

Overcoming Temptation

MATTHEW 26:41

41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

HOW CAN I OVERCOME? [63-0825M]

Overcome means “to recognize the Devil in 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. Then, the same time that you--you **recognize** him, and know that he's a 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 are more than a match for him.** Amen. **There's real overcoming, when you recognize.**

I CORINTHIANS 10:12-13

12. *Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*

13. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

POSSESSING THE ENEMY'S GATES [59-1108]

In the Church of the living God lays power to overcome all temptation.

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [54-1219E]

Times may be hard. God has not promised a flower bed of ease, but **He's promised grace sufficient for every trial that can hit you.** That's right. Yes indeed, grace is sufficient. Not he's on a flower, flower bed of ease, but **He's promised grace to overcome in every temptation. When a cross gets heavy, Christ promised to be with you.** Yes, sir.

PERFECT FAITH [63-0825E]

Some of you will drive home tonight 'cause you got to go to work by daylight, in the morning, and I--I know it's hard. And then when I think, and see that,...

I get spells too, you know; I get moody. I get to a spot to where I... What gets me, is where I get to those spells when I get all overworked, and Satan comes telling me, “Why, nobody cares for you. You really haven't got a friend in the world, see.” And so

that... Remember, **I'm not immune to the temptation**. See, I got to overcome that. Then when I look back and see something like this, I put it right back in his face and say, "What about that?" That helps me to over--overcome. "What about that?"

WHY ARE WE NOT A DENOMINATION [58-0927]

Boy, one ill-famed woman can send more people to hell than all the bootleg joints you could put in a city. That's right. Watch her go down the street with her clothes all stripped down, don't care who the man is, if he's a healthy normal man, when he looks at the woman he's bound to have something to pass over him. Now, just be honest.

I don't care. **I've had the Holy Ghost for years**. You can't look at a woman and her half dressed... I--**I carry a little cross in my car**; many of you seen it.

HEBREWS 2:16-18

16. *For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.*
17. *Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.* 18. *For in that **he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.***

A TOTAL DELIVERANCE [59-0712]

Jesus was completely, totally man. He could cry like a man, He could eat like a man; He could be tired like a man. **He was completely, totally man in His physical being. And in His Spirit, He was completely, totally God,** so He made His flesh submissive to the Spirit that was in Him. You see, He was tempted in all manners like we are. He was man, not an Angel. He was a man. **He had desires and temptations just like we do.**

HEBREWS 4:15-16

15. *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*** 16. *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

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He was tempted by--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.**

REVELATION 3:10

10. *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,** which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

HOW CAN I OVERCOME? [63-0825M]

...each son out of each church age, overcome the temptation of that age.

I PETER 1:6-7a

6. *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*

7a. *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold...*

MATTHEW 6:13a *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*

LUKE 4:13 *And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.*

I PETER 5:8-9

8. *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

JAMES 4:7b *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

THE COUNTDOWN [62-1125E]

Never move from it. Let nothing shake you. As I said awhile ago to a--the young lady, "Just drive down a post right there in your mind, 'On this platform tonight the prayer of faith was prayed for me. And, Satan, the Blood was put between me and you. So you might as well go.'"

You can come up to that post, and say, "Uh-uh." Here's a symptom. You say...

Don't punch at it. Don't punch it. Punch a snake, just keep saying, "I rebuke you. I re..." He will bite you. See? **Just ignore him, walk away from him.** So he's defeated anyhow, so there you are. See? Just don't--don't punch at him.

Say, "Oh, Lord, rebuke him, rebuke him." Huh-uh. Don't do that. See, you're weakening what you really believe. See, see? You believe or you don't come up. If you come up, then believe, and let that settle it. That's--that's all of it. See? Just stand right there and say, "**It's over. That's all.** That's got it."

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [54-1219E]

And then, the Holy Spirit then abides in and grows daily; just grows, making Itself greater and greater; pushes out the things, the cares, the temptation. As you overcome them, the Holy Spirit takes Its place. Do you know what the...? **If you got a real bad temptation of something that's not right; overcome that thing a few times, and watch if your testimony doesn't bloom on account of it.**