

31 March 1995 Morning Minchah

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**Overcomers Need Grace**

It's normal for us to overcome. It's normal life for disciples.

It's wonderful to have our children with us in the morning. They are overcoming. They stand, they don't have their hands in their pockets. They are able to speak right in the minchah what they learned. They speak about the Proverbs. We hear them. They go into us and we learn.

With grace we can overcome. If you think about entering the kingdom, it's only overcomers who'll do that. Overcoming means to use the grace that's accessible to them to utilize their gifts. Overcomers go to the throne of grace. Before the minchah we ask for grace. If we really ask we receive. You don't ask for something you don't want. If we ask for a fish, He won't give us a snake. If we ask for an egg, He won't give us a stone. If we ask and it's only in rote, ritual, we don't get anything.

Overcomers have a need. They feel it, sense it. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Their need keeps them in contact with Him all the time. They are destitute without Him. Only the overcomers of our children share from the Proverbs. Some children never overcome their inherited tendencies from their parents. The sins of the fathers are passed down to the third or fourth generation — Ex 20:4,5. The male child is made up of the third and fourth generation. You'll be fathers some day, you'll pass on the good things because you cut off the bad things.

These are the overcomers. I had to overcome this morning. I had to ask for grace.

Mt 25:30 are people who don't overcome. They maintain a bad attitude toward their master. Therefore, they got exactly what they deserved. They didn't need to have a bad attitude toward their master but they did. They didn't use the grace that was accessible to them. They buried it in the ground. They didn't overcome. Only the ones who used grace are worthy of our Master when He returns, the rest aren't.

We can sing the song, "Be dressed and ready ... many will fall in the latter days." Many of us singing could be that. We don't overcome our inherited temperament. For example,

Elishebah has to overcome an inherited temperament, a tendency to be exclusive, to withdraw, not to be open, friendly, speak first. We inherited that from our parents. Especially, our bad ways. one of our ancestors had it. It's required from us to overcome this.

Ex 20:5 — The male child will be made up of overcomers. One way they overcome is by the word of their testimony — speaking, talking, sharing. I see some of the same children speak every day. Some of the people who need to overcome don't. Don't threaten your children, but the parents need to help them. I'll spank you if you threaten them, but you have to help them overcome.

Rev 3:4 — Only the overcomers were worthy to walk with our Master in white. I told Elishebah this morning — you didn't overcome, you didn't greet me with "shalom." I could greet you every morning. You never would come and greet me unless you overcome. It's been given to everybody to overcome, otherwise our Master is a harsh master, king. There is nothing worse than a bad master or a king. There are people who only have one or two talents — most people in the body may be like that — and they bury it. It's defeating the body.

Is it fair that our Father would give the one talent of the person who did not use it to the one who had ten talents and was using them? Talent is grace and faith to energize our gifts to build up the body. Without grace it's like using your gifts like you used them in the world. You are actually tearing down, destroying the Body with them. We need grace and faith to use these gifts properly in the Body, to encourage our brothers.

Sometimes, it's hard for our children to speak. They tremble, but they overcome. You see them being set free from those things in two or three years.

Peter, since he is receiving grace, is overcoming. Before that, he was withdrawn, into himself. Now he is coming out of himself. Elishebah needs to greet people, be the first to speak. We've been training the youth here to be first to speak, not to wait for others.

If you want friends, be friendly. He didn't say, "Don't be friendly and let others come to you." That would be a wicked attitude. Let's outdo the Servants' Quarters in being friendly. Outdo one another with love and good deeds. Let's outdo them tonight when we go to

celebration. Outdo them in loving them, in doing good deeds. Let's outdo one another in good deeds.

Overcomers are made up of people who need grace. A person who doesn't need to overcome isn't an overcomer. In some areas we are so good we don't need grace. We are just natural. But then in other areas we need to overcome.

All of our lives need to be on an even keel. We need to be healed in all of our temperaments, evenly healed. We can't be up and down.

We've inherited these temperaments from our parents. They couldn't do anything about it. When the test came they couldn't pass it. They tried to ennoble their flesh, their human nature. But the last straw broke the camel's back. But if we have grace we can take the last straw. If we can't take the last straw, we can't endure until the end. After the last straw there is nothing left. It didn't break the back. If the last straw breaks our back, it means we've been in the flesh all day, just trying to be nice, not getting mad at our brother even when we wanted to kick him. But with grace we can be forbearing, taking our brothers idiosyncrasies, their irritations. That's what makes pearls. let's be overcomers.

Elishebah is going to be an overcomer. She'll be friendly, speak first. With certain people she is like that. But that's just the flesh. We have to be friendly to everybody in the Body. That's why we've got so many different people in the Body — so we can be healed. We can only be healed by speaking to everybody.

We are going to this conference about community in Tel Aviv in May. They can live together if they get like-minded people. In some of the kibbutzes over there people don't even talk to each other. They just get their food and go to work. We've an illustration about it. It's just falling apart.

Some communities have you fill out forms about what you like and what you don't like. Most communities fall apart. If we only live in our natural self, we'll fall apart. We naturally get cliques, associations. The other people that we don't like being around we have to be around in order to be fully healed. 1 Cor 12:23,24,25.

God is the engineer. He chose all the people to live together. We can all be fully developed by being with the people you naturally in the world wouldn't be around. We overcome by being friendly to them. There are people your flesh draws you to. Pretty soon you have denominations. Denominations are like-minded people.

Reach out to people, love them. you can read about this in the word. Associate with the lowly. Don't just associate with people you have a natural association with. Don't be an exclusive member.

Tonight, we meet at 6 o'clock. If it's warm we have it outside — a nice time to eat fish together and celebrate. When the sun goes down we sound the shofar and give our sacrifice. What did we learn this morning?

If you don't share what you learned you won't get. If you don't give what you get you won't get. You have to be an overcomer to share.

Elishebah: "I learned I need to overcome to be around certain people and to be friendly."

She really had to overcome to share this. Her face got red. That's in us. We are fallen. We have to overcome. It's amazing what you have to do to be friendly to other people. She had to overcome a tendency, a trait that she inherited. Otherwise, it's always going to entangle us and keep us from being like our Master in that area. All of us have to be like our Master in every aspect. Eph 4:15

We can't be like our Master in only one or two aspects. That's why we live in community. As long as you live by yourself you can't do it. you have to love everyone.

Tamar: "I learned that you can go along all day through all the circumstances and then that last circumstance comes that's the straw that breaks the camel's back. you think you are losing grace. But really it is that you've been in the flesh all along.

Lebanah, how many times did your children break your back? We can be friendly with our wives and suddenly it blows up. We need as much grace as we can get. We need to be

beggars. We need to let our Father know. He doesn't want us to assume that we can do it in our natural flesh. He likes it that we can't do it without Him. That is a relationship. He is the Savior, we need to be saved. We need to connect ourselves with Him. He likes that. We are fallen. We express that every day. I can't get the speck out of your eye as long as there is a beam in my own eye. Let's help one another. Let's overwhelm Tabitha's Place and Servants' Quarters tonight. Let's overwhelm them like a wave. Maybe, we should be mingling with the others. Who else learned something?

Communities don't have any supernatural grace. 1 Pet 4:1. They try to endure in the flesh, not get mad, etc. If we do it by His grace He'll get the glory, otherwise it's college education. It makes us feel good. We think we can do it. We need grace. Let's go to the throne of grace right now and ask for it.