

Dominion To Overcome The World, The Flesh And The Devil

We are going to talk about dominion. A slightly different look

Dominion to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.
Say "The world, the flesh, and the devil"

We talk about the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; has broken the authority and power of the devil. The death burial and ascension has totally broken the power and authority of the devil. This is the greatest display of power in the whole universe. It reversed the curse. The curse that Adam brought into this world, the death burial and resurrection brought us into sonship. That is a beautiful thing. It also made us absolute masters of the devil and his minions. It did more than take you into heaven. It brought heaven into your life. Gave you a relationship with God and made you a master over the devil and his minions

Jesus disarmed the strong man, so if Jesus defeated the devil, all demons are defeated because he is their boss. That is the work of Jesus. No longer does Adam represent us, Jesus represents us to the Father. We are one with the last Adam just as we were one with the first Adam.

When we are talking about dominion, we are talking about dominion to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. We overcome.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

You have read this verse many times however take a fresh look at it.
It says OVER.

Having dominion means you are *over*. Having dominion does not mean that you are on equal grounds. Having dominion means you are *over*. Amen. When the bible talks about *over*. It is a preposition. It also means as a higher level. If you have dominion you are at a higher level. It also means "On top of." If you are *over* something you are on top of it. If you are *over* something it also means that you are greater than what you are over.

When it says "Over," it is your position, a higher level, you are on top of and you are *greater than*. For you to overcome, you need to know that you are over. Amen. Many people want to overcome, pray to, and believe to overcome but have no clue that God has set you over.

Say with me, "The devil is not on my level. Demons are not on my level. Fear is not on my level. I am on a higher level. I am on top of, and I am greater than."

When dealing with warfare and issues many tend to think that they are on the same ground as the devil. No, you are higher and over and because you are over, you overcome.

Your position is over.

Let us look at what Moses said

Deu 28:13 And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them,

Notice it says that the Lord will make you the head and not the tail. The head leads, and the tail follows. God want you to be a leader

Say "I am the head and not the tail"

It says you shall be above only.

It other words you shall only be above and not beneath. If you are above, you are over. Above only. Listen you are above sickness, fear, depression. You are above, and not below. You say you are great under the circumstances. You are not to be below the circumstances you are to be above

If you are talking about dominion, it means that you are above. Not below and not even on the same level. Say "sickness is not on the same level as me. fear is not on the same level as me. I am above. Since I have dominion I am above."

Let us see what Jesus said

Mat 10:1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Over, over, over. Watch this "To cast them out" say "Over unclean spirits to cast them out" When you are over something you do not fight it, you cast it out. There is a difference. When you are over unclean spirits you cast them out. If you fight them, you are on the same level as them. Do not fight evil spirits, cast them out. You are the one with authority.

You fight when you have no authority but when you have authority you can cast them out.

Why? Because you are over

What ever you are facing today, you are over.

To overcome you must realise that you have been positioned over

Luk 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

Luk 10:18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Luk 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Isn't that powerful. Say with me "I have authority over all the power of the enemy" We were in Nagaland and there I saw something amazing; I saw these little Nagaland ladies controlling the traffic, they were maybe 5 foot 1 and the authority that they had, they could lift up their hand, and a big truck would stop. The truck had power; the lady had authority. The truck had to stop because it respected the lady's authority

The enemy must stop when you exercise you authority. These ladies did not have the power to control the traffic but they had the authority.

"over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you."

Say "I have dominion, to overcome, because I am over."

Live in this reality, never talk big of the devil. Many times, the reason for your defeat is because of how you magnify the devil. Your words can bring you victory or defeat

Pro 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

It is your words that trap you. If you feel trapped, its because your words have trapped you. It says “You are snared by the words of your mouth.” Never talk about being defeated. You are magnifying the devil. Your words will bring you over or take you under. You dominion is released through words

Ephesians is a triumphant church who knows their position in Christ

Eph 1:20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

In the Old Testament, in Genesis we were “Above” and in the new covenant we are “Far above.” We are seated with him in heavenly places. That means you are far above. Every challenge you are going through, every obstacle, it is essential to know, if you want to overcome that you are far above. It is your position in Christ. Embrace your position to change your condition. The devil is not on the same ground you are far above.

Dominion over temptation

Temptation is real. When we talk about temptation, I am not just talking about sin, idolatry etc I am talking about tempted to doubt God's word. Tempted to fear. Tempted to complain. Tempted to become proud that you are somebody. Pride is a big thing; it is what got the devil kicked out of heaven. It does not matter how many people try to puff you up you have to remind yourself. To be rooted and grounded.

Let me also say this, tempted to yield to sickness and disease. You never thought that was a temptation. The moment you say, “I have this sickness, or I have this disease,” you have yielded to the temptation. Lord help us.

1Co 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Temptation is common to man

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

You overcome temptation. Kenneth Hagin had someone ask him to have him pray that the devil would not tempt them, he said “okay I will pray that you die because only in heaven will you not be tempted.”

On this earth we will have temptation, Jesus had temptations. Every person on this planet will face temptations. You cannot destroy temptations; you must overcome them.

Let me say this. the more you grow and the more spiritual you become. You do not have less temptations, the temptations are just more subtle but they are still as damaging.

Let's look at when Jesus was tempted

Luk 4:3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Luk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

Luk 4:5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,

Luk 4:6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

Luk 4:7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

Luk 4:9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

Luk 4:10 for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'

Luk 4:11 and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Luk 4:12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Luk 4:13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Jesus answered the tempter and the temptation he had with the word of God. He would know the word of God, to answer the devil with the word of God.

Isn't it amazing that the devil would prefer that we ignorant of the word of God so that we won't overcome him with the word of God

I have noticed this over the years, when there is worship, everyone is praising and could glow in the dark then when the preaching happens everyone is sleepy.

The devil doesn't mind you praising and worshipping but he doesn't want you to have the word because when you have the word you can overcome him

This is why we need to stay alert during preaching and teaching and even during your own study.

Satan offered Jesus everything, without going through the cross and look what Jesus said. Notice he knew what was written to respond and overcome the temptation. That is dominion.

In Luke's account in v12 he said "It has been said" that is powerful. Why? Because God has spoken it. The devil left him, looking for another time. You don't destroy temptations, you simply overcome them.

We are tempted to sin, doubt God's word, fear, follow through the desires of the flesh.

What do we do when the tempter comes?

Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

God isn't the tempter; God is the deliverer. God isn't tempting you. All temptations are common to man. It says that God makes a way of escape. Say "There is an exit out of every temptation, and the word of God is the exit."

God is not the tempter. Nowhere does it say that God is the tempter but the bible does call the devil the tempter.

Everyone is tempted. If you are on this call, it doesn't matter how high and spiritual you think you are, you will face temptation and you need to know what to do when temptation comes.

Temptation itself is not a sin. Yielding to temptation is a sin. Jesus is tempted and if temptation was a sin Jesus would not have been able to pay the price for our sin because he would have been a sinner

Martin Luther said "You cannot stop the birds flying over you head but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair."

It is the yielding to sin that is a sin. You may be tempted to doubt God's word, you may be tempted to fear, to yield to sickness and disease. You yield when you act upon it.

The way to overcome, is to know that you are already over. To overcome is to know that you are already over.

We have this reversed in the church. We think that by doing right, and stop sinning that you become righteous. We think that if we stop sinning that we become righteous

1Co 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1Co 15:34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Awake to righteousness and sin not. The way to stop sinning is having a revelation that you are the righteousness of God and when you discover your position in Christ, it will enable you to stop sinning. So, it is the opposite of what the church has taught us. It is when you realise you are righteous, who you are, then you stop sinning.

This is how Paul dealt with the churches. Their position in Christ

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh."

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

1Co 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

*1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
1Co 6:20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

When Paul was bringing correction of sin in the church, he was reminding them of who they are. knowing who you are will stop you from yielding to temptation. Stopping sinning doesn't make you righteous. Because you are righteous, you stop sinning.

People know they need to stop sinning, we need messages of the new covenant, and because of who we are and what we have, we can live the life we were created to live. We need to be reminded that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, seated far above, the righteousness of God. That needs to be strong within us

*Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.
Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.*

Say "Death no longer has dominion over him. neither does it have dominion over me"

*Rom 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Consider yourself dead to sin. Say "I am dead to sin."

*Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

This is a new covenant blessing. The nature of sin isn't in us anymore. We still have our flesh. Sin shall not have dominion over you. say sin shall not have dominion over me, I have dominion over sin. No believer can blame the devil. You can't say that the devil made you do, sin shall not have dominion over you. This is a new covenant blessing that we have dominion over sin

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

The doctrine is Paul's teaching. The New Man. The revelation of the new creation. When you discover who you are in Christ, you know that the power of sin is broken in your life. sin can no longer have dominion over you.

As a believer the temptations are going to come from the world, the flesh and the devil

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Say "I overcome the world because I have dominion say I overcome the flesh"

Galatians 5:19 talks about the works of the flesh

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as

I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

This is a list of the works of the flesh. I want to tell you right now that you cannot cast out the flesh. You cannot cast out adultery. I know you want to blame the devil but it is a work of the flesh. They are all works of the flesh. You can't cast them out, you have to overcome. You must crucify and consider yourselves dead. I know you want to blame the devil, it is a work of the flesh

Here it isn't calling them demonic spirits, it calls them works of the flesh

Say "sin shall not have dominion over me, I yield my body to the Lord, an instrument of righteousness."

Your flesh has to be disciplined, it has to be overcome, you can't cast out your flesh. People say "Pray for me, I have having these bursts of hatred and anger." You don't need prayer, you need discipline, because it's a work of the flesh. You need to stand on the naughty step

What we do is we blame everything on the devil, no it's the flesh. I know that I am repeating myself, it's because this needs to be strong in our mind

Say "Dominion to overcome the world"

How do you overcome the world? By renewing your mind to the word of God

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

How do you overcome your Flesh? by reckoning yourself dead to sin and alive to God

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

How to over the devil? By the word of God. What we saw when Jesus dealt with the devil in Luke 4

Just to remind you that the devil is defeated, he was defeated when Jesus came in the world, when Jesus walked on earth, and in Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, ascension and the final defeat of the devil was when we were made new creations. When victims became victors. The ones he controlled, now control him.

Practical steps

To overcome, we need to know that we are over. When dealing with temptation some practical steps I will give you

Make a quality decision before the battle

You are going to be tempted, make a quality decision beforehand.

Jesus says to "Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation." You need to be prepared beforehand.

The reason that many fall into temptation is because they wait until they are in the temptation to decide what they are going to do. You have to make a decision before. Your conviction needs to be strong before

I am not just talking about immortality, I am talking about fear, doubt, yielding to sin etc

Once it was said, it is a bad place to decide what you think about pre-marital sex in the back of a steamy car.

You have to have conviction in your heart before you are faced with temptation.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Before you resist the devil, you submit to God. You need to know that "This is not the path for me, not my position, not who I am, I am the righteousness of God, I will not yield my members to unrighteousness."

There are certain kinds of temptations that the bible tells you to run from.

Immortality

Greed

Idolatry

Pro 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

Pro 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

If you have a problem with drinking. You don't go to the pub and sit down. If you have a problem with having an immoral life style you aren't going to go clubbing and put yourself in certain situations

There needs to be a decision that you make to not put yourself in certain situations

There is a story of a young man, who had a problem with eating doughnuts, he would eat 5 – donuts at a time and so he said I am going to resist this and he was doing good until one day he went to work and had a doughnut and his colleagues said “What happened? I thought you were overcoming the temptation for doughnuts,” He said “well I woke up today and was being tempted and so I prayed and said Lord if the donut shop is open, I will take it that you want me to have a doughnut.”” What am I saying? If certain things are going to cause you to yield to temptation, then avoid those places.

Another practical thing we can do, when dealing with temptation and overcoming temptation, is that the temptation must be overcome by a passion greater than the temptation.

We call this the dog principal. Training a dog. If you have trained a dog. You get a piece of meat and you put it down and say “No”, and the dog knows that he can not go for that piece of meat, the dog may dribble but will refuse to look at the meat and will look at the master instead.

If you look at the master you will stop the temptation from overpowering you

That is what happened to Peter when he took his eyes off the Lord, he began to sink. when dealing with temptation keep your eyes on the master.

If we follow these principles, we will exercise dominion over temptations. As long as you are in this world you must exercise dominion over temptation. To overcome temptation, you have to realise that you are already over

Say

“I am on top

I am above

I will not yield to temptation”

I know that the temptations are real, they are a matter of life and death, when they come to doubting God's word, to sickness and disease. Many have yielded to sickness and disease and they are no longer with us

We submit to God's word, we depend and rely on God's word, ps 138 God has magnified his word above his name. it is our fortress

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Say with me,

“I am a believer

I believe the word of God

The word of God says that I was created to have dominion

If I have dominion I am over

Because I am over, I overcome

I overcome sickness

I overcome fear
I overcome doubt and unbelief
I overcome pride
I overcome complaining
And every temptation that I face, I overcome
Thank you, Lord”

Lift your hands to heaven and thank him that you are an overcomer, thank him that sin no longer has dominion over your life. That you reckon yourself dead to sin.