

## To Him Who Overcome

*“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7)*

*“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.” (Revelation 2:11)*

*“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.” (Revelation 2:17)*

*“To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--- He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery--- just as I have received authority from my Father. ” (Revelation 2:26-28)*

*“He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white, I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and His angels.” (Revelation 3:5)*

*“Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.” (Revelation 3:12)*

*“To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. ” (Revelation 3:21)*

The Journey with the Lord Jesus Christ will start while we are here on earth. It will begin at the time when we meet the Lord Jesus in a personal way. It is the time that He reveals Himself to us; the time when we become known by Him as we acknowledge Him as Saviour and Lord over our lives. It is the time when we receive Jesus and accept His death on the cross as an atonement for our sins, and believe in His resurrection from the death on the third day to give us eternal life. This is just the start point but the journey is long; it will start on earth but it will lead us to eternity in heaven where we will be with the Lord forever.

The Journey with the Lord is not only long but it is also costly, difficult, risky, involving tests, trials, persecution and enemies attacking us. But what we need to do is to continue the journey with the Lord so that we can reach eternity as He declared, **“But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.” (Matthew 24:13)** The Lord Jesus in the Book of Revelation, He spoke through the spirit to us and He gave us His great promises. But only to those who will overcome, He will give them eternal life and reward them with great things as we can read below:-

- 1) *The right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*
- 2) *They will not be hurt at all by the second death; this is the eternal fire that God prepared for Satan and its angels.*

3) *Authority over the nations.*

4) *Their names will never blot out from the book of life; Jesus will acknowledge our name in front of God the Father and the angels.*

5) *They will be pillars in the temple of God in the new Jerusalem, the city of God which will be coming down from heaven.*

6) *The right to sit with Jesus on His throne.* Now this is a great promise that would make us ready to do whatever God would request us to receive such great promise.

But what the Lord means with this phrase, **‘He who overcome!’** And what the Lord wants us to overcome.

**1) Overcome sin:** Small or big sin is the same, it leads to death, **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)** Living in sin will hinder us from receiving God’s promises. Sin should not control us or master us; we need to master it, **“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.” (Genesis 4:7)** Sins like unforgiveness, hatred, jealousy, lust, sexual immorality, greed for money, dishonest financial gain, anger, evil thoughts, malice, pride, arrogance, slander, idol worship, drinking alcohol, making troubles, strifes, murders, telling lies, cheating, etc. All these sins lead to death. Therefore, regularly we should allow the Holy Spirit to examine ourselves, and if there is sin growing in our lives, we should repent of it.

**2) Overcome trials and hardships:** Problems of different magnitudes will try to pull us away from continuing our walk with Jesus. Worries and anxieties may try to choke the word of God in our hearts and give us wrong picture; showing us that following Christ is unworthy. But that is not the truth. Persecution may break out against us to hinder us from following Christ. Satan with its demons may fight against us trying to stop us from serving the Lord Jesus Christ and doing God’s will, **“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2 Timothy 3:12)** The word of the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Revelation teaches us the following, **“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)** We ought to do His will to the end, and He will reward us.

**My dear and beloved:** The Lord Jesus warned us, **“Whoever acknowledge me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will also disown him before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-32)** We need to acknowledge Jesus before men in the way we live without sin, and in the way we persevere in serving Him and doing His will. In this way we can consider ourselves among those who overcome and win God’s promises as we agree to pray.

**My prayer:** *Father I come before you in the name of Jesus Christ who died for my sins on the cross and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord empower me with your Holy Spirit to persevere in this life walking with you, living in holiness, revering your name in my life, actions and conducts; doing your perfect will till the end to overcome and win the crown of life that you promise to give to me. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*