

# God Wants Me to Overcome

## Revelation 3:14-22

God wants you to overcome. What you are truly fighting against is yourselves. Although you believe in Jesus, you must overcome the side within you that desires to rely on the world and head towards the earth. That's why if Christ becomes your Master you can overcome yourself. This is because Jesus Christ has already overcome everything. All you need to do is enter into Jesus Christ. A person who believes in the answer of Jesus Christ accepts it, and relies on it is a true believer. Faith is unseen to our eyes however, faith is to believe in the work that God did. When you have this faith you can overcome yourself. Many hardships and problems may come into your life. However, the answer to all those problems is Jesus Christ and when you hold to this answer you can overcome it all. God allows suffering and problems for you to discover this. In the Book of Revelation, seven early churches appeared, and among them, there was only one church that was rebuked by God, and that was the church of Laodicea. Although they accepted the Gospel and were called as a church they were rebuked by God. Why are you lukewarm? God is saying, "Why do you not rely on me?" Although the church of Laodicea had the Gospel the reason why they were not only of the Gospel was because of their physical wealth. Because of their physical wealth, their spiritual eyes became dim. So, since it is the only thing that can be seen, no matter how spiritual it is, it is not needed. Possibly for them, the Gospel of Jesus Christ wasn't absolute to them but was merely used as a tool when they needed it. Therefore, God rebuked them. This is because God loved them. (Verse 19) God desires them to overcome. That's why in verse 21 he says that the one who conquers, will be granted to sit on the throne with Him. He promised them the most glorious blessing. Even today, God desires you to overcome yourselves. What can you do to overcome yourself and live a life that is complemented by God?

### **1. Buy gold refined by fire.**

- 1) Pure gold is so rare. There are many impurities in gold if it is refined by fire. But because of its impurities, the gold cannot be considered pure, as it cannot be valued the same.
- 2) The Gospel that God gave you is as precious as pure gold. Just as you can trade anything in this world for pure gold, the Gospel can solve all things in this world. However, if this Gospel is mixed up in impurities, then it is the incorrect Gospel. This is why some people think that if you believe in Jesus, you will be cured of all illnesses. You are not cured of all illnesses, but you have resolved all fundamental problems. When you have resolved all of the fundamental problems, healing for any type of illness will begin.
- 3) You must escape from all these impurities to truly enjoy the pure Gospel. However, Satan is constantly planting impurities through your problems or hardships in your life. You must remember that God is preparing you to overcome all things with the Gospel, no matter how hard your problems may be.
- 4) Therefore, when problems and hardships come along, you must see them as prepared obstacles instead of problems and go forth while believing in only the covenant. Then, you will not be deceived by the world but rather have victory.

### **2. Buy white garments so that the shame of your nakedness may not be seen.**

- 1) The first thing that Adam and Eve discovered after sinning was their nakedness. The most shameful thing about God is His Creations are looking towards themselves rather than God who created them. They look towards other things for salvation. When you look at yourself, you are weak, inadequate, nothing, and a shameful human being.
- 2) This is why God gave mankind white garments. White garments are only given to those who receive forgiveness of sins through

the young lamb, Jesus. God has given you Christ to cover all of your shame and sins.

3) If you have money and power, you must buy white garments with what you have. You must choose the path to become holy and use it to its advantage. You must buy it for world evangelism.

4) This means that the priority of the Laodicea church was not God. Their priority was their status, happiness, and comfort. God is telling you to live for the things of God instead of yourself. Do not be swayed by this world, but live holy. Then, you will live a life of history regardless of the works of this world.

### **3. Purchase eye drops and put them in your eyes.**

1) Eye drops are famous in the Laodicea region. People all around the world go to Laodicea to purchase eye drops. However, their spiritual eyes are dimmed.

2) Do we who have the Gospel enjoy, use, and stand as a witness to it? There are two types of people in the Gospel if they do not enjoy the Gospel. The ones who know the Gospel, but do not truly know the Gospel or those who know the Gospel, but do not use the Gospel in their lives.

3) What is making your spiritual eyes dim? For your eyes to open, God has given you the promising Word. It is God's word that changes your eyes. When you obey and follow the Word every day, then your spiritual eyes will open.

4) What is it that you see? What is it that you follow? God does not look at your strength or wealth. God desires for you to fixate your eyes on God who is the fundamental to your life. You will be victorious as you place the spiritual eye drops of God's word and look to God.

### **4. Conclusion: Personalization**

The conclusion is personalization. If the Gospel is the answer, then what must you do? Personalization must take place, if not, it is all in vain. No matter how much one takes such great medicines, if it's not effective, it's all in vain. Personalization is to apply the Gospel that you have faith in in your life. You will realistically experience the Gospel when you confess that Jesus Christ is your Master. Revelation 3:20 is an ironic verse that does not apply only to the nonbelievers. God was speaking to the believers of Laodicea that knew the Gospel, yet had Jesus Christ standing in front of their doors. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me." May you confess amid hardships that you believe that God's plan exists. Amid such despair, may you confess God to be your Master and to follow the Lord. These are the confessions only the believers can confess and not the nonbelievers. Amid the problem, may you invite the Lord to be your Master. That is when you will be the one to overcome, be victorious, and conquer all things. The 1st Headquarter message was about changing the bartizan and that is so rightful. The reason why you face hardships right now is not because of your past but because you do not have God as your Master. How difficult is it to change your life frame? However, God desires for you to be victorious and overcome it. God desires for you to break the frame made by Satan and conquer your limitations. God yearns for you to live a life that abides with God. In the name of Jesus Christ, may the doors to your heart open to God's desire for you to overcome all.