

The Word in Meditation

BEING AN OVERCOMER

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Praise God! What a beautiful day to live in the presence of God Almighty! I'm excited about the Word of God. How about you? Welcome again, friends, to the Word in Meditation. Time flies doesn't it? Here it is already Wednesday. God bless you, friends! I love you and God loves you. Let's pray!

Father, thanks to you for this broadcast, and for faithful listeners. We look to you, Lord, for your wonderful teaching and thank you for now in Jesus Name, amen.

We are still talking about overcoming; being an overcomer.

If you are a believer, if you are a committed Christian, not a half-baked, lukewarm, fearful, compromising Christian, you *are* an overcomer. If your life lacks power, you have trouble getting through crises in your life or anything else like that, then you *can* be an overcomer and in the next few minutes you'll find out how.

In 1 John 5:4-5, we read the following, "For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

We read here that *we* overcome the world. All worldly things we can overcome, no matter what. Cussing, smoking, drinking, anything no matter what. *By* what? Our faith. It says here that the thing that overcomes is our faith. You see, Jesus had faith that God would raise Him from the dead (Psalm 16:10), and that faith overcame the grave.

We can, though, believe that Jesus is the Son of God like it says here, but our lives can still be a wreck. Until we find that Jesus has given us His Name, and suit of clothes to wear (Ephesians 6). Maybe, though, you already know it. You already know that Jesus has given us His Name. Did you know that you can use His Name *as a Christian*, and it will not send demons running? I all ways thought when people spoke and said, "In Jesus' Name" everything had to stp. Not true. I'll tell you why.

IN 1976, my wife and I had a small two-room house in Portland, Oregon. We had, also, our first baby not yet six months old.

I went down into the basement for some wood to put on the fire. I don't know if you have ever been in the presence of a demon and mean a fierce one, but I have. It held me petrified. I could hardly move. I could hardly speak. I did manager, though, to say, "Devil you get of here in

Jesus' Name!" Nothing happened. I said the same things two more times. Nothing. Why wasn't it leaving? I was a person who prayed, went to church, used Jesus Name. It scared me; really scared me!

I sought an answer real qaick. An evangelist told me, "Jay, satan can't cast out satan." I was not possessed, but there was no faith in me at all, just enough to get me saved. I got into the word of God. My faith grew, and the next time it happened, and it did, I used Jesus Name and I got *immediate* results.

Well, we have come to the end of our time, today. More tomorrow.

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.