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Death had entered. How do we know? Do we not hear the voice of the Spirit raised in that first age for all who will hear, as He is calling. **"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life in the paradise of God."** The church had already imbibed too deeply of the tree of death (or the denominational false vine) whose end is the lake of fire. But there are no cherubim with flaming swords to guard the Tree of Life now. **God does not now depart from the midst of the church as He departed from Eden.** Oh, no, He will ever be in the midst of His church until the final age. And until that time He calls to all to come.

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33 And now let's turn to Revelations, the 3rd chapter, at the church ages, repeating a church age. But now we are... we... there. Yeah. **I could take this one text, and with the Holy Spirit, preach on It a hundred years and never get what's in It out. Because, in this one text, like all other texts of the Bible, It's all tied together.**

And I want to take my subject, this morning, of this: How Can I Overcome? Now, I chose this because that I think that it's a time that we should never let the Spirit of revival die. We've got to keep in revival, constantly revived, every day. Paul said he had to "die daily, that Christ could live." And we must never let that revival die, within us. Now, Revelations, the 3rd chapter, and beginning with the 21st verse, we read this. *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I... overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

34 Did you notice the 'rangements of that? See? "Set with Me in My throne," not "on My throne." "In My throne," that's in His domain. See? And now, as Christ is the Ruler, throne Ruler at this time, of the complete domain of God, so will the Church be with Him, the Bride be with Him, in His throne, in the entire domain. See? Not "on My throne," but "in My throne," see, where His domain reaches. **A throne is over a domain, and a domain reaches just as far as its boundaries does. And this is from Eternity to Eternity. Just think of it!**

36 Now, soon, I think that the church maybe should be taking just a little step higher at this time. I don't plan on doing it this morning, of showing these things. But I think,

shortly, the Lord willing, before we preach on those Trumpets, I want to bring the Church just something that you should know, I believe, now.

37 And now we're speaking on this, "overcoming." The word overcome, of course, you know what it means. You've got to have something to overcome. And this church age that the Holy Spirit was speaking about here, at the Laodicea Church Age, as we have just been through it, needed a rebuking. Laodicea had to be rebuked, because of its different towards Christ. It had put Christ outside, in their age. And Christ was on the outside, trying to get back on the inside. That's love. **After He had been put out of His Own house, was trying to come back in, and said, "He that'll open the door, I'll come in to him." See? The church, itself, in whole, had put Him out.**

38 But now notice. His call here is not to just the church. "He that overcometh." See? Not the church; that would be she, see, the church body. **But it's "he that overcometh," the individual that will overcome, now.**

40 It's been said so much, that God is such a good God, until they try to make God just a big doty grandfather. You see? But He is not. He is a Father, and a Father of righteousness, of correction. **And love is always corrective.** See? Love corrects. No matter how bad it hurts, it still corrects.

A real mother will correct her children. A real dad will correct. See? If you just get soft and doty, and let it...

41 I was crossing an old log the other day, down a wash, or what is called a hollow. And I jumped up on this log. On the outside, it looked good, looked like a big old beech log. But when I jumped on it, oh, a great chunk of it fell off. It was real rotten and doty. I said, "That's the way the Christians are becoming." They been dead in sin and trespasses, so long, till become doty. **They can hold no weight, at all.** They don't know what the overcoming means. I begin to think of this text, then. **Overcome, keep Life in you. When life went out, that's what brought that log to that condition.** See? And it made it worse than ever when it laid in the branch where the water was.

42 And then, there, you take a Christian, that's supposed to be a Christian, let the Life of God go from him, and the experience, the joy of serving Christ; and, living in a church where such is going on, he rottens twice as quick, right, living right under.

43 **So, if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ.** See? Cause, if it don't, you lay around, and know That, these things that you're supposed to do, and don't do it. **The Bible said, "He that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it's sin." Then you**

become doty, rotten, when you're separated from the Life of God. So, strive with all that's in you, to stay in the Life of Christ, that you be fruit-bearing.

44 We see this age that we're living in. It's one of the grandest ages of all ages. **This Laodicea Church Age is the grandest of all the church ages, because it's the ending of time and the blending of Eternity. And, then, it's the greatest sinful age. It's more sin in this age than there's ever been. And the powers of Satan is many times harder to fight against than it was in any age. See? Here!**

45 Back there in early ages, a Christian could, for his profession of in a church, of belonging to Christ, could be beheaded for it. He could be killed, and put out of his misery, and go to meet God, quickly.

But now the enemy has come in, in the name of the church, and it's so deceiving. This is the great age of deception. When, Christ said so, "The two spirits would be so close in the last days till it would deceive the very Elected if it was possible." See? See? See? Remember, Christ spoke of an elected people for the last day. See? "It would deceive the very Elected if it were possible." So close! The people so live, people can live a clean, holy life; not be sinful, adulterers, and drinkers, and liars, gamblers. They can live above that, **and still not with It.** That's right.

49 And then look at the Laodicea Church Age after has received the Holy Ghost, and with the knowledge and the Spirit of God within It, and then the works of God is denied by It, and call It "an evil work." Then what about that? There is where Christ is put out of His Own church. See? He... **It never showed Him in the church until it come to Laodicea;** and when He got to Laodicea, He had been put out of His church, trying to get back in.

50 Now, see, justification never put Him in. Sanctification just cleaned the place for Him. But when the baptism of the Holy Spirit come, it put Him in the people. And now they turned Him out, when He begin to show Hisself, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. **They turned Him out because they have denominated, and the Spirit of the Lord don't agree with their denomination.** You understand now?

[Congregations says, "Amen."--Ed.] That, they put Him out. "We don't want nothing to do with His telepathy. It's of the Devil. It's fortune-telling. Or..." See?

They don't understand. "Eyes and can't see; ears, and can't hear." See? God only opens eyes as He will. "He hardens who He hardens, He wishes to, and gives Life to those who He desires to." That's what the Scripture said.

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.

53 And a very fine man, a scholar, was saying, after The Seven Seals, he said, "Brother Branham, you being a typist, typologist, rather," said, "how in the world are you going to put that Church in the Rapture without the Tribulation period, in a type?" he said. You see, if it's a type, there's got to be a... there's got... If there's an antitype, there's got to be a type for that antitype to come from. And everything I say, that is true, has a type. It has a type. You have a shadow. **And the Bible said, "The old things was a shadow of the new things to come."**

He said, "But now you took the Old Testament as a shadow. Now," he said, "what you going to do with this Church?"

54 This man comes from a... A great man, a great teacher that's a bosom friend of mine, very good man, and he's a lovely brother. I--I'd be daresn't to say one word against the brother. I wouldn't, anyhow. As a Christian, I wouldn't say nothing against him. He don't agree with me on that one subject, but he--he's my precious brother. We eat together. And, oh, he's just a dandy fellow. I take his magazine, read his articles. And he writes some of mine, and so forth. And I've took a many a texts out of what I--I've read of his articles, hear him say. He's a great man, but he just can't agree with me. I appreciate that, of his sincerity. Though he don't just, one of these pushover, just have to agree with everything you say. He's got his own conviction, and he stands for it. I appreciate that. And he's a good man. Oh, I am not a teacher or scholar, at all, but this man is both teacher and scholar.

55 But I can't agree with him, 'cause I don't see it. But, it doesn't pertain to salvation, it's pertaining to the Coming of the Lord. He sees that the Church has to go through the Tribulation period, for purification. I say the Blood of Jesus Christ purified the Church. See? It needs no...

I believe that the church goes through the Tribulation period, church organization, but the Bride does not. Would you choose a woman you had to purify before you married her? See? Christ's Bride is chosen, and She is Elected. And She is God's Bride, the Bride of Jesus Christ.

56 And now he said, "How you going to type that, if that Bride goes forth, goes up before She goes through the Tribulation period?" Said, "I got Scripture that shows you that the Church is in the Tribulation period."

I said, "Just read the Sixth Seal, that's all, she is right there under the Tribulation period. But find out, just before that, the Bride is done gone. See? She is in Glory at that time. She has no purification." See?

"He that believeth on Me has everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation or the Judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." Christ gave the promise that we would not even stand at the Judgment. **So freely did he take my place**, until I'm absolutely free. When I'm pardoned, I'm pardoned. How can He take me out of the pawn shop, got a clear receipt, if... How can He be my Redeemer, and take me from the pawn shop, and the broker still say I belong to him? I got a written receipt, amen, see, wrote by the Blood of Jesus Christ. See? **Now, in that, here is where we come.** He said, "**Now, how are you going to get, separate that elected Bride you talk about now, how you going to put That under a type?**"

57 I said, "Very good." I say, "Here it is now, in Matthew, the 27th chapter and the 51st verse." If we...

Let me just read it, and then we got it good. Then we find out whether it was typed or not, whether it's the elected Bride. Matthew, the 27th chapter and the 51st verse. All right. We read this, at the crucifixion of our Lord.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;...

58 Now, that was the law. The law ended right there. Because, the veil kept the congregation from the holy articles of God. Only an anointed priest went in there, and, that, once a year. Remember? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now, God, with His Own hand, notice, "from the top to the bottom," not from the bottom to the top. It's some forty-feet high. Notice, not from the bottom to the top, but "from the top to the bottom," showed it was done by God. **Rent the veil in two, then the anyone, whosoever will, may come and partake of His holiness.** See? All right.

... from top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection,... went into the holy city, and appeared to many.

59 There is that Elected, that Bride. Not all of the Jewish church come forth at that time. All of them made the same sacrifice. All of them was under the shed blood of the lamb. But there was an elected Group; and that elected Group, as soon as the event come, that really believed in It with sincerity. Now I'm coming to the word

overcome. Now hold that. These that had really overcome, **sincerely making the same offering that the rest of them made, but, in sincerity, overcome the things of the world.**

When the propitiation correctly was made for them, they were in paradise until that play at that time. When that time was made, they had overcome and was resting, sleeping; see, "many bodies of those that slept in the dust," see, slept.

60 Now, if we had time, we could go on back to Daniel, when, Daniel, that elected one that had overcome. And He said, "Close up the Book, Daniel, for thou shall rest in thy lot. **But when the Prince shall come, which will stand for the people, thou shall stand in that lot.**" Here it is. Daniel, this prophet of God, saw the end time coming. And He said, "Daniel, you'll stand in your lot at that day." And here he was, come forth; not all of Israel, but the Bride-type of Israel. Now, the rest of Israel don't come forth until the general resurrection.

64 Now let's talk of a few overcomers for a few minutes, in the days of Noah's time, which was typed by Jesus Christ, of being like today.

I suppose to have ten minutes. Now I'll be a half hour. I just getting started, the first page. I'll skip a few of them, if I can. And get what...

65 In Noah's time, type of today. Jesus referred to it, and said, "As it was in Noah's time, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man. In Noah's time, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man." Notice, there were all that antediluvian world, perhaps of millions of people, there was eight overcomers. Eight people overcome, that was real, genuine overcomers. There was Noah's three sons and their wives, and Noah and his wife. Eight overcome, that entered the ark at the appropriate time. How did they do it? They listened to the Word of God. They wasn't caught outside the door. They were caught inside the door.

66 Oh, my beloved friends, don't let that door shut. Jesus said, "As it was in that day, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man." (Thank you, brother.) "So shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man." Now, there's somebody is going to get caught outside that door.

Many of them might have had good intentions, and, "Someday, if such things happen, we'll go in with Brother Noah, 'cause he's a fine fellow." But, you see, it caught just eight inside.

67 Now, think hard now. If you are laying around, getting doty, get in. Hurry, quick, 'cause the door might close at any time.

68 **And there's always been an ark in God's economy.** There was an ark in the days of Noah, for the saving of His people. There was an ark in the days of the law, ark of testimony. In the days of the law, they followed the ark.

And there is a third dispensation now; like Noah's time, Lot's time, and now this time. There is an ark now. **And that ark is not a denomination, neither is it a good works that you do. "It's by one Spirit,"** Romans 8:1, "we are all baptized into one Body, in the domain of that Kingdom, one Spiritual baptism." No matter how good, how bad, whatever, **you're in that Kingdom by Holy Ghost baptism. See? That's the only way you overcome. It's all that is under the shed Blood is overcomers, 'cause you cannot overcome, yourself. It's He that overcome for you. You're resting.**

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, 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.