

TEMPTATION, HEART SURGERY AND FINAL VICTORY

INTRODUCTION: “**To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life,** which is in the midst of the paradise of God. **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**”(Revelation 2:7,11)

In view of the fact that the Word of God declares all of us to be “**under sin**”(Romans 3:9), while at the same time giving the promise of life eternal to those who shall “**overcome**” sin, it’s imperative for us to understand how this will happen, how sinners are made saints, how they will have victory over every temptation “**in this present world.**” May the Spirit who leads into “all truth” guide us as we strive to understand these spiritual things. Let’s begin by asking

Temptation, What is It?

Temptation is the enticement to sin. And though it ' s usually associated with evil by many when it ' s mentioned, **temptation is not sin in itself.** It may or may not lead to sin depending on how the tempted one responds to it. The Holy Writ makes it clear that it involves a series of processes which eventually leads to sin. We read,

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; **for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.** But **each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**”(James 1:13-15, NKJV)

The first thing we notice here is that, unlike his created beings, **God cannot be tempted by evil.** There ' s absolutely nothing within and

without his divine nature that can draw him toward sin. And since he himself wants his people to “**turn from their wicked ways**”(2 Chronicles 7:14), then indeed he doesn't “tempt anyone” to sin.

The question is, **where does temptation come from?** Well, the apostle answers in this way: First, “**each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed**”. Because our nature is sinful, so are our desires. Paul amplifies on our problem in our flesh in this way,

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”
(Romans 7:18,19)

Temptation, you see, **comes from within**

ourselves when we, because of our evil desires, are drawn toward evil. However, having evil desires in our flesh isn't sin, the apostle said "Then, **when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin**" It is only **after yielding** to these desires that we commit sin. When we cherish or allow these natural evil desires to manifest, we sin.

"Temptation is not sin; the sin lies in yielding.."(OHC 87.5)

Since the scriptures also declare that Satan is **"the tempter"**(1 Thess 3:5, Rev 12:9), then there's also **"Temptations from without"** which **"find an answering chord within the heart, and the feet turn imperceptibly toward evil"**(8T 312.2).

Outward influences (**what we see and hear**) have a huge impact on our behavior. Satan will suggest all kinds of things to cause us to fall. Is

it, then, not important for us to shun **anything that stimulates our natural evil desires?** Our character is mainly formed based on what we feed our minds with. When the thoughts are bad, the feelings will also be bad, then these will combine to form bad character. Says the Prophet,

“...Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, **that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.”**(Isaiah 33:14-16)

“Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices must guard well the avenues of the

soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind should not be left to wander at random upon every subject that the adversary of souls may suggest.”(MYP 285.2)

Without making an effort to avoid temptation, we will certainly fail to overcome. The Lord reveals that only those who walk[behave] righteously **by avoiding to see or hear** any evil thing shall “dwell on high” in the very presence of God, none other. May God help us all.

Adam’s Nature and Fall.

Since Adam and Eve were made sinless (compare with Gen 1:31), then it follows that **they had no evil desires within themselves**

and therefore the temptation they faced couldn't have possibly come from within themselves.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”(Genesis 3:6)

“Adam was tempted by the enemy, and he fell. It was not indwelling sin which caused him to yield; for God made him pure and upright, in His own image. He was as faultless as the angels before the throne. There were in him no corrupt principles, no tendencies to evil.”(ST October 17, 1900, par. 10)

The temptation came to her through the eyes when she **“saw that the tree was good for**

food” and was **“pleasant to the eyes.”** This happened because she listened to the suggestions of the devil. Should we not, at this late hour, learn a great lesson from this and avoid cherishing Satan’s suggestions? Beware, **“...lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty,** so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”(2 Cor 11:3)

Notice that as soon as Satan tempted Eve to sin, he used her as an agent to tempt and cause Adam’s fall. He has been using this method since that time to cause men to fall.

Aaron was tempted by Satan through the people who said to him **“make us gods, which shall go before us ”** (see Ex 32:1-6) and unfortunately he yielded and therefore sinned. The problem was not really with the people **but with the powers which worked behind them** as they worked through Eve. “Thou shalt

not follow a multitude to do evil...”(Ex 23:2).

Wasn't **Solomon** tempted by Satan through the heathen women to turn away from God(1 Kings 11:1-6)? **Jesus**, too, was tempted by Satan through Peter to escape the way of the cross, and interestingly enough the Saviour rebuked the one who was behind Peter, saying “**Get behind me, Satan**”(Matthew 16:22,23)

All these temptations **came from without through an agent**, you see. Have you ever tempted anyone to do evil? Do you cause any of your friends to stumble? Warned the Saviour,

“ Things **that cause people to stumble** are bound to come, **but woe to anyone through whom they come**. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.”(Luke 17:1,2, NKJV)

“...but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way”(Romans 14:13).

“The student who yields to temptation weakens his influence for good, and he who by a wrong course of action becomes the agent of the adversary of souls, must render to God an account for the part he has acted in laying stumbling-blocks in the way of others..”(MYP 414.2)

If, Whether it is by intention or through our words and actions, we become minor tempters, we shall, along with the chief tempter, be thrown “into outer darkness” there to weep and gnash out teeth, unless we repent.

Again Christ told us to pray,

“lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil”

That is, **"Do not, O Lord, suffer us to be overcome when assailed by temptation."**

But **“we are to shun temptation so far as possible.”** How many utter this prayer while they make no effort to **avoid tempting places and tempting companions?** **“ Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”**(1 Cor 15:33), **“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”**(Psalms 1:1), **“ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.”**(Proverbs 1:10)

Thus, while we are not to tempt others to sin, we should also not carelessly place ourselves into temptation. Those carelessly do so cannot find help.

“The true followers of Christ will have sacrifices to make. They will shun places of worldly amusement because they find no Jesus there—no influence which will make them heavenly minded and increase their growth in grace. Obedience to the Word of God will lead them to come out from all these things, and be separate.”(MYP 376.3)

Temptation and Testing.

These two words are closely related and sometimes the word “temptation” is used to mean testing, but they are different in terms of source, purpose and outcome.

Regarding testing, we read, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work,

that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”(James 1:2-4)

The Lord never tempts anyone to sin, but he tests his people as he tested Abraham and Job. During testing, God allows anything, even Satan, to try his people’s faith. The goal of testing is, as the Bible points out, to produce “**patience**” that we may be “complete”, lacking nothing. Temptation, however, comes from evil desires and Satan to lead people into sin.

Inheriting The fallen nature of Adam.

“ ... by one man's disobedience many were made sinners.”(Rom 5:19)

We all have the fallen nature of Adam that can be driven toward evil. All the heroes of

Faith in Bible history battled temptation both from within and from without. **Samson** 's yielding to temptation by following his sexual desires caused his downfall while **Joseph** overcame it. **Abraham**, too, yielded and had a child with his female servant. **David** failed to overcome and slept with Bathsheba, while the **four boys** in Babylon stood firm, not allowing appetite to have control over them. Throughout history mankind has battled temptation.

Since “**sin is the transgression of the law.**”(1 John 3:4) and since “ **this is the only definition of sin in the whole Bible.**”(1SAT 228), then having a fallen nature of Adam doesn't constitute sin in itself , **but only when the law is broken** (like the 7th commandment for the most part). We are all born in sin, “**I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.**” (Psalm 51:5), we are sinful beings, but only when we **decide** to break the law and yield to these desires that

make us sinful do we really commit sin, and if this is the case, then it follows that **no one is born with original sin** as taught in Catholicism. Children are born with sinful nature, not with the so called “original sin”. The idea that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was sinless is altogether wrong. The scriptures say “all have sinned” not just some.

The Battle within the flesh, The New Birth.

“So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not **gratify the desires of the flesh**. For **the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit**, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in **conflict with each other**, so that you are not to do whatever you want.”(Galatians 5:16,17)

The issue, you see, lies in the fact that we have the “**desires of the flesh**” that we shouldn’t

allow to manifest. This is the battle within us.

“ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ” (Galatians 5:19-21, NKJV)

All these are the desires of the flesh. You may feel a driving force toward hatred, but you're not a hater unless you allow it to conceive. In other words, we all have these desires and we always feel they are driving us toward evil. **The most important thing to do is not to allow any of these to be born in us. And if at all we conceive them, we must immediately abort them.** This isn't easy to do on our own, but it is easy through Christ, **“Not by might,**

nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”(Zech 4:6)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ”**
(Galatians 5:22-24, NKJV)

“..How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?...Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin...Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let **not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members**

as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”(Romans 6:2,6,11-13)

Since we have the flesh and its fleshly desires, and God wants to give us the Spirit and its desires, and since these two are in conflict, then we are compelled to make a decision, to chose one. **What you feed the most between the two is what becomes stronger in you,** and what you starve becomes weaker and dead. If you enjoy seeing, hearing or doing things that are earthly, your flesh and its desires will be stronger and it will become more and more difficult for you to withstand temptation. If you starve this and **“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”**(Col 3:2), you will become spiritually stronger and Christ’s image will be formed in you and you will resist

temptation.

What we need is **total surrender to Christ**, then we will be **dead to sin** (to our fleshly desires) and **live to Christ** (by bearing the fruits of the Spirit). May the Lord help us to be born again by the Spirit.

Christ, Our Example.

If Christ is our example, then he must have had the same sinful fallen nature as we do, otherwise he can ' t be our example. The testimony of the scriptures reveals,

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, **and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man,** he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.(Philippians 2:5-8)

In order to show us that we can really have the mind of Christ, He (who is in the very nature God) decided to be “**made in the likeness of men**”, to live like us , “...**leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.**”(1 Peter 2:21)

If Christ lived not with the same nature like ours, and if he used his divine power to overcome, then we are doomed. But the scriptures declare that,

“ **Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;** that through

death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil...For **verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.** Wherefore in all things it behoved him **to be made like unto his brethren**, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. **For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.**”(Hebrews 2:14,16-18)

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**”(Hebrews 4:15)

Christ took upon himself our sinful nature. In his flesh he was not free from temptation toward evil, **but he never allowed the desires of the flesh to conceive.** When temptation came to him, he immediately resisted it. Thus

he remained sinless, “who knew no sin”(2 Cor 5:21)

“In taking upon Himself man's nature in its fallen condition, Christ did not in the least participate in its sin..”(1SM 256.1)

“He knows how strong are the inclinations of the natural heart, and He will help in every time of temptation.”(MYP 67.1)

He knew how difficult it is because he experienced it. **What A Saviour! Can you imagine having a Saviour who's touched with our weaknesses?** Throughout the ceaseless ages to come, he will remain one with us, the God-man, blessed forever.

“...God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.”(Romans 8:3)

Notice that He “**condemned sin in the flesh**”, that is, though he had a sinful nature, he remained sinless in his fallen nature.

“The divine nature, combined with the human, **made Him capable of yielding to Satan's temptations**. Here the test to Christ was far greater than that of Adam and Eve, **for Christ took our nature, fallen but not corrupted, and would not be corrupted unless He received the words of Satan in the place of the words of God**. To suppose He was not capable of yielding to temptation **places Him where He cannot be a perfect example for man, and the force and the power of this part of Christ's humiliation, which is the most eventful, is no instruction or help to human beings.**”(16MR 182.3)

How shall we overcome?

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For they that are after the flesh **do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his....Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities ...”**
(Romans 8:1,5-9,26)

The Same Spirit that helped Christ overcome is ever willing to come and help us with **“our infirmities”**. We can live sinless lives in our sinful bodies. If we surrender all to Christ, he

will help us to walk[behave] by the Spirit.

“By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan? **By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation.** ‘It is written,’ He said.”(DA 123.4)

“**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**”(John 17:17, Revelation 12:11)

“Why is it that our youth, and even those of maturer years, are so easily led into temptation and sin? **It is because the Word of God is not studied and meditated upon as it should be.** If it were appreciated, there would be an inward rectitude, a strength of spirit, that would resist the temptations of Satan to do evil.”(MYP 425.3)

“When assailed by temptation, **look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the word. All its strength is**

yours. ‘Thy word,’ says the psalmist, ‘have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.’ ‘By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.’ Psalm 119:11; 17:4. . “(DA 123.4)

To try to overcome temptation when you don’t read and live the Bible is to attempt an impossibility. This point cannot be over emphasized. The Word of God is your weapon against the Prince of demons.

“As man, He met temptation, and **overcame in the strength given Him from God.**.”DA 24.2

“Only through realizing our own weakness, and looking steadfastly unto Jesus, can we walk securely.”(The Desire of Ages, 382.)

Christ overcame because of **his total dependence on His father’s power.** Daily communion with heaven **through Prayer** was

his strength. Says the Word, “Pray continually”(1 Thess 5:17), yet how many people find time to commune with God daily? **If there’s no power without Prayer**, then how can a prayerless individual overcome? It’s impossible.

And let not anyone think he’s in a good position. **“...let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”**(1 Cor 10:12)

If anyone thinks he’s sanctified and holy, he just gives evidence that he’s far from God. It’s only by realizing our weakness and nothingness that the Saviour’s help become necessary.

“Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's word. These are your weapons against him who is striving to hinder your progress heavenward. The first neglect of prayer and Bible study makes

easier the second neglect. The first resistance to the Spirit's pleading prepares the way for the second resistance. Thus the heart is hardened, and the conscience seared.

On the other hand, every resistance of temptation makes resistance more easy. Every denial of self makes self-denial easier. Every victory gained prepares the way for a fresh victory. Each resistance of temptation, each self-denial, each triumph over sin, is a seed sown unto eternal life..”(MYP 96.2.3)

“Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value.

There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ.

Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies

of our fallen nature..”(CCh 322.8)

“There are thoughts and feelings suggested and aroused by Satan that annoy even the best of men; but if they are not cherished, if they are repulsed as hateful, the soul is not contaminated with guilt, and no other is defiled by their influence. Oh, that we each might become a savor of life unto life to those around us!..”(2MCP 432.2)

“By faith and prayer all may meet the requirements of the gospel. No man can be forced to transgress. His own consent must be first gained; the soul must purpose the sinful act, before passion can dominate over reason, or iniquity triumph over conscience. Temptation, however strong, is never an excuse for sin..”(MYP 67.1)

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who

will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”(1 Cor 10:13)

The Heart Surgery.

“The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”(Zephaniah 3:13, compare with Rev 14:1-5, 21:27)

Since our hearts are drawn toward evil all the time, and since here the Lord promises to have his people, **“the remnant of Israel” who will cease to sin, then we have a glimpse about God’s people having total victory over every temptation before the end of time.**

“Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by..”(Hvn 90.4)

“Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven..”(CCh 334.5)

“The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in

proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry. “(RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 9)

God’s people in the loud cry will have victory over temptation, you see. “The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. **By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.**”(LDE 183.2)

The Lord declared through Ezekiel,

“And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, **when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from**

among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: **and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. **I will also save you from all your uncleannesses:** and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.”(Ezekiel 36:23-29)

“Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their

transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and **will cleanse them:** so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.”(Ezekiel 37:23)

Thus, “...**the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.**”(5T 79.4)

Indeed God is soon to have a people “**pure and true**” who shall not do iniquity nor speak lies. This will happen when the power of God through Christ’s atoning blood shall perform a heart surgery on them while they are in their own land, removing a stony heart and give them the heart of flesh.

This mighty movement of God's faithful and purified people will go everywhere proclaiming the last message of Christ's redeeming love. No weapon formed against them shall prosper.

“Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. ‘Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners’ (Song of Solomon 6:10), she is to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer.”(PK 725.2)

Thus shall the gospel work be completed and probationary time will come to an end.

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous

still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”
(Revelation 22:11)

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. **When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own..”**(LDE 39.2)

Christ, you see, will only come after his moral character is perfectly formed in His people, when they gain total victory over temptation. What an amazing time that is ahead of us!! God’s holy name will **indeed be sanctified in his people**. This is the purification of the church, the work that removes **both sinners and sin** from the camp of God’s people.

“Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, **we should seek to**

become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foot-hold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of himself, ‘The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.’ [John 14:30.] **Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory.** He had kept his Father's commandments, and there was no sin in him that Satan could use to his advantage. **This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.”**(GC88 622.4)

The work of perfection takes place during probationary time. The time of trouble, you see, finds people who have no links at all with sin and Satan. They will be like Jesus in Character.

The reward to those who overcome.

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”(Revelation 3:5)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”(James 1:12)

“The work of overcoming is not confined to the martyrs. **We, too, are to engage in the conflict in these days of subtle temptation to worldliness, to self-confidence, pride, covetousness, and immorality; and to the overcomers will be given a crown of life and**

glory. “(RH August 28, 1894, par. 10)

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son...And there[in the City eternal] shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”(Revelation 21:7,27)

May the Lord help His people