

## Oneness pt41

*God and His People Blends Together.*

### **65-0425 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP**

**29** He had a covenant with Adam, the first man on earth. And that covenant was on conditions, "If you do so-and-so, I'll do so-and-so." Adam would had something to do in order to keep this covenant alive before God. He had to walk in God's ways, keeping all of His Word, not breaking one Word.

**30** But then He made another covenant, and that was with Abraham. This covenant was not on conditions, but was unconditionally. God gave the covenant to Abraham, no strings tied to it, at all. Unconditional! Not, "I will." "I have! I've already done it."

### **EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3**

The true church of Jesus Christ, the bride, is likened to PURE gold. Her righteousness is HIS righteousness. Her attributes are HIS own glorious attributes. Her identity is found in Him. What He is, she is to reflect. What He has, she is to manifest. There is no fault in her. She is all glorious within and without. From beginning to ending she is the work of her Lord, and all His works are perfect. In fact in her is summed up and manifested the eternal wisdom and purpose of God. How can one fathom it? How can one understand it? Though we cannot do that, we can accept it by faith, for God hath spoken it.

### **63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME**

**4** Lord, we would ask that You'd go out among the people and seek out that predestined seed out there, Lord, and bring it around, in some way, that the Light will fall across the path, Lord. For, we believe that the hour is getting late, the sun is swiftly sinking in the west, then will soon be that "time shall be no more." Time and Eternity will blend together when God and His people blends together. And we pray, God, that, at that time, that we will be numbered among those that'll be blended into Christ, that's called His Bride. ....

**51** Now, we see these hours that we're in, this stage, and we see what it was. And the Holy Ghost is rebuking the age that put Him out. But, in all that, did you notice, "To him that overcometh"? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Even in that worldly, wicked church age, "Him that overcometh."

**52** We find here that God has always had overcomers. He's had overcomers in every age. There's always, every time, in every age that there's been on the earth, God has always had somebody He could put His hands on, as a witness

in the earth. He's never been without a witness, though sometimes just one. But somebody overcome, now, like the saints of old.

**69** "How will I know then, Brother Branham, that I'm in There?" Watch what kind of a life you're living. Just look around. See if it's just lived out of you, automatically. Or, do you have to strain and pull, see, then you're doing it. But don't try to do it. Did you ever try? Yeah. Don't.

**70** Just like putting a little baby's arm in a sleeve hole, you see. He's just up, down, over, and everything else. See? He can't do it. "Put on your coat, honey." He can't do it. Little arm is up, down, around. It takes your steady hand. Oh, how glad I am, I can just yield my hand to Father, say, "Lord Jesus, I can't get in There. You help me. Put the coat on me." I quit trying. Just let Him do it. See?

**71** If the little baby keeps trying, "Oh, I can do it. I can do it." And he's just everywhere. He can't do it.

Neither can you, neither can I, but if we'll just hold still and let Him do it. Just yield to Him, "Here, Lord, here I am. Just let me be nothing. I yield. You put my hand in the right place." That's the victory. That's overcoming.

**72** The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your idea, your thing, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.

**73** But in Noah's time there was eight overcomers, and that's what went in. They were caught inside.

Now look, friends. I believe they're taping this. And if it's on television, or not tel...pardon me, a tape. Whatever you do, who is listening now, or who will listen hereafter, the hour is very late, and you do have good intention, but be caught inside. Now, don't struggle. "Not him that willeth, or him that runneth, but God." Just let God. Just yield yourself to Him and walk on, with a perfect, satisfied faith, that, "What God has promised He is able to perform." Not joining one denomination, another denomination, running *this*, *that*, or the *other*, trying *this*. Just yield yourself to God, and walk with Him, peaceful, quiet, not interrupted. Just keep on walking with Him. That's right.

**76** And Daniel, a man, a prophet; Shadrach; Meshach; and Abednego; Daniel was the prophet; and that was the size of the Church in that day, I mean, the Bride. There's lots of church, about two million of them went down there. But there was...That was the size of the overcomer. And them overcomers was put to the test. And every overcomer has to be put to the test. And when they said, "You take back what the Word says, or either be throwed in the fiery furnace," they refused anything but the Word.

**91** Notice each church age. The same overcome when they, each son out of each church age, overcome the temptation of that age. I got the Scriptures here. I don't think we really have time to make it, but we know each one of the church ages. Same now. It's just like someone who is...

**92** See, as I said at the beginning, you are born defeated. And that birth can never bring you to Life, because you're born defeated. And you're in a defeated world, amongst defeated people, amongst defeated creeds, defeated denominations. You've got to come to victory some way.

**93** It's just like a lily. Where is...A lily, I think, is one of the most prettiest flowers that there is. I'm very fond of those great calla lilies and pond lily. I think there's nothing hardly as pretty as a great big pond lily, call it water lily. How it's radiance! Now, where does it come from? It's a little seed, down in the bottom of a muddy, mucky pond. And that little seed, yet, all the radiance that'll ever shine in it, is in it right then, when it's in that mud. But it has to strive, daily, knowing that there is something. It's black. It's dirty. It's mucky. It's slimy. In that slime that it's living in, yet it presses its way through the mud, the muck, and the waters, and the stagnant places, until it sticks its head above, in the light, and expresses what's been hid in it all the time.

**94** I think that's an overcomer, that, once in sin, once did things that was wrong, don't worry about it now. Once did things that was wrong, then, now why look back into the pond again? See? Look, you have...

**95** God, by His predestination, see, has brought this seed to life, and it's pressing itself, see, coming to light. And now, on top of all of that, it has overcome. See? It doesn't express itself down *there*. It's getting up, to express itself.

Neither did you, in your sin, and adultery, and everything that you lived in. You didn't express nothing. But there was a seed in there, and it got a chance to press itself into Light. And now you're in the Presence of Jesus Christ, with the Son Light. It brought out what you really was in the beginning. You see what I mean? You saw the Light. You bloomed out. You laid your heart open, and now you're a lily.

**96** You remember my sermon on the lily? Reverend Lily, how he toils. "And, yet, does he not spin. And yet, Solomon, in all of his glory, is not arrayed like one of these." ~~He...Look at him. He's ready to gi...~~ He takes nothing for himself. The lily don't care nothing about himself. What does he do? He throws his beauty out, his life, that others might see. His life is expressed out, that others might see the glory, what's in him, that was in him in that mud. Now he's on top.

That's the overcomer. He overcome the mud. He overcome the things of the world. And now he freely gives himself out. Everybody can look at him. His life, you can't put a finger on it. See? He's a real overcomer. You can't say nothing about him now. Say, "He come out of the mud." But he's not in the mud now. He's on top of it. Amen. You can't now point back what he was. What is he now? He's on top.

**100** Jesus gave us the example, how to do it. Now we want to know how to overcome. Jesus told us how to do it. See? Humility! Girded Himself, took a towel, and washed the disciples' feet and wiped them. The very God of Heaven humiliated Himself.

**101** We don't want to be humiliated. That's the reason women don't want their hair to grow out, see, the reason they don't want to dress like ladies should dress. Like, men don't want to, see, it's the same thing. They don't. They get humiliated.

But, Jesus, constantly! Look Who He was. Greatness! I'm going to say something. Greatness humiliates itself. *Great* humbles itself. Greatness!

**102** I've had the privilege of getting, meeting some great men. And it's these guys that got a change of clothes, and fifty cents in their pocket, and to rattle, that's the guy that thinks he's something when he's nothing. But I stood by great men, I mean great men with ragged sleeves, cuffs. They make you think you're the great person. See?

Greatness is humility. Don't forget that, Church. Greatness is expressed in humility, not how fine you can be.

I don't mean dirty, now. I mean humble in spirit. See? I don't mean just get—get out and don't ever wash and clean up. That, you should do that. You know that. See?

But I'm talking about humility, genuine humility, not something is put-on. Something that is, that's real humility.

**103** Jesus told us how to do it. He overcome. Means... *Overcome* means "to stand the test," that's right, like all the old saints did; like Jesus did: amidst of all of His enemies, He stood the test. Everything He was tested against, He stood it. In the very face of sickness, and Him being Messiah, He healed them. In the face of death, He brought it back to life. In the face of Calvary, His Own death, He defeated it by surrendering Himself. Why? By the Word. Said, "You destroy this Temple, and I'll raise it up in three days." The Word said so. See? And in the presence of death, He defeated it. He overcome death. In the presence of hell, He defeated hell and overcome hell. Yes. In the presence of the grave, He overcome the grave. Why? All by the Word, and humility. Oh, my! There's the

real Man. There's the One to make your example. See? He defeated everything, overcome it.

**104** Look. Temptation was for Him. You know that? The Bible said, "He was tempted in all points like we are, yet without sin." He was tempted by drinking. He was tempted by women. He was tempted by everything that could be tempted by. He was tempted by everything that we are. He was a Man, and yet you couldn't put a mark on Him. Yes, sir.

**105** *Overcome* means "to recognize the devil in every one of his tricks." Lot of people says, "There is no devil. It's just a thought." Don't you believe that. There's a real devil. He's just as real as you are or anybody. A real devil, and you must recognize him real. You must know he's a devil. Then, the same time that you recognize him, and know that he's a devil and he's against you, then, to overcome, you must recognize that the God in you is greater and mightier than he is, that the One that's in you has already overcome him. And, by His grace, you are more than a match for him. Amen. There's real overcoming, when you recognize.

**106** You look back, say, "I'm doing *this* and I'm doing *that*," then, no, you—you, you're defeated.

"But there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Then you realize that you've overcome. And you know that he is a devil.

You can't say, "I got a sickness, and I don't believe it is a sickness."

Oh, yes, it *is* a sickness.

You got cancer, you "don't believe it is a cancer."

It *is* a cancer. It *is* a cancer.

But, remember, "Greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world." You must realize that the Holy Spirit that's in you has already overcome this thing. And He's in you, and you can overcome by Him. That's exactly sensible, it's exactly the way the Scripture is written. Overcoming!

**113** Look. He showed us how it's done. How did He do it? By the Word. That's how He done it, for He was the Word. And Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you," you're back to Word again, the Word of promise. What is the Word of promise to every Christian? "Greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world." Then how do I overcome? Not me, but the Word that's in me. The Word is God. Then I overcome the things of the world, because it's the Word in me. "If ye abide in Me, My Words in you, then just ask what you will." Just keep pressing up. You're coming to the top, as sure as anything. See? You got to come to the top.

**115 The first he made his attack upon**, to use His great power. Which, He knowed He was the Word. He knowed His position. You believe He did? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] "I the Son of man." He knowed His position. And Satan come and wanted Him to use His Own power on Hissself, to feed Him, want to feed Hissself. He was hungry. A man gets hungry, he can do almost anything. He'll steal, rob, beg, borrow, anything. See? He had that appetite. And Satan used his first great major assault upon Him, to take His power that He had been given to overcome with and use it on Himself. He didn't use it on Himself. No. He used it on others. That's right. He used it on others, not Himself. It wasn't for Him. Though, He could have done it. He certainly could have done it.

**116** But see how the devil gets? The devil wants you to mind him. He minded only what the Father said do. That's right. ....

**119** Now let's just take, for instance, like our sisters. They're pretty. And he can get you to a place, that, you let your hair grow out, you didn't realize it looked so nice on you, and, the first thing you know, you get kind of feeling a little stuck-up, little above something else. Some of you men, you know what I mean. See? And he can take that same thing and proposition it with you. That's right. See. You got to overcome that.

Just remember, you're living for God. You have one objective, and that's Jesus Christ. Outside of that, there's nothing else counts. That's Him. Then, secondly, for your family. Then, thirdly, for yourself. But, first, for God; next, for your family; and next, for you. You're number three; that's the end of the road. Put yourself last; He did.

**129 Then, the second assault.** I'll hurry. Just looks like the time just goes so fast. The next great assault was, that he made upon Him, that He would be a show-off.

And how that does hit God's servants, to be a show-off, to show what you can do. "Glory to God! Hallelujah! I'm a deliverer! I'm so." See? See?

**130** "Come up here, on top of the temple, and set down here." He tempted Him to do it. Now, remember, He was tempted to do it, hard. Said, "Now, if You want to be something before the people, stand up here on this temple, jump off." See? "I'll give You a Scripture for it, because it's written, 'He'd give the Angels charge over Thee, lest, any time, dash a foot against a stone. He'd bear Thee up.'" To make Him a show-off, to show His authority.

**131** No true servant of God ever does that. You see a man showing off, his chest out, and all like that, just remember, there is something wrong there. No. God don't want that. Jesus set the example. He could have done it. He certainly could have done it, but He didn't do it. No servant of God is a show-off, of himself, to try to take God's power and show himself above somebody else.

**139 Third great assault**, Satan offered to forfeit this kingdom to Him. He did. Satan said, "See these kingdoms of the world? These are mine. I do with them whatever I want to. I'll forfeit them to You."

But, you remember, he was trying to get Him to forfeit it without the cross. If He did, we'd be lost. He could have took the kingdom. But He must follow the...He must come back. He was tempted to do it, now. Death is a hard thing. He was tempted to take His liberty and be the King of the earth, without the cross. But, if He did, His subjects would have died. Satan would have gladly made that proposition with Him. But He said, "Get behind Me, Satan." He didn't do it.

**140** He come and suffered, and took the hard, rugged route. He took the route of persecution. He took the route of death.

Are we, this morning, willing to do, take that same route that He taken? Are we willing to die? Are we willing to give ourselves up to God, forfeit all the world and the things, to serve for Him? See?

**141** Now, He failed to do it. Willingly to forfeit it, Satan was, to Him. But He didn't do it. Though Jesus was tempted, He overcome for us. He endured all temptations for me and for you. See? He could have took it right then. But what did He take the other route for? So that we could come, be with Him. And if He paid such a price as that, then how little would we be not to take it? When, remember, there's nothing here, anyhow.

**142** If you live a hundred years, what are you going to come to? Mental, and your mind gone, all crippled up, and old and shaky. That's where you're going, and that's the end of it. You come now, overcome the thing. How you do it? By the Word. What the Word says, you do it. Walk humble. Live before Jesus.

**143** He endured all things for you and I. He is our example how to overcome our evil generation, as He overcome His evil generation.

**144** Remember, when He come to the earth, there's just as much unbelief, or more, than there is at any time. It didn't bother Him a bit. When they called Him a devil instead of God, when they called Him everything that could be done, it didn't bother Him a bit. He had one objective: "Mind the Father. Keep the Word." The Word is God. He had one mind.

**64-1227 WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS**

**123** God had called Moses. He didn't want to go. Those prophets had such things to do till they... It was a hard thing to do. They didn't want to be going out, and be scorned at. They wanted to have fellowship and go in with the rest of them and go along with brothers. But you see, just like... I believe... I forget what prophet it was, said, "If... I don't want to do this," (in other words) "but my whole heart will catch afire. God has spoken and I must deliver It." Whether they liked It; whether they crucified him; whether they stoned him; whatever they did... God has spoke in his heart, and he must say It. Not to be different, but be obedient. "Obedience is better than sacrifice; hearkening, unto the fats of rams." See, It was in his heart. He must do it. It was his Life. He couldn't hold It. There was something, a pulsation, that pushed them. They couldn't bless It or curse It. God had so much complete control of them till He was their voice, their action. Hallelujah!

**124** Give me a Church that's so completely anointed with God till their every action and move is THUS SAITH THE LORD, walk in that Shekinah Glory, I'll show you a Messiah (anointed one of God) standing upon the earth.

**125** There stood Moses by this burning bush and the Shekinah Glory. Standing there, anointed, he didn't know what he was doing hardly. He was just obeying what the Voice said do, "Stick your hand in your bosom. Pull it out. Take up that rod. Turn it into a serpent. Throw it back down again." No matter what anybody else said, he was doing it.

**126** Said, "Lord, show me Your Glory, and I'm ready to go to Egypt. I'm not an eloquent man. I can't speak well. But You just let me see Your Glory." And He showed It to him. And he went down and took these same things, and to show that he was the anointed Messiah. That man picked up dust off the earth and throwed it into the air, and flies and fleas flew out of that dust, and cover the earth. What could create, but God? Took water out of the river and poured it upon the bank; and every drop of water throughout Egypt, turned to blood. What could do that, but God? What was it? He was so completely surrendered to God's anointed Word till he was the Messiah.