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Overcome Pt 1 those overcome by all that is in the world

This is our first teaching on the word “overcome” in the scriptures. In this study we establish a meaning of the word, and three points– (1) a woman’s eyes can overcome a man and prevail against him, (2) strong drink can overcome a man, and (3) a stronger person can overcome a man and divide the spoil.

Meaning from the scriptures:

To overcome is–to prevail against– Acts 19:16, to get the victory– 1Jn.5: 4, to conquer– 2Kgs 16:5, to take possession – Num.13: 30, to drive out– Num 22:11
When a stronger person overcomes us they exercise dominion over us – Lk 11:22
When we are entangled we are overcome – 2Pet 2:20

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. A woman’s eyes can overcome a man – they can prevail against him.
“Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair [is] as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead” (Song 6: 5)

2. Strong drink can overcome a man

“Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the Lord, and because of the words of his holiness” (Jer.23: 9).

3. A strong person overcomes a man and divides the spoil

“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” (Lk.11: 22).

Illustration

Many soldiers I am sure begin their Christian journey with a beautiful gentle heart, they love the Lord, and could be used mightily for the things of God – only to find that one day they are overcome by alcohol, riches, or power and before you can blink they are taken out of the battle. Hence the instruction–“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts [thereof]” (Rom.13: 14).

Questions to think about.

How do we prevail, how do we get victory when we are overcome?

Answers from the scriptures

How do we prevail when we are overcome, entangled, snared?

* Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good – Rom12:21

* If you are going to war –“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (2 Tim.2: 4)

* Repent to the acknowledging of the truth and recover yourself out of the snare of the devil– 2Tim 2:25– “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth”.

* But ultimately it is not different to the bird caught in a snare – the bird cannot get out by its own strength – only the Lord – Ps.124:8– “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth”. It is only the Lord that can enable us prevail when we are overcome. It is His battle!

Let us be vigilant, let us be mindful of those things that can overcome us on our journey, and be not entangled with them, be not snared by them, nor overcome!