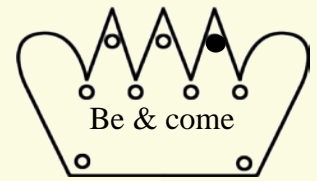


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again

5.2 Overcoming Evil

Bible Verse: Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white.
I will never blot out his name from the book of life...



Proclaim: *That which is born in me from God overcomes evil.*

Truth: God is holy and want us to also be holy, for all who are unholy and all disgusting things shall not be able to enter God's eternal City.



Scripture Reference: Genesis 15:10-11

Lesson: (1) **Our mind is like the nest of a bird** – *The human brain is like the nest of a bird.*

Mommy Bird guards the nest like a treasure. Similarly, we must guard our hearts and minds. The Lord God is holy and wants us also to be holy in all our thoughts, speech and actions. The bible tells us: “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable...think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8; Leviticus 19:2)

(2) **Bad thoughts are like birds of prey** – *One day, Abram was offering sacrifices to God when the birds of prey came. Abram drove them away, not allowing the preys to desecrate any of the offerings. Similarly, let us reject undesirable or unclean thoughts, which come like birds of prey. We must safe-keep our minds by thinking according to God's Words. When a bird flies over a man, he cannot stop it, but he can prevent it from settling on his head. The Bible teach about forgiveness for those who have wronged us. Thus we need to reject bad or revengeful thoughts. (Genesis 15:10-11; James 4:7)*

(3) **To guard our faith, hope and love** – *Now faith, hope and love are present in our hearts. Apart from salvation, these are God's most precious gifts to man. However, Satan works to destroy our faith, hope and love in God. Let us therefore take caution in what we hear and see every day for these will influence us. Negative, careless conversation from the Internet can be a source of bad influence and can cause people to care less and less about the people around. (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

(4) **Not to indulge our fleshly nature** – *The Bible mentioned: “sexual sins, impurity, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies ...” and that those who do such things cannot inherit the kingdom of God. 1 John 3:8 reveals that the one who sins is of the devil; the outcome is damage and death. God's Spirit can help us from within to overcome all unrighteousness and evil. (Galatians 5:19-21)*

(5) **Victory power by the cross** – *Hallelujah! Our old self has been crucified with the Lord on the cross and is now ineffective like a dead man. We are no longer bounded by sins. The Lord has won the victory over the devil and given us the freedom to overcome evil and lead a holy life. God has promised: “He who overcomes will ...be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life”. (Rom6:6, Rev3:5)*

Conclusion: The things that are fleshly will deplete our faith, hope and love. Therefore, let us not indulge in the flesh but let us diligently guard our faith, hope and love in the Lord.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AID S- Lesson Title and Memory verse A Bird Nest or Picture of a nest with little birds.
OBJECT LESSON	Genesis 15:10-11 Abraham drove away the birds of prey
SHOW & TELL	1. Human brain is like a bird nest 2. Ideas which contradict the bible teach are like birds of prey that must be cast off
PRAY	1. Call for Salvation - LORD JESUS: Thank you for having died on the cross for me. Please forgive my sins and come into my life as my Savior. Help me to overcome temptations to sin and live in victory every day, in Jesus' Name I pray. 2. Ask God to grant strength and alertness to live an overcoming life.