

Lesson 27

1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

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This verse was written in a time where false doctrine and false teachings abounded. There was then, and there are now, powerful opposing forces in the world. There is the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. There stands the truth and there stands the lies about Christ. There is the Holy Spirit and there is the spirit of Antichrist.

So how do we overcome? Do we do that by superior intellect, by intense training, bulwarked by clever argument? Do we overcome by shouting louder? No, we do it by the power of the Spirit that is within us!

For those who are among God's elect, it can sometimes feel that false teachers are enjoying success. But we know we are already victorious since we are truly from God. Do not worry. It is the greatness of God who keeps us strong.

Isaiah 40:28 reminds us joyfully, "Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not grow weary. He gives power to the faint and to him who has no might, He increases strength.

We should remember this hymn when we are weak:

A mighty fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing.
Our Helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:

Do you ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.