



*You are an  
Overcomer*

Part 3: Overcoming Temptation



“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” Romans 8v37

# Compare Churches

<b>Pergamum</b>	<b>Thyatira</b>
<b>Lived in Satan's territory</b>	<b>Lived in Satan's territory</b>
<b>Resisted and lived right with God</b>	<b>Great witness – Love, faith, deeds</b>
<b>Faced martyrdom without fear</b>	<b>Became more devoted</b>
<b>Gave space to Balaam's teachings</b>	<b>Allowed Jezebel to teach - pollute</b>
<b>Food to idols &amp; sexual immorality</b>	<b>Food to idols &amp; sexual immorality</b>
<b>Challenged to repent</b>	<b>Jezebel to repent</b>
	<b>Jezebel's children to be destroyed</b>

# Teachings of Balaam

- Story from Numbers 22 to 24
- Enticed (tempted) by Balak to curse the Israelites
- Asked God what to do and was told
- Met with Balak on three occasions and intrusted him to build altars for idolatry. (Nu. 24v1-2) – spiritual immorality (mixing God with idols)
- Instead of leading Balak to God of Israel

# Teachings of Jezebel

- Evil wife of King Ahab (King of Israel)
- Ahab married her and introduced all her gods alongside the Lord God – spiritual immorality
- Jezebel institutionalized worship of these idols; turned God's priests to become priests to Baal
- Patroness of idolatry (1 Kings 18v19) – spiritual immorality

# What are temptations?

- Balaam was tempted and led Balak astray
- Jezebel tempted the priests of God to idolatry (trials & temptations)
- Lord Jesus faced both trials & temptations – but without sin
- Other examples – Judas, Ananias & wife
- God tempts nobody – James 1v13-15

# Overcoming temptation

- They come from desires or from the enemy (1Ti 6v6-14)
- Evaluate your values and desires – are they in God?  
Change them if needed.
- Spiritual training – fasting and other self denials
- Man shall not live by bread alone (God's word)
- Pray regularly to be led away from them – 1 Co. 10v13
- Stay with godly teaching – avoid Jezebels & Balaams

## What does it mean?

“Victory is not surrendering to Satan’s attacks even if it means losing our lives as long as we gain eternity”

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**OVERCOMER**  
AND MORE THAN A  
CONQUEROR.  
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.  
GOD IS FOR YOU,  
SO WHO CAN BE AGAINST YOU?  
YOU'RE THE CHILD OF THE  
**One True King**  
WHO LOVES YOU WITH AN  
EVERLASTING LOVE.  
PRESS ON & HAVE HOPE  
BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL.



# OVERCOMER

he overcame so we can overcome