

## **You can be an Overcomer! 05**

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” John 1:12

### **What’s the Purpose?**

“Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?” Matthew 23:19

Most of mankind wanders in a morass (swamp) of purposelessness. For the carnal heart, not re-born of the Spirit, life sooner or later becomes just a quest for happiness and self-satisfaction. Often the things seen as desirable are only doorways to more frustration. I want to be happy and have things my way, and you want to be happy and have things your way and if we happen to live together, conflict is bound to hit sooner or later.

So we have complicated social rules whereby I agree to minister to your happiness and self-satisfaction, if you do the same for me. But it often breaks down. I do my part, but you miss your cue and I don’t get back enough satisfaction from you. Trouble is brewing and we get all steamed up talking about ‘fairness’ and ‘rights’. Maybe then you decide to give me what I wanted and for a while things are OK. Or maybe you decide—forget it! And we break up and go our own ways.

#### **Born Again**

Heaven doesn’t run on the same wave-length as this fallen world. In Heaven, self is not the king. God, a being with perfect ‘agape’ love and total unselfishness, is the King. He rules, not so much by command, as by example, and all the unfallen universe delights in following His gentle direction with perfect happiness and peace as the final result. Agape Love is the heavenly form of love; it is totally unselfish, and unless we as humans are given it by the Holy Spirit we cannot produce it ourselves!

When we are truly converted and Born Again of the Spirit, suddenly we find we have a whole different set of purposes. Our purpose becomes that which Christ demonstrated when He lived among us. To bring honor and glory to God by reflecting His Character, and this is His Glory. Blessing others and living for their good is the very heart of the Law of God.

#### **Ultimate purpose**

Jesus never lost sight of His ultimate purpose and His mission to accomplish it for the glory of His Father in Heaven. What were His purposes? To show God’s Glory to the world, (God’s character is His glory!) and to redeem man from sin.

He never got so caught up in fulfilling His mission that He began to lose His cool with His disciples. He never began to yell at them saying “Here I am doing all this for you and you just don’t catch on—you are so stupid!”

No, day after day, month in and month out, His patience remained ‘renewed every morning’ just like His Father’s. He never let the emergency, or difficulty of the moment, cause Him to forget the aim and purpose of His life. He had many trials, more than we can ever fully understand, but you never see Him frustrated. No, He remained calm, and continued kind, patient, and loving to those He had come to save.

He knew the people were what mattered—not just the performance of a given task. He had come to minister to them, and He did just that. When you read the life of Jesus, you can see many places where we, with our selfish hearts, would have figured He had every right to get angry, tell them off, or even just turn around and walk away saying, “If you guys can’t do better than that, just get out of my face!”

Look at the feast at Simon the Pharisee’s house. Here Mary brings a sweet gift and presents it lovingly to the Lord, and what happens? The disciples are jealous. They, especially Judas, decide they should have had that gift; it shouldn’t have been wasted on Jesus.

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Here He was nearing the end of 3 ½ years of putting up with them, patiently teaching and ministering to them, and still could not see much results from it all. Never had any one of them ever come along and brought Him a gift and said, “Here, this is because I love You.”

We would have considered Him justified to blow up and chew their ears right off. But all He did was gently rebuke, and that in defense of the woman, not Himself. No—He never forgot His purpose in living.

When we are born again, we have a purpose in living that we never had before. It is the same purpose that Jesus had—to obey and glorify our Father in Heaven by service to Him and our fellow beings. If we keep that purpose always before us, we will live very different lives than the unconverted, selfish ways of the world.

A few examples:

If I am a wife with a carnal heart, I will clean my house and do the necessary work and then I will say, “See, look at all what I did for you guys; you better appreciate it and do something back for me or there is going to be trouble! And you better not mess it up again either.”

This tends to make the family feel that they are a bother and that work is something to use to put others under some kind of obligation.

But the truly born again wife thinks, ‘Is my family’s purpose to serve my house? Or is my house to serve my family?’ She will do her tasks with a different attitude, thinking of the honor a well ordered home brings to God, and how much she contributes to the joy of her family in all these tasks, small and great, that go into running a home.

Her family will catch this unselfish spirit and will also delight to do their part, as they are able, to contribute to the home firm.

Here’s another example; the Carnal heart sees the job as most important, the born again heart sees *why* the job is important, not for itself, but for the honor of God and the happiness and comfort of others.

There is a saying that most people ‘love things and use people’ instead of ‘loving people and using things’.

I have to clean up the house because I have someone coming that I want to impress and so I am bustling about cleaning and tidying. Little Johnny comes along and asks, “Mom, I want to help.” Do I yell, “Just get out of the way, I can do it better without you.” Or do I remember that the training of my children is, in the sight of God, far more important than even a clean house to impress a guest, and patiently guide him thus allowing him to feel the satisfaction that comes with honest labor.

What is the Purpose?

If you find yourself rushing about, impatient, frustrated, irritable, too busy; Stop and think about what is the purpose? Compare that purpose to God’s eternal purposes.

What is the good of a clean house; if all in it are hurt and unhappy, feeling that they are just an irritant to you, and they are imposing on you somehow?

What is the good of a fancy meal, taking hours of work to prepare; if your family sits down to it sullenly and resentful of the way you’ve been yelling and irritable all the time you were preparing it?

What is the good of working to support a family; if they dread your very footsteps on the porch because you are always so cross and irritable when you come home?

What is the good of a family treat or outing; if everyone is rushed and yelled at to get ready and then made to feel obligated to you for going so far out of your way for them? “I did this for you, and you’d better enjoy yourself if you know what’s good for ya!”

Heavenly purposes compared to earthly:

Which is greater; the house, or the family that dwells there?

Which is greater; the job, or those who the job helps and provides for?

Which is greater; your 'ministry', or the souls you are ministering to?

When we are truly converted, and Christ reigns within through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we will have the same purposes Jesus had. When our purposes line up with God's purposes, we will experience a vast difference in our daily attitudes and behavior; a difference that will affect those around us in a positive way.

### **Tell me the Story of Jesus!**

In a Timber camp in the midst of the pine trees, two men were strangely drawn toward each other. One of them was Tim, short and humpbacked, with strong, sinewy arms, who had been in the camp many years and was a general favorite. The other was a newcomer, a tall, broad-shouldered young man, who carried himself proudly erect and had a clean-cut face and steel-blue eyes.

To the surprise of all, Tim was attracted to this man, Raymond Lee. In various ways Tim showed his preference for him, and thus won the kindly tolerance of the young fellow. Tim said to him, "Ray, you've got a lot to be thankful for. You know books, and you've had a chance." Ray pondered over Tim's words. A chance? Yes, he had, and had thrown it away.

One day Raymond and Tim were working with a large party of tree fallers. Suddenly a huge tree of the forest crashed to the ground. Above the noise a cry of pain and terror was heard. It was from poor, crippled Tim. A branch of the fallen tree had swept him off his feet and pinned him to the ground, Raymond was the first to reach him. Carefully Tim was freed, but found to be fearfully mangled. "I guess it's all over with me, boys," Tim said, trying hard to keep his voice steady. "Ray, stay by me. Oh, be careful."

They carried him to the camp and a doctor was sent for, but it seemed that he might die before the doctor would come. When he was laid on a rude bunk, he said, "It's death, boys. Tell me about God. No one ever told me."

The men were silent, so Tim spoke again, "Ray, tell me. It must be you know, because you're different from the rest of us." All eyes turned toward Raymond. So he bent over Tim and asked, "What is it you want to hear?"

"All 'bout Him. You see, I don't know much. Can't you tell me about Him? Pray for me!"

Raymond was stunned. His face grew white and stern. His father was a minister. He himself had been a theological student and had been influenced by a skeptical classmate who had lent him books that implanted doubt in his mind. Thinking himself superior mentally, he had gone on until he had cast aside the faith of his dead mother and had denied God. So he had forsaken his studies, written defiantly to his father, and at last in desperation hired himself out to work in the timber camp.

All this flashed through his mind, and now this dying man was asking him to pray for him. A groan escaped him, and he said, "Tim, I cannot! I—" He paused, unable to say that he did not believe in God, to whom dying Tim had now turned.

Raymond could bear no more. Turning away, he rushed out into the forest and strode here and there, caring not where. Face to face he grappled with his great problem, his right relation to God. His skeptical theories fell away from him. He had nothing now to stand upon. Then came a struggle as for life, till at last he reached a decision that meant everything to him, as with all his strength he won his way back to God with the determination: "I will believe in God, and I will obey Him! I will believe in Jesus, and I will trust in Him as my Savior! And I will tell others the story of His saving love and do all I can to win them for, Him!"

The shadows of evening were gathering in the room where dying Tim was lying. Raymond entered, went to his side, and said, "Tim, I have been with God. He has forgiven me, sinner that I am. Now I have come to tell you of His love."

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Then simply and tenderly he told the story of God's love in sending His beloved Son into the world to die for the lost—to become the Sin Bearer of all who would accept His salvation: "God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Romans 5: 8; 1 John 1: 7.

As others gathered around, they saw the light that came into Tim's face as he gasped, "I see!" Raymond knelt down, and one after another of the men knelt with him. Never had he prayed such a prayer before, for a soul was on the verge of eternity. And God wondrously answered. "It's all right! Tim murmured. Ray, you tell everybody! "

"Yes, Tim, I will spend my life telling it," he promised.

Tim said feebly, "I thank Him!" and in a few moments all was over. Raymond then faced the men and said: "Boys, I have gone back to the service I pledged to God many years ago. You heard my promise to Tim. Will you forgive the spirit I have shown toward you, and may I tell you something?"

"Yes, go ahead," said the leader of the men. Raymond began at once and told them the story of Jesus and His love. That night he wrote to his father, telling him of his conversion. The next night he told the men still more, and the third night his father arrived to help him. The glorious work went on until seventy souls had accepted Christ as their own personal Savior and were rejoicing in His great salvation.

If you have been ignorant of the saving power of God through Jesus, will you with an open mind behold it as earnestly as did Tim, so that you also can say as fervently as he did, "I see." And will you also open your heart to Jesus as Tim did, so that you can be able to say as decisively as he did, "It's all right"? If you do, rest and peace will come into your life.

Surrendering All to Jesus when we are Young:

When we are young, we feel that we have our whole lives ahead of us. We intend to follow the Lord, but because circumstances seem complex and it requires great change and effort in our lives to put into practice what we know God requires of us, we put it off; thinking that later, when our circumstances change, it will be easier to do it then. But I must tell you the words of God: "Now is the day of salvation, now if you hear the call, harden not your hearts!" There will *never* be an easier time to follow the Lord than today! Every time we excuse, rationalize, or postpone doing what we know is right, it becomes that much easier to do the same thing again. We sometimes think we cannot afford to obey God—but we cannot afford *not* to obey Him!

God loves you, more even than you can imagine. He longs to recreate you in His own image, to give you a new life, and make you into a new creation! He wants to make you into vibrant, living Christians, a power for good in this world, blessing others and being blessed yourself. God wants to bless you but He cannot as long as you fail to make Him first in your life. Jesus warns us that the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches can choke the spiritual life right out of us. We have to show that our Savior is first in our priorities and then we will have a power in our lives that Satan and all the hosts of hell cannot shake.

We have to have the Holy Spirit in our hearts if we are to live the Christian life, but He, unlike Satan, is not a party crasher. We have to invite Him and keep inviting Him. The Christian life is an active, ongoing reaching up to God. He longs to give us salvation and eternal life, Jesus died to make it possible! But He made it a stipulation that we must *actively* accept His gift. It says Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and 'Believe' in the Bible means also to obey, not just know He is real; even the Devil knows that! Unless he is Lord of our life, He cannot be our Savior! We must lay our helpless, sin-stained self at the foot of His cross and repent of our sinful, rebellious ways. Even when we feel rebellious and proud inside and we don't want to admit that there is anything wrong with us, we must come to Him and ask Him to show us our sins, to show us our need AND to *show us Jesus as our sin pardoning Savior!* Yes, we must plead that God will reveal His Son to us. We have to plead for this, and continue to plead, until He does reveal this to us personally. He will do it, but only when we persevere in coming to Him.

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If someone told us that they would give us a million dollars if we came and asked for it in person, would we not persist in trying to get in to see that person, even if it was hard to reach him, even if he was always too busy to see us. We would keep trying until we would finally get the chance and receive the promised gift. Eternal life is worth everything, much more than mere millions of money on this earth, where we have nothing but a sad, march towards the grave, interrupted by a few moments of pleasure that are never free from frustration, fear, or disappointment.

You must stop and ponder what it means to die eternally, the loss of everything, forever! God wants to give us access to the whole, wonderful universe, forever! Never again to live in fear and bondage, never to face death and taxes, never to have every pleasure marred by the thought that something bad could happen to us at any moment to spoil our bit of fun. Nothing on this earth can compare with the wonders laid up for us to enjoy forever. Our life on this earth is so short; it seems long when we are young, but suddenly we are looking back at it all. I am over sixty now, and I still feel like I am waiting to grow up. I look back and see all the precious opportunities gone away under the bridge of time, most of which passed by without me knowing at the time how precious they were! But if I had let the Holy Spirit rule always in my life, He would have led and taught me, and made my life a thing of beauty forever.

This life, and the things of the world, are not worth anything when it comes down to it. Machines break down, cars rust away, money falls through our fingers, love grows cold, and ever over it all is the specter of death.

Probation for this whole world will end soon, we don't know how soon, and none of us knows when the day will dawn that is to be *our* last on this earth. I have often thought, as I worked in the emergency room, trying to resuscitate people that were dying, and have seen them die, all ages of people—I have thought, 'did you realize that when you dressed this morning that these were the clothes you would die in? Did you have any clue that when you ate your lunch that this was to be your last meal?' My heart was sobered by what I saw there.

Nothing is more important, right now, than making a definite plan to put God at the head of your life; sure it will seem inconvenient, sure you may have to give up something—maybe a lot that you now value, sure it will take great effort and discipline; but do you think that on the day when you feel the surge of life flow through your body and know that it is immortality, that you will regret anything or everything that you may have to give up? Do you think you would spend eternity feeling bad that you couldn't indulge in some worldly pleasure? I know you wouldn't!

No one ever regrets giving their lives to Jesus—that is a fact! Many people regret backsliding, turning away from God, following a life of sin, putting off giving their hearts to God, but *no-one* ever regrets completely surrendering to God.

As an example, when we try to live the Christian life in our own strength, it is as if you had a powerful, new car but you never put any gas in it but instead you push it everywhere you want to go. You wouldn't get far, and it would be a terrible burden to do that. You would feel that you were better off without it and just walking and you would be right. But when we come to Jesus first thing every day, turn our life over to Him, charge our spiritual batteries by reading at least a chapter from the Bible or a few pages from the Desire of Ages to learn more about Him; then He puts the Holy Spirit into our lives as we ask Him to, and we have gas in our engines—real power! Then you'll see the change come into your life.

Don't let Satan continue to hold you captive and oppress you. He will keep you from wanting spiritual things; he will discourage you and tell you God isn't fair to want you to return His tithe to Him faithfully; that God isn't fair to tell you to take proper care of the body He gave you, the Temple of His Spirit, and not defile it with junk, or wear it out with intemperate habits of overworking, lack of rest and eating foods not best to promote health. He makes you think it is unreasonable for God to expect you to be careful about what you watch or do for entertainment. Satan likes you to feel that God is unreasonable to expect you to spend time with Him daily

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in the morning and evening, but how can you get to know Him and have Him for your best Friend if you hardly ever speak to Him or listen to Him?

Satan says that it is OK to come home from work after Sabbath has begun and spend most of God's Holy Day sleeping because we have overworked so badly through the week that we are exhausted. God gave the Sabbath for us to spend seeking spiritual food and blessing from Him, and He makes Himself especially available on that day, more than on any other, to teach, hear us, and to bless us.

God is not unreasonable when He says, "Here are six days for you to work and do your stuff in, and this seventh day I want you to spend with Me, because I love you and want to communicate with you." Sure we can relax and rest some on the Sabbath, but we are not keeping the Sabbath Holy if we use it to recover from being intemperate in work and play all the rest of the week. There is a special blessing in seeking to know God on that day, and you will find you can get into spiritual things deeply and be blessed more than on any other day. Jesus always hears us when we seek Him and ask to be like Him, but on the Sabbath He is right there, even more than on any other day.

There is also a special blessing for us when we seek out and worship with other true believers that day. This isn't easy for everyone; because of apostasy and isolation some can't find a group of true believer. If this is your case, then gather your family and any friends who might be interested, together and have hymns, Bible study and prayer on the Blessed Sabbath. No one needs to lose out on the Sabbath Blessing! Remember: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

You see, I am vulnerable to thinking I can live right in my own power, and when the enemy comes in like a flood, I wash away. But when I *know* I am helpless, I depend completely on my Savior, and I keep my link with Heaven open by prayer and Bible food every morning and evening, and keep the heavenward lines active throughout my day, then the evil one is beaten back and He has to run. But he makes us sick, tired, discouraged, rebellious, lazy, indifferent—anything and everything he can. You must take hold of the hand of Jesus by faith, take hold of His strength, and turn the tables on the enemy. Ask God to drive him out of your life, to surround you by the light and joy of His presence and disperse the hypnotic cloud of darkness that Satan surrounds you with. Jesus will and only He can! Claim the mighty power of His blood as the reason you can ask for help.

Make up your mind to change and act on it right away. Remember the helpless man in the Bible couldn't walk but when Jesus told him to take up his bed and walk, he did it! Jesus gave the power and he walked! All commands of God are like that, if He says do it, He will give the power to make it happen when we ask and act on God's word. The fact is, all we can do is CHOOSE and then act on our choice. He gives the POWER and we walk into a new life.

Don't let Satan tell you it isn't worth the effort, don't let him get away with keeping you so confused, disorganized, tired, sick, busy, frustrated, and so on that you are kept running in circles like a mouse on a wheel! Break free in Jesus! Don't say, "My circumstances must change before I can change." That is rubbish! You can have a life of harmony and order now, where you are, a life with the personal presence of Jesus by your side. A life in which He teaches you day by day, and gets you ready to go home and fellowship with angels in heaven where all is order and wonder and joy forever. We can't get ready ourselves, because we don't even understand the ways of the universe for one thing, we must trust God like a little child who knows he can depend on his Dad, to teach us and make us ready for that world.

We can't trust our own ideas because our hearts are deceitful and wicked. A man commented that he thought God wants us to use our own heads to guide our lives. Then why did He give us the Guidebook—the Bible—and the Holy Spirit to teach it to us? No, God says it is *not* in a man to direct his steps, we must surrender and be willing to obey, even when it seems unfair, or unreasonable, because He knows and we don't! And He never orders anything that is not for our own best good.

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Trust Him! There is no other way out of this world—this one way trip to the grave! Don't rebel against Him who loved you so much as to be tortured to death to pay for your sins. What more can He do to show you He cares? He can't always give us an easy life in this world, the way we feel we want it to be, because He knows it would not be best for us. It takes hard times sometimes to get the sin and selfishness out of us, but whatever comes on the Christian journey, Jesus is there with you all the way, His arm linked in yours, holding you up and giving you peace and joy that nothing can take from you!

Satan, on the other hand, promises goodies, but they are poisoned goodies, then he laughs at you as you suffer and die, and he laughs at Jesus also saying; "There, see! Your blood did no good for this one! He didn't even think You were worth the effort!" Oh friends! He *is* worth the effort!

Making all this real in your life:

I want to share with you what I have found true in my own experience. We cannot put into our lives a little prayer and a bit of Bible reading now and then, and day after day continue to indulge in novels, TV, movies, Satan's music, and foolish and untrue things, and expect to have a saving relationship with God. I have learned the hard way that I can be close to Jesus, and if I watch or read worldly stuff at all, even what I used to call "Innocent", the Holy Spirit and Holy Angels back off, and I am left to the buffetings of Satan until I repent and put away all things offensive to a Holy God.

I learned that to even have such things in my home, cuts off from me blessings which God wants to give me and He can't if I value and keep around me His enemy's books, music, and pictures. I want every heavenly blessing that I can possibly have in my life! I don't want to invite Satan with his hellish influences, misery and wickedness around me at all. I want the angels to be a wall of fire around me and to know I am untouchable to Satan and his cruelty.

It's like getting married; but what if you say "I take this person to be my only..." and then you say to them, "Sure, I'm yours, but I want to spend most of my time with my boyfriends. I can't spare much for you, my boyfriends are more important to me. Sure I love you but I want my house full of my boyfriend's pictures and letters. You can't expect me to give up all the good-times I have with my boyfriend, Satan. I want to watch movies that show my boyfriend's exploits and read novels about his friends. I want to laugh at his jokes. Sure Jesus, I am yours, I love you, I'm (sighhh) married to you, but frankly, You are just too boring for my taste. Now Satan, well, he is cool; he knows how to have a good time." How long do you think THAT marriage could last? Why it wouldn't even get out the door of the church!

I did that for years and while I was doing it, I wasn't married to Jesus; I did not have any saving relationship to Him. I was fooled by my wicked, deceitful heart!

Many things have got cast away out of my life, and I can tell you that Jesus is more satisfying than anything the world can offer. Satan is a liar and a cheat, and his stuff is the same way, promising happiness and 'fun' and giving only the ashes of regret. Life slips through our hand too quickly. There is nothing 'innocent' about any false, untrue, or unrighteous thing.

In the earth made new, only righteousness shall dwell. "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." Revelation 21:27.

"In the education of children and youth, fairy tales, myths, and fictitious stories are now given a large place. Books of this character are used in the schools, and they are to be found in many homes. How can Christian parents permit their children to use books so filled with falsehood? When the children ask the meaning of stories so contrary to the teaching of their parents, the answer is that the stories are not true; but this does not do away with the evil results of their use. The ideas presented in these books mislead the children. They impart false views of life and beget and foster a desire for the unreal. "The widespread use of such books at this time is one of the cunning devices of Satan. He is seeking to divert the minds of old and young from the great work of character building. He means that our

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children and youth shall be swept away by the soul-destroying deceptions with which he is filling the world. Therefore he seeks to divert their minds from the word of God and thus prevent them from obtaining a knowledge of those truths that would be their safeguard." The Ministry of Healing, PG. 447 "In connection with the petition of Christ, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," I felt impelled by the Spirit of God to appeal to the youth to study the Word. Let every one covenant with God to study the Word. Dear youth, cease to read the magazines containing stories. [Today's equivalent are TV and movies] Put away every novel. In the days of Paul, those who were converted at Ephesus burned their magical books. We would do well to clear our houses of all the story magazines and the publications containing ridiculous pictures—representations originated by satanic agencies. The youth can not afford to poison their minds with such things. "What is the chaff to the wheat?" Let every one who claims to be a follower of Christ, read only that which is true and of eternal value. "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." [Philippians 4:8]

Events pointing to the end of probationary time are happening with great speed in the church and in the world. Be not deceived, it is not an intellectual acknowledgment of "Truth" that will save us, the Truth must become part of us; it must go into every corner of our lives and remove everything that is not right before God.

If you can freely associate for pleasure, comfortably with relatives and friends that are worldly, or involved in practices and amusements that are satanic in their origins and effects, there is a great problem with your spiritual situation! Christ and Satan do not mix; if you are comfortable with those to whom the truth is of little or no importance, you need to fear for your own soul.

If we have not experienced a complete change in our life's aims, our motives, our likes and dislikes, if we cannot say honestly that Jesus is the most important factor in our lives today, we are not ready to meet Him; we are not ready for the judgment and we must not go on fooling ourselves! It is no good to be self deceived, to think that our lives and our activities do not matter. Every word and act, every day are all recorded. If this makes you feel afraid, it should! It must bring us to our knees before Jesus, pleading for His blood to wash away all sin from our life records. We must plead for His power to keep us from sin, while we take action in removing all known sin from our lives and putting God's Word first. We are not judged by what we may think is OK, we are judged by God's Word. It's what He says that matters; and remember—every command is also a promise!

**Standing on the promises** of Christ my King,

Thru eternal ages let His praises ring;

Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

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Standing on the promises that cannot fail,

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God.

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Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,

Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,

Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,

Standing on the promises of God.