

The Individual Conflict: Victory Over Sin

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Session 6: Closing Arguments

"Christ In You"

- *Galatians 2:20*
- *Colossians 1:27*
- *The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. - Desire of Ages, p. 323*

Contemplating Jesus

- *2 Corinthians 4:6*
- *2 Corinthians 3:18*
- *Hebrews 12:1-3*
- *Not in our learning, not in our position, not in our numbers or entrusted talents, not in the will of man, is to be found the secret of success. Feeling our inefficiency we are to contemplate Christ, and through Him who is the strength of all strength, the thought of all thought, the willing and obedient will gain victory after victory. - Christ's Object Lessons, p. 404*

Prayer

- *James 5:13-18*
- *Hebrews 4:14-16*
- *Luke 11:13*
- *True prayer takes hold upon Omnipotence and gives us the victory. Upon his knees the Christian obtains strength to resist temptation... The silent, fervent prayer of the soul will rise like holy incense to the throne of grace and will be as acceptable to God as if offered in the sanctuary. To all who thus seek Him, Christ becomes a present help in time of need. They will be strong in the day of trial. - God's Amazing Grace, p. 86*
- *When we talk discouragement and gloom Satan listens with fiendish joy, for it pleases him to know that he has brought us into his bondage. Satan cannot read our thoughts, but he can see our actions, hear our words, and from his long knowledge of the human family he can shape his temptations to take advantage of our weak points of character. And how often do we let him into the secret of how he may obtain the victory over us! We must learn to come to God in any and every emergency, as a child would come to its parents. - That I May Know Him, p. 279*

Scripture

- *Matthew 4:1-11*
- *Hebrews 4:12*
- *Ephesians 6:10-18*
- *Psalms 119:11*
- *Keep the mind filled with the precious promises found in the Bible, and when Satan comes in like a flood to overwhelm you, meet him with the weapon which the Word of God has provided, "It is written." This will break his power and give you the victory. - Lift Him Up, p. 273*
- *We can overcome only in the way that Christ overcame--by wholehearted obedience to every commandment of God. - This Day With God, p. 322*

- *He used the word of God to thwart the temptations of the evil one. This is where our safety lies. We should study the word of God, and be so filled with it, that we can meet the enemy of our souls with "It is written," as did our example. Then we could hope for the grace that God has promised, to enable us to be overcomers. -Signs of the Times, September 30, 1889*

Consistent, Confident Attitude

- Philippians 4:11-13
- *Joseph bore the test of character in adversity, and the gold was undimmed by prosperity. He showed the same lofty regard for God's will when he stood next the throne as when in a prisoner's cell. Joseph carried his religion everywhere, and this was the secret of his unwavering fidelity. - Medical Ministry, p. 37*
- *You should be full of hope in the work of the Lord. A discouraged man cannot glorify God. Whatever you do, you should not lose your hope and faith. When you become discouraged it is an evidence that you have allowed the enemy to come in between your soul and God. You must lay hold of the hope set before you, and you will come off victorious, and be ready to sing the praises of God. - Signs of the Times, September 30, 1889*

Service For Others

- Revelation 12:11
- James 4:17
- Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 10:25-37
- James 1:27
- *We become overcomers by helping others to overcome, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. - SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 974*
- *We are not to look at ourselves. The more we dwell upon our own imperfections, the less strength we shall have to overcome them. We are to render a cheerful service to God. - That I May Know Him, p. 224*
- *Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training that in this life gives strength and nobility of character. - Education, p. 265*

Final Illustration

- Matthew 25:31-46
- *Those who wait for the Bridegroom's coming are to say to the people, "Behold your God." The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them. - Christ's Object Lessons., p. 415*