

## The Word in Meditation

### BEING AN OVERCOMER

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I trust you are having a good day! Rain or shine, the glorious joy of the Lord can still shine in our hearts as the word of God is sown bountifully in us. Welcome to the Word in Meditation!

Father, thank you for your word! Teach us, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, truths in Jesus that will cause us to grow in you. We thank you for it. In Jesus' Name, amen.

We have been talking about being an 'overcomer' this week. Let's look into this a little further.

In John 16:33, Jesus says, "these things (that is, His words [emphasis mine]) I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

It is incorrect, my friend, to think that just because we are Christians, that the world is going to fall at our feet screaming for mercy. Sometimes we have thought so; that we would be able to 'get over' in this life and that we would live a life without persecution; not so.

II Timothy 3:12 says, "Yes, and all that will live godly in Jesus Christ shall suffer persecution." Why do we suffer persecution? Because the world hated Jesus, and so hates us. Why? Because the work of wickedness is brought out into the open by the light which is in us.

Smith Wigglesworth, was an evangelist of great fire. He loved God and hated the devil with unquenchable fury. One day, as he rode on a train with several other fellows, he listened as they talked of their home, family, and friends. All of a sudden a man jumped up and fell at Smith's feet and cried saying, "Sir, you reprove me of sin!" This you see, friends, was because the whole of Smith Wigglesworth was full of the overcoming light of God Himself.

How are we to overcome if we are to suffer persecution, you might ask. I am glad you asked. In Romans 12:21 we read, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

We do not return evil for evil. The eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth way of life is dead and gone, swallowed up by love.

If someone continually does you dirty, talks ugly about you or lies against you; understand that you are in Christ and that He suffered much more than that. That a servant is not above his master, I find solace in that fact. That since Jesus faced persecution, and overcame it, I can too. So I speak softly, I try to find ways to do nice things. No matter how much of a backbiter they are.

See, the scripture says here in Romans 12:21 that evil does not overcome or conquer good. Good, overcomes evil. Always. That is why if you are dealing with sickness or demons they have to move because they are evil and good overcomes evil. How? Through the use of Jesus' Name.

Once again, I see our time is nearly gone. Tune in tomorrow, friends, for more of the Word in Meditation.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.