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Overcomers
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Revelation 12.11

And **they overcame** him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and **they did not love their life even when faced with death.**

Overcome means to triumph or success in dealing with something difficult that opposes your advancing forward.

In this scripture the reference is to overcoming the opposition of Satan. We overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb. When we are in Christ Jesus His blood speaks for us. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ Satan was defeated. In **Colossians 2.15**, scripture says that Jesus disarmed the powers and authorities; **He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing (overcome by conquering and becoming totally victorious) over them by the cross.** This is the work and victory of the Lamb of God.

Our lives are hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3.3) because through salvation, sin no longer has power over us. Satan and sin were OVERCOME by Christ. We now stand in the place of ACTIVE ONGOING OVERCOMING because of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 12.10

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
"Now the salvation [the overcoming power of the blood of the Lamb], and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night."

Satan is always releasing a sound. Remember his original assignment in heaven was to release the sound of worship. Worship of God is the sound that agrees with the essence and truth of who God is and exults Him above all else, giving Him praise and honor and glory. Instead of worshipping God, the sound Satan now releases is accusation against man. All accusation of mankind is SHATTERED; the sound of accusation is violently broken apart, by the blood of the Lamb. In addition we overcome by the word of our testimony – which is active ongoing agreement that Satan **has been** overcome. Agreement is a sound. Agreement means that the conversation in our mind and in our heart agrees with the truth of the Word of God, with the overcoming power of Jesus Christ. There is no continual internal argument or mental evaluation about if what God says is really true or not. We have aligned ourselves to the truth of God.



Satan is still releasing his sound of accusation, assaulting our mind with thoughts of doubt and unbelief. But we have SET OUR WILL as to what we believe – we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; that He was crucified and rose again and ascended to heaven. This defeated Satan on every front. This is TRUTH. We must overcome the constant sound of Satan that comes to try to undermine and stop our living in the victory of Christ.

We must continually BEHOLD THE LAMB. Seeing who He is and what He has accomplished. Our sound, our agreement, our overcoming is out of this picture and truth. This is basic and foundational. I want to highlight an area assaults our testimony, our overcoming position.

Satan uses pain to breakdown our testimony. Physical pain through sickness, disease and infirmity. Emotional and mental pain through challenging relationships, offense, loss, disappointment and discouragement.

Pain releases a VERY STRONG and LOUD sound. Pain can become an all-consuming dimension that obscures our victory in Christ, the overcoming power and authority that is ours by the finished work of the cross.

Isaiah 53.4-5 NIV

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- The word "pain" refers to mental and physical pain in the Hebrew language.
- There is healing for pain.



Genesis 21.14-19

¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave *them* to Hagar, putting *them* on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was used up, she left the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me see the boy die." And

she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ God heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. ¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink.

- Hagar was in great emotional and mental pain – there did not seem to be an answer – she and her son were going to die in the wilderness.
- Pain isolates us and puts us in the wilderness to die – cut off from life. The hurt is more than what we can bare.
- In the place of pain there is a sound from heaven that will connect us back to life and our position as an overcomer.

Psalm 69.29-30

²⁹ But **I am afflicted and in pain;**

May Your salvation, O God, set me *securely* on high.

³⁰ I will praise the name of God with song

And magnify Him with thanksgiving.

- David looked to God for deliverance from pain.

1 Samuel 1.10-17 NIV

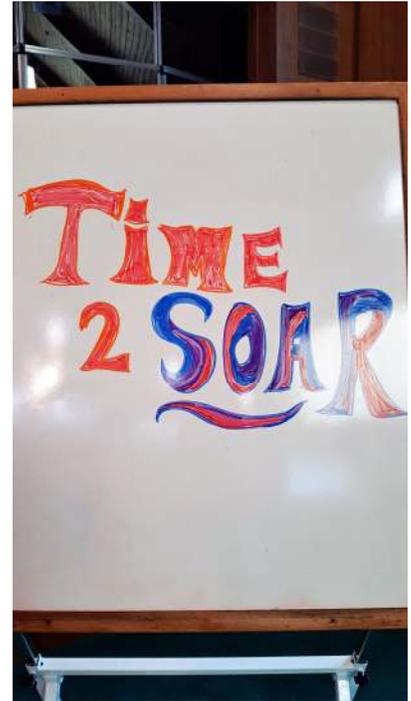
¹⁰ **In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.** ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

¹⁵ "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "**I am a woman who is deeply troubled.** I have not been drinking wine or beer; **I was pouring out my soul to the LORD.** ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been **praying here out of my great anguish and grief.**"

¹⁷ **Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."**

- Hannah was in deep anguish and bitterness of her soul. This is pain.
- All she saw and heard was through her deep emotional pain.
- Eli, the prophet of God, spoke the word of the Lord to her.
- Hannah BELIEVED GOD over the pain.
- The power of pain was broken and Hannah was able to advance.
- The power of God is greater than pain.



Isaiah 61.1 NIV

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,** to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners

- Jesus was sent to bind up the brokenhearted – those who are in mental and emotional pain and anguish.
 - "Bind up" means to stop, to rule, to govern, to heal.
 - Behold the Lamb who stops and rules over pain by His governing authority and power that brings healing.
- The government of God – His rule and reign – deals with pain.

1 John 4.4

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; **because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**

1 John 5.4-5

⁴ **For whatever is born of God overcomes** the world; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

⁵ **Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

- Overcoming the world means not living as a slave to the powers and principalities of the air.
- Not living in agreement with the voice of the accuser.
- We are seated far above powers and principalities – including the release of pain.
- Stand firm in the deliverance Jesus has provided.

Romans 12.21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Overcome the power and voice of pain through the power of the cross and the sound of LIFE!
- Be aggressive in taking hold of the promise and provision of God.
- Speak what is TRUTH. Refuse to bow to anything else.
- By faith Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.
- Believe that God is able and faithful.
- The word is near you. It is in your heart and in your mouth. Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word.

Mary and Martha sought Jesus to heal their brother Lazarus. They were in anguish and pain because he was so sick. They were looking to Jesus to overcome death. Lazarus did die. As Jesus was walking into the city after Lazarus died, Jesus wept out of the pain and sorrow. Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb and out of the grave clothes – out of death into life. This was a prophetic demonstration of the overcoming power of Christ and the finished work of the cross.

Sahrach, Meshack and Abendigo said if you don't save us – You are still God. We serve You alone. We will not be overcome with pain of sorrow but our faith overcomes all. We believe God!

When we look at our city or our nation or our government or our culture or our own lives – will we look through the lens of pain and be paralyzed and hopeless? Or will we look through the overcoming power of the Lamb of God and align our testimony, the confession of our mouth and our thoughts, to the TRUTH and LIFE that are through Christ Jesus. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony... This is a statement of fact that moves us beyond death; if we can believe.

BEHOLD THE LAMB!

