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(His Overcoming Power Everyday)

## Introduction

*Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no  
searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have  
no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the  
young men shall utterly fall:*

*But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up  
with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not  
faint.*

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

We live in an era of what many people, even Christians, are calling a “Post-Christianity World”.

*Postchristianity is the loss of the primacy of the Christian worldview in political  
affairs, especially in the Global North where Christianity had previously flourished,  
in favor of alternative worldviews such as secularism or nationalism. It includes  
personal world views, ideologies, religious movements or societies that are no longer  
rooted in the language and assumptions of Christianity, at least explicitly, although*

*they had previously been in an environment of ubiquitous Christianity (i.e. Christendom).*<sup>1</sup>

In other words, people are walking away from God. As disturbing as this trend is, it's important to remember that the Bible warned us this would happen in the last days.

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 1 Timothy 4:1*

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:** from such turn away. 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

Rather than writing a book lamenting over a change that the Lord warned about, this book is designed to help you fall in love again with the real God of the Bible. It's not written from a religious or theological perspective. It's written from my own real-world experience, complete with stumbles, struggles, challenges, victories and hardheaded wisdom that the Holy Spirit has taken me through in my forty-five-plus years of walking with God. It's a manual, of sorts, on how to develop a living, thriving, and real relationship with the Everlasting God.

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<sup>1</sup> "PostChristianity," Wikipedia, last modified May 25, 2018, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postchristianity>.

Believers walk away from Church and their faith for a variety of clear-cut reasons. Today churches and their leaders are more concerned about a “seeker-friendly” appearance than the genuineness of someone’s relationship with the Lord and the effectual application of the Word of God in the lives of their congregants. Pickpockets in the pulpits now minimize the truth of the Bible and relegate much of its content as simple parables, allegories and life-lessons. The result is that God’s promised Holy Spirit power for victorious living over the enemy, a literal devil, eludes His people. This modern day Church’s message has robbed Believers of God’s power and His promised victory in their lives. Not all pastors are robber barons. I have a pastor and respect him very much. I also have people in my life who are wonderful examples of mature Christians whom I’ve learned from and shared with.

The vast majority of Christians today have lost their fear of the Lord, that reverential awe that has historically been taught to Believers since Jesus went to be with the Father. When the fear of the Lord is gone, along with the acknowledging of Jesus as a real, vivid, existing person, then our loving desire to be accountable to our Redeemer also goes.

This waning relationship, caused by a loss of reverence, has removed Jesus from His rightful preeminent position in the life of the majority of Christians. In these seeker-friendly, lovey-dovey, me, me, me churches a watered-down message of the gospel is being presented which sometimes morphs into the degradation, avoidance and even the denial of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Without Jesus being in His rightful preeminent place in the Believer’s life, they are unable to see the devil’s camouflage for what it is. Through the enemy’s subtle (and not so

subtle) attacks, the power of sin reigns in these badge-wearing only Christians' lives, so much so that it gets difficult to tell any difference between the Church and the world.

Jesus presented a far different message to the early Church (and to us!) In Luke 4:18-19 the Lord went into the synagogue at Nazareth at the beginning of his earthly ministry and read out of Book of Isaiah. From that scheduled Torah portion, He told the people:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

When we read this in our modern era, with our western mindset, from the New Testament (NT), most people don't understand that the Lord was reading from an 800-year-old book at the time! The next two verses out of Luke 4:20-21 gives a fascinating account of what happened next:

*And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And He began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."*

The people around Him were stunned. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

What they couldn't see, nor understand at that time, was that in the original verse of Isaiah, Almighty God was making a promise to His people. And while it took 800 years to fulfill...

Jesus was, and is, that promise!

Jesus, The Promise of the Promise is more than just a catchy title - It is TRUTH!

Within Him, everything that a Believer needs to have a powerful, sustained and effectual walk has been provided.

*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue, whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4*

Ask yourself, “Why is it that statistically the Church falls into the same kind of sin, in almost the same degree of sin, as the world?” How can this happen when we’re supposed to have the “power that raised Christ from the dead” living inside of us (Romans 8:11)?

While I’ll address some of those challenges within these pages, the blatant, specific reason why Christians are struggling with life’s issues is two-fold.

1) Christians no longer see Jesus as a real, living and viable figure in their lives, and thus ignore the truth of His Word; and

2) Because they don’t fully believe and trust in His Word, they fail to ask Him for biblically based help in their time of need.

Psalm 51:17 tells us,

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

James 5:16 also says,

*... Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

The most powerful prayer that God will listen to is from someone who has a contrite heart. That doesn't mean that you have to be a "perfect" Christian to have a real, powerful and full relationship with the Lord. There's no such thing as the perfect Christian, only redeemed ones. Romans 3:22-23 addresses this:

*Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

A person who has a contrite heart is someone who acknowledges Jesus' lordship over their life and seeks to walk in His ways. Crying out, "Help me Lord!" within that relationship can have powerful results in the life of a Believer and calling upon Jesus is the key.

*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

*Isaiah 57:15*

When most people get into a situation that's too big for them, they'll call someone for help. They hope that someone greater than their situation will have the answer and resources to fix their problem.

The acronym H.E.L.P. perfectly describes God's promises to His children: His Everlasting Preeminence, Power, Presence, Protection, Provision, Patience, Purity,

Proclamation, Peace and Promise. That's why this book is divided into ten parts, or ten H.E.L.P.s. It's designed to take the Christian through these ten promises, regardless of the season in which you may find yourself.

This book is written for people who are looking for a life-changing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, who may have never had a relationship with Him before, or may have never heard Him presented in a historically or biblically accurate way. Those folks will learn that when they invest in a life-changing relationship with Him, He can and will do miracles in their lives. Jesus stands alone, separate and beyond anyone who has ever lived, or will ever come into existence.

In a mind-blowing scene in heaven in Revelation 22:13, Jesus said of Himself:

*I Am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Do you hunger or thirst to know the real Jesus? Do you have questions like: "Who am I?" "Where am I?" "Where did it all come from?" and "Where's it all going?"

Maybe you've never known the Lord, don't have a clue of who the real Jesus is or maybe you did follow Him at one time and through life's circumstances have let your light burn out.

This book isn't about church games or church politics. It doesn't matter what you are going through, it doesn't matter what we will face in the very near future, and it doesn't matter who in the Church has hurt or wronged you. Jesus, the real Jesus, is your promise.

If life's circumstances have broken your heart or if you're disillusioned about God, then I encourage you to read these pages carefully. Maybe you've tried the mainstream

Church and have been wounded or abused. Perhaps because of this, you've blamed God for the actions of people.

People are people, regardless of whether they wear a collar or stand in a pulpit and have a title. All of us are remolded creations that came up out of a nature of sin. If you put people up on a pedestal, you're sure to be disappointed. Jesus is the only one who has the unsoiled credentials to change and empower your life.

Psalm 46 says this:

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations He hath made in the earth.*

*He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and putteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

This book isn't for the religious-minded or those people who consider themselves theologically astute.

Why?

First, religiousness is part of the problem. Religious people will go through the motions without heart action or an interactive pursuit of Jesus.

Secondly, theology is the study of a system of belief, a study of what people think. Theology is not specifically studying the Word of God to find out who Jesus is and how to have a living, thriving, personal relationship with Jesus - the person.

In a warning to the Laodicean church in Revelation 3:15-22, Jesus Himself says this:

*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.*

*So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Most modern translations say, "I will vomit you out of my mouth"!

These flash-frozen-vomit Christians are lukewarm but think they have everything they need. They're also an exact representation of the majority of the Church today because these are the people who've gotten caught up with the programs of men, but have forgotten the person of the Savior.

While that may seem harsh, it's absolute truth. There's no more time to play religion. Superficial, in-name-only people, who call themselves Christians but do not make Jesus the absolute Lord of their lives, are in for a startling wake-up call.

We are coming into perhaps the most supernaturally revealing time, both of good and of evil, in history. The devil knows that his time is short. He's doing everything he can to thwart, discourage and even turn away Believers from the Lord. He has tried, and partially succeeded, in obscuring the person of Jesus Christ to those people who would follow Him.

Every unclean spirit is being poured forth in these days. What was once held back is being held back no longer. For such a time as this, God has provided His Holy Spirit and His gifts to help us in this cataclysmic battle. It is imperative that we walk in the truth that Jesus truly is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

At the end of time Satan and his fallen angels will be cast into the Lake of Fire, but Jesus has already went down into Hell to take back the keys of Hell, death and the grave. He sits at the right hand of the Father to declare God's victory in the world of His creation and in your life.

As a testament to exactly who He is, Psalm 40:6-9 says:

*Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, **I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me**, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

His help is ever-present and preordained for your life even before you were born.

For you and for me, Jesus is The Promise of the Promise.