

Jesus Christ - The Mighty Conqueror

Romans 8:31-39,

"... Nay, in all these things (tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword) we are more than conquerors through him that loved us..."

See, **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** (*John 13:1-17*).

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 (*Psalms 119:9&11*). But Jesus constantly... Look who He was. **Greatness humiliates itself. Greatness humbles itself**.

Greatness is humility. Don't forget that, church! Greatness is expressed in humility, not how fine you can be... I mean humble in spirit. 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 (*John 2:19-21*). See? And in the presence of death He defeated it; **He overcome death** (*Luke 22:39-46*). In the presence of hell He defeated hell **and overcome hell** (*I Cor. 15:54-57*). 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 (*Heb. 4:14-16*), **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.

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.

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 (*Rom. 8:1*). **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. (For example:) You got cancer; you don't believe it is a cancer; it is a cancer. **But remember, greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world** (*I John 4:4*). **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 (*Rom. 8:37*). 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** (*II Cor. 4:3-12*).

No more than darkness can 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** (*John 8:12*). 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! 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. They 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.** Just keep pressing up. You're coming to the top as sure as anything. You've got to come to the top.

In forty days of temptation, **by God's Word He overcome.** I want to stress something here. 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 devil wants you to mind him. Jesus minded only what the Father said do. That's right. Satan said, "It's written he'll give the angels charge to..." (*Luke 4:5-13; Matt. 4:5-7*). Jesus said, "*Yes, but it's also written.*" There you are. See, **He knew who He was. The thought runs deeper than what is written.** See, **it's inspiration. The kernel is on the inside of it, what it really is.**

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. 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. [1]

Jesus defeated Satan without using any Divine gift that He had, **showing that the weakest of Christians can defeat Satan on the Word of God.** And that's the reason that I try to get before the person – **nothing in the individual, the preacher, it's in Christ, and Christ is in His Word.** Do you believe that?

"In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us" (John 1:1&14), died and rose again, and is in us today, the same Word that was in the beginning.

The Bible is the Letter of God. **And every promise in It belongs to you, if you can believe It and accept It in the right kind of an attitude. It's in you, the hope of glory, Christ (Col. 1:26-29).** [2]

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!** [3]

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 (John 8:51), "*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.** [1]

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. Your ears are deaf to anything else but what the Spirit says.** See? "To him 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). [4]

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?"

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 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.** [5]

Any man is subject to mistakes (Gal. 6:1-2). 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.** [6]

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There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It.

(Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724)