

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 11

### THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION



We have all faced the discouraging frustration of repeating sins of the past in spite of our best efforts. Christ's example in overcoming appetite in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2-4) demonstrates the way we may overcome temptation and be free from the frustration of defeat.

God's grace is sufficient for all our trials. The greater the trial, the more of God's grace is given to those who trust Him. Through His grace we can overcome every temptation and become victorious. We must have on the whole armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-17) and be ready at any moment for a conflict with Satan. When temptations and trials come, let us go to God and seek His help in prayer.

#### A. TEMPTATION

##### 1. Why must the children of God be sober and vigilant? 1 Peter 5:8

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**NOTE:** God does not force us to obey Him; neither does he allow Satan to force us to obey him. When we sin it is by our own choice. Satan may only allure and deceive us. We are to be sober to withstand Satan's allurements, and vigilant to detect his deceptions.

##### 2. What is our part in avoiding strong temptation? Matthew 26:41; 1 Thessalonians 5:22

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- 3. Can temptation become so fierce that the Christian cannot withstand it? I Corinthians 10:13**

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- #### 4. What is the way of escape from Satan's wiles? James 4:7-8

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## B. CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

- 5. Is it really possible for a human to live without sinning?**  
**Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21**

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- 6. How are we restored to the image of God, as He created us?**  
**2 Corinthians 3:18**

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**NOTE:** A beautiful statue of a Greek maiden once stood in the market of an Italian city. One day a dirty, ragged little street girl, coming upon the statue, was captivated by its beauty. After gazing at it a long time, she ran home and washed her face and combed her hair. Another day she stopped again to admire the statue and a new idea flashed into her mind. Next day her tattered clothes were washed and mended. Each time she looked at the statue she found something in its beauties to admire and copy until she was a transformed child.

We were all slaves to sin. Jesus came into this world to show us by example how to avail ourselves of God's strength to escape that slavery; He died to redeem us from bondage to guilt; and He rose to claim us for His own, and to administer our salvation. As we behold Jesus in His Word through prayer and meditation, and as we serve Him through serving others, we may be changed more and more into the glory of His likeness. Then if faithful, we shall some day see Him face to face.

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His perfect character. He gives us many promises in the Scripture which we can claim in order to become heirs of the kingdom. James 2:5; Matthew 25:34. Through victorious living we give glory to Him.

## PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Today and every day I determine to keep covenant with Christ who enables me to overcome sin, so that in Him I may develop a Christlike character and live a victorious Christian life.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **What one quality of character is needed for us to become partakers of Christ? Hebrews 3:14; Mark 13:13**

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8. **What joy of satisfaction does God promise in Christ? 2 Corinthians 2:14; Psalm 92:4**

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## C. OVERCOMING THROUGH FAITH

9. **What follows our rebirth and results in victory over the world? 1 John 5:4**

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**NOTE:** The term world, besides meaning our physical planet, means the spiritual darkness of mankind. Those who do not follow the teachings of Jesus live in the world of spiritual darkness. I John 2:15; John 18:36

10. **How are the strengths available to the Christian likened to the armour of a Roman soldier? Ephesians 6:11-18**

(1) verse 14 \_\_\_\_\_

(2) verse 14 \_\_\_\_\_

(3) verse 15 \_\_\_\_\_

(4) verse 16 \_\_\_\_\_

(5) verse 17 \_\_\_\_\_

(6) verse 17 \_\_\_\_\_

(7) verse 18 \_\_\_\_\_ always . . .

And \_\_\_\_\_ thereunto.

**11. What is the goal in Christ's renewing of our minds? Romans 12:2**

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**NOTE:** The work of transformation is accomplished when man cooperates fully with Christ. When the Holy Spirit dwells in the heart of man, a coalition exists which cannot be defeated. Philippians 2:12-13

**12. When we have become completely loving, whom are we like?  
1 John 4:17**

**13. What is the reward to the overcomer?**

Revelation 2:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 2:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 2:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 3:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 22:14 \_\_\_\_\_

## **D. PROMISES FOR VICTORIOUS LIVING**

**14. In order to encourage us to become partakers of the divine nature, what has God given to us? 2 Peter 1:4**

**15. From what does the Lord promise to deliver us: 2 Timothy 4:18; Galatians 1:4; John 17:15**

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**16. Can we, through the strength of Jesus, really be free from sin?  
Jude 24**

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**17. Through the merits of the blood of the everlasting covenant what does the God of peace promise to do for us? Hebrews 13:20-21**

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**18. Why is the Lord so patient with us? 2 Peter 3:9**

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**19. Is there any sin we are unable to conquer in Christ?  
Ephesians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Philippians 4:13**

## **SUMMARY**

The senses of the Christian are bombarded daily by temptations. With all his wiles, Satan attempts to defeat God's children by luring them into sin. Jesus knows from firsthand experience what it is to be tempted. Yet He never sinned, not even in thought. He understands the human dilemma and is able to help us avoid the misery of a sinful course. We are forgiven our past sins by having faith in Christ and He attributes His righteousness to us. Then, day by day, He enables us to develop a spotless character like