

16 To deliver thee from the **strange woman**, even from the ***STRANGER** which flattereth with her words;

STRANGER: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5237

nokriy {nok-ree'}

foreign, alien, foreigner, unknown, unfamiliar

PROVERBS 5:3

3 For the lips of a **strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

PROVERBS 5:4

4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

PROVERBS 5:5

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

PROVERBS 5:20

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a **strange woman**, and embrace the bosom of a **stranger**?

PROVERBS 6:23

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

PROVERBS 6:24

24 To keep thee from the **evil woman**, from the flattery of the tongue of a **strange woman**.

PROVERBS 6:25

25 **Lust not** after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

PROVERBS 6:26

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

PROVERBS 6:27

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

MATTHEW 5:28

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

ROMANS 1:26

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

ROMANS 1:27

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; **men with men** working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

GALATIANS 5:16

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the ***FLESH**.

FLESH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4561

sarx {sarx}

carnally minded, the sensuous nature of man, "the animal nature":

the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.

GALATIANS 5:16

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

GALATIANS 5:17

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and **these are contrary the one to the other:** so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

I PETER 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, ***ABSTAIN** from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

ABSTAIN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 567

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apechomai {ap-ekh'-om-ahee}

to hold one's self off, refrain, abstain

GALATIANS 5:18

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

GALATIANS 5:19

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

GALATIANS 5:20

20 Idolatry, ***WITCHCRAFT**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

WITCHCRAFT: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5331

pharmakeia {far-mak-i'-ah}

sorcery, the use or the administering of drugs

GALATIANS 5:21

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

GALATIANS 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

GALATIANS 5:23

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:24

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

ROMANS 6:12

12 Let not sin therefore ***REIGN** in your mortal body, that ye should **obey it** in the lusts thereof.

REIGN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 936

basileuo {bas-il-yoo'-o}

to be king, to exercise kingly power, to exercise the highest influence, to control

ROMANS 6:13

13 **Neither yield ye** your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, **as those that are alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

AGAIN JAMES 1:14

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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 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...

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

anything within ourselves, 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.

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

1165-Q-405 405. Brother Branham, when some of--someone gets on me or "steps on my toes (This might be a good one.)--steps on my toes," as the old saying is, **my temper rises; how can I overcome this thing?** I know the Lord will have to do it, but what can I do in my heart? I don't want this thing.

Sweeten your temper with prayer; then make up your mind. There... I don't guess there is too many people in this building ever had any more temper than I did to begin with. Oh, I--I had a mouth mashed all the time. And I--I--I'd taken a lot of my meals out of a straw.

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

1165-95 My mother, as you know, was a half Indian, and my father was an Irishman, a Kentucky Irish at that. And every one of--both of them had enough temper to fight a buzz saw. And all the time my mouth was mashed; I was little to begin with. And they'd just pick me up and knock me down. And I'd get up again; and they'd knock me down again till I just got too able--unable to get up any more. That's always. And then when I got able to get

up, I got up again; they knocked me down again. So that's just the way I had it.

I thought, "I can never be a Christian." **But when the Holy Spirit came into my life, that done it. No more...**

I had a woman one time; I went to have to cut the lights off. And that day I had hair on top of my head. She said, "You little, kinky-headed idiotic."

I told her, I said, "Woman, you oughtn't to curse like that. Oh, don't you fear God?"

She said, "You little, kinky-headed idiotic, if I wanted somebody to talk to me about things like that, I wouldn't get a half-wit like you."

"Whoo." Then she called me a blankety, blankety name. Oh, my, if that'd been a year farther. I always said, "A man that'd strike a woman wasn't man enough to strike a man," but I--I might've broke that at that time calling my mother a bad name like that.

But you know what? It never even fazed me. I said, "I will pray for you." Never bothered... I knowed right then something had happened to me. Yes, sir. Oh, my.

You know the evils that I done when I was a kid fighting? Almost killed five men at one time. Took a rifle loaded with sixteen shots, and when them boys beat me because I was a Kentuckian, no other reason... I couldn't even hold my head up. One would hold me by hands like this, and the other one'd stand there with a rock in his hand and pound me in the face, till I just lifeless. Nothing in the world...

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

1166-99 They called me a "Kentucky squab," because my mother, when she was young, she sure looked like an Indian (looking at her picture awhile ago), and they knowed she was a half Indian. And because I was Kentucky and her being a squaw, they called me a "squab, a Kentucky squab." And I had nothing in the world to do into it; I couldn't help because I was born in Kentucky.

I went down there to school, and I didn't have no clothes to wear, and my hair hanging down my neck. And pop--mom took pop's old coat that he was married in, and cut it up and made me a pair

of pants to wear to school my first time. And I... And she dressed me with a pair of white stockings on and a pair of tennis shoes. And they said, "If you don't look like a windy Kentuckian." And-- and all--and that--and then, that went on all my--all my school days.

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1166-101 And a couple of boys, because I walked down the road with some little girl and packed her books... They didn't want me to do that, and they met me down there and beat me till I was simply unconscious. I told them, if they'd just let me go, I promise that I would go right straight home. And so they took-- let me loose, kicked me four or five times, knocked me down, and scraped my face all over. And I went home, like this, up through the broom sedge field.

I had a little .22 Winchester rifle laying up over the door. Reached up and got that rifle full of bullets, went right down through the locust thicket, and hid by the side of the road till these five or six boys come along there. Just waited till they come, and when they was coming there, talking, said, "That Kentuckian will realize where he's at from this on," going on like that.

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

1167-103 I stepped up with the hammer pulled back on the rifle. I said, "Now, which one of you wants to die first, so you won't watch the others?" They started squealing; I said, "Don't squeal, 'cause you're all going to die one by one." And I meant it. And just then they started squealing. And I pulled up and snap. The gun snapped. I throwed another shell in. Snap, it snapped; another shell, snap, it snapped. And I pumped sixteen shells on the ground. Every one of them snapped. And them boys running, and screaming, and diving over the hill, and everything. And after they left, I stood there. **When I'd get so angry, till I--I--I wouldn't cry; I would laugh like a idiot and tears run out of my eyes. Now, that's a temper. If it hadn't been for God, I'd been a murderer.**

And I picked up them shells and put them back in the rifle, and, "Pow, pow"; they'd shoot just as good as ever. Talk about grace.