

Nehemiah—a Pattern of One Who Has Dispensational Value to God**Monday 5/15****Related Verses****Heb. 10:22**

22 Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Rev. 12:5

5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Heb. 4:16

16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Heb. 7:26

26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,

Heb. 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Neh. 2:17

17 Then I said to them, You see the bad state we are in, that Jerusalem lies in waste and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.

Related Reading

According to the Bible, the seed of the woman will bruise the head of the enemy. The seed of the woman in Genesis 3 primarily refers to the Lord Jesus, but the overcomers also have a part in this seed. The seed of the woman includes the church, especially the

overcomers...The fulfillment of the seed of the woman bruising Satan can be seen in the man-child in Revelation 12. The only Overcomer includes all the overcomers (vv. 10-11).

When God changes His attitude toward a certain matter, He makes a dispensational move...His most important dispensational move is in Revelation 12. He wants to end this age and bring in the age of the kingdom. His purpose is not general and ordinary. How can He bring this age to a close and bring in another? He must have His dispensational instrument. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," p. 153)

The rapture of the man-child brings an end to the church age and introduces the kingdom age. The man-child enables God to move...We should never forget that God can be limited. He waits for man in all of His moves. God's binding in heaven is based on our binding on earth; God's loosing in heaven is based on our loosing on earth. Everything depends on the church.

Being an overcomer is not primarily for escaping the tribulation. We need to see of what value the rapture is to the Lord, not to ourselves.

Of all the dispensational moves, the man-child is the greatest because it removes man's power and the devil's power, and it brings in the kingdom. We live in the most privileged time; we can do the most for God. *Light will show us the way, but strength and power will enable us to walk the road. A great price must be paid in order to be used now.*

It is God's desire that created beings would deal with fallen created beings. According to His purpose, the whole church should deal with Satan; however, the church has failed...God's purpose is fulfilled in the overcomers because they work with Him...God always lays hold of a group of overcomers to make a dispensational move.

After four hundred years, it was time for [the children of Israel] to come out [of Egypt]. At that point God laid hold of *Moses*...Moses came out of the water. He had an exodus from water. Then he had an exodus from Egypt. Moses was triumphant over death. God chose him to deal

with Israel. Moses dwelt in the palace, which was the Egypt of Egypt. Not only did his spirit leave Egypt, but his body left Egypt as well; therefore, God chose him. Those who can only say, "Go," but not "Come," will have no effect. All of God's dispensational moves are based on one man. This is a principle of the overcomers. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," pp. 153, 157, 154-155)

The writer of Hebrews tells us to "come forward"...We need to come forward to three things: to the Holy of Holies, to the throne of grace, and to God Himself [cf. Heb. 10:22; 4:16; 7:25; 11:6]. Do not shrink backward—come forward.

The Hebrew believers were in danger of shrinking back. They were staggering and hesitating, and the book of Hebrews was written to encourage them to come forward. The writer did not tell them to go forward but to come forward. This means that the writer was in a particular place and that he wanted his readers to come forward to the place where he was...At the time of the writing of this book, the writer was there in the Holy of Holies, calling the Hebrew brothers to come forward. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, p. 356)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 32

Tuesday 5/16**Related Verses****Gen. 3:15**

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman And between your seed and her seed; He will bruise you on the head, But you will bruise him on the heel.

Rev. 12:1-2

1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
2 And she was with child, and she cried out, travailing in birth and being in pain to bring forth.

John 15:5

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

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14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

Rev. 2:26-27

26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;

Rev. 3:21

21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

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The Lord Jesus, the seed of the woman, has bruised the head of the serpent. The Lord has destroyed Satan, the one who holds the power of death [cf. Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8].

While the Lord Jesus was destroying the serpent on the cross, the serpent bruised His heel. This means that Satan wounded the Lord Jesus by nailing His feet to the cross (Psa. 22:16).

The woman in Genesis 3:15 first is Eve and second is all the people of God, including the virgin Mary, as signified by Eve. Hence, the seed of the woman is mainly the Lord Jesus who was born of Mary. However, more regarding the seed of the woman can be seen in Revelation 12. The woman depicted in Revelation 12 and signified in Genesis 3:15 is a universal woman, and within her is a part called the man-child (Rev. 12:1, 2, 5). In a biblical sense, woman represents weakness, for the woman is the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7). The man, especially the man-child, represents strength...All the people of God are the woman, who is somewhat weak, but among all the people of God is a stronger part, which is the man-child, the overcomers...Therefore the man-child is also a part of the seed of the woman. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 252-253)

This man-child is not individual; he is corporate...This corporate man-child includes the Lord Jesus as the Head, center, reality, life, and nature of the man-child...Psalm 2:8-9 prophesies that the Lord Jesus, God's Anointed One, will rule the nations with a rod of iron. Revelation 2:26-27 says that the overcomers in the churches will rule over the nations with a rod of iron...In Revelation 12:5 we are told that the man-child will rule all nations with a rod of iron. Therefore,...both the Lord Jesus Himself and His overcomers will rule over the nations with a rod of iron. Thus, the man-child in Revelation 12:5 includes both the Lord Jesus and the overcomers in the churches. Furthermore, Revelation 20:4 says that Christ and the resurrected overcomers will reign as kings for a thousand years. Hence, the man-child in Revelation 12 is neither the Lord Jesus individually nor the overcomers separate from Him, but the Lord Jesus with the overcomers. Christ Himself is the foremost overcomer (Rev. 3:21). As the leading overcomer He is the Head, center, reality, life, and nature of the overcomers. Among the people of God on earth there is a stronger part which includes the Lord Jesus and the overcomers. Thus, the Lord Jesus and His overcomers compose the man-child.

Although the Lord Jesus was a man-child, He was born of a woman...The spiritual significance of this is that the Lord Jesus was born of a source that trusted in God...The source of the man-child is a woman, not a man...The man-child is the seed of a woman who trusts in God and depends on God. The Lord Jesus was the seed from such a source.

The leading brothers should say, "O Lord, You know how weak we are. We depend upon You. Apart from You, Lord, we can do nothing. We trust in You for everything." If the leading brothers have this attitude, they are truly the woman before God.

On the one hand, we are the woman; on the other hand, we are the seed of the woman...Only the seed of the source trusting in God can be strong, not strong in themselves, but strong in God. The Lord Jesus Himself took the lead to be such a person. He is the Head of the man-child. Now He is also the center, reality, life, and nature of the man-child. How the enemy, Satan, fights against this man-child! (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 253-

255)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msgs. 19-20

Wednesday 5/17**Related Verses****Rev. 12:10-11**

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

John 12:31

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

1 Cor. 6:17

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Eph. 3:16-18

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

Eph. 6:10-11

10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Related Reading

Where the man-child is, there is no ground for the enemy. Satan has been judged on the cross of Christ, but this judgment needs to be executed. The church should carry out this judgment, but it has failed, so the overcomers must rise up to take the position of the church to execute God's sentence on Satan...After the

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overcomers are raptured and caught up to God's throne, there will be no more place there for the enemy.

A seeking believer may deal with his conscience until it becomes a pure conscience. However, when the conscience becomes pure, it is easy for it to be weak...When [it] is weak, the enemy always accuses us, causing us to constantly feel that we are not right...[So] we have to stand against the enemy by the covering of the blood...[and] not only claim but proclaim the power of the redeeming blood. (*CWWL, 1964*, vol. 2, "A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (Part 4—Revelation)," pp. 495-496)

All of God's people have a part in His eternal purpose, but not all assume their rightful responsibility. Therefore, God chooses a group of people from among them. This group is a portion of the whole, a part of the many chosen by God. This is the man-child brought forth by the woman.

The rapture of the man-child is not just a matter of some individuals being caught up, but more than that, it is to bring to an end the warfare which has been going on for ages and generations. The old serpent, the enemy of God, has been fighting against God for several thousand years. When this warfare takes place in heaven, Michael and his angels fight against the dragon, who is the old serpent. Formerly he was a serpent, but now he has changed in form to a dragon. He has steadily increased his power. However, once the man-child is caught up, not only is the dragon unable to be enlarged any further, but he is cast down from heaven. The rapture of the man-child is a transaction which causes Satan to have no more position in heaven.

When the overcomers stand in the church's position and do the work which the church should have done, the result will be: "Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ" [Rev. 12:10]. The man-child in Revelation 12 consists of the overcomers who stand on behalf of the church. Therefore, as soon as the man-child is caught up, Satan is cast down from heaven and the kingdom comes.

The reason for the overcomers to be the overcomers is not to receive glory or crowns for themselves, but simply to take the position which the whole church should take and do the work for the church. Before God, the church should be in that condition which He desires; she should be responsible to Him, fulfilling the work committed to her and standing in her proper position. The church, however,...has not gained the ground for God. There is only a group of people left to do that work for the church and to take up the church's responsibility. This group is the overcomers. What they do is counted as the work of the whole church...; God's purpose is attained and He is satisfied. This is the principle of the man-child.

It seems that once the man-child is born, God's purpose can no longer be hindered. This is what God is calling for today; this is what interests Him today. God needs a group of people to attain His original goal. (*CWWN, vol. 34*, "The Glorious Church," pp. 75-76, 78, 81, 83-84)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1964*, vol. 2, "A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (Part 4—Revelation)," ch. 38

Thursday 5/18

Related Verses**Neh. 2:17**

17 Then I said to them, You see the bad state we are in, that Jerusalem lies in waste and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.

Matt. 16:18-19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

Eph. 1:10, 22-23

10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Neh. 2:18-20

18 And I told them about the hand of my God, which was good upon me, and also about the king's words, which he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build; and they strengthened their hands for the good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arabian heard of it, they mocked us and despised us; and they said, What is this thing that you will do? Will you rebel against the king?

20 And I answered them and said to them, The God of heaven Himself will make us prosper; therefore we His servants will rise up and build. But you have no portion nor right nor memorial in Jerusalem.

Related Reading

When Israel was taken into captivity for seventy years, God still had a dispensational move for Israel because of *Nehemiah*; he was a true overcomer. Even as he was serving a foreign king, he was preparing to go back to Jerusalem...Because God gained *Nehemiah*, He could make a dispensational move. (*CWWN, vol. 34*, "The Glorious Church," p. 155)

The book of Ezra is a history of the return of Israel's captivity and the rebuilding of the house of God as the initiation of God's recovery among His elect for His testimony on the earth according to His economy. The book of *Nehemiah* is a history of the rebuilding of the wall of the city of Jerusalem as a continual recovery among His elect for His testimony for the accomplishment of His economy.

The crucial point of the book of *Nehemiah* is that the city of Jerusalem was a safeguard and protection for the house of God, which was in the city. This signifies that the house of God as His dwelling and home on the earth needs His kingdom to be established as a realm to safeguard His interest on the earth for His administration to carry out His economy. The rebuilding of the house of

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God typifies God's recovery of the degraded church, and the rebuilding of the wall of the city of Jerusalem typifies God's recovery of His kingdom...The house of God on the earth needs His kingdom [cf. Matt 16:18-19] to safeguard the house and to carry out His eternal economy.

Nehemiah 2:17-20 is a word concerning the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem. The leaders of the Moabites and Ammonites mocked and despised the children of Israel and asked whether they would rebel against the king by doing this (v. 19). Nehemiah answered them by saying, "The God of heaven Himself will make us prosper; therefore we His servants will rise up and build. But you have no portion nor right nor memorial in Jerusalem" (v. 20). This answer indicates that Nehemiah was very aggressive. He surely was not cowardly. Anyone who is cowardly cannot be a servant of God.

Nehemiah trusted in God by praying that God would return [the enemies'] reproach to themselves. Thus the Jews built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height, for they had a heart to work (4:4-6). Today, no matter how much we may be mocked and despised, we should have a heart to build and should be aggressive.

On the one hand, the children of Israel were prepared to fight; on the other hand, they trusted in God that He would fight for them. In this matter also they were aggressive. Those who are cowardly might say that, since God will fight for us, there is no need for us to do anything. But in a very real sense, God will help those who help themselves...According to history, God does not help the cowardly. It is the aggressive ones who have received help from God.

In the Lord's recovery, through the centuries, some are raised up and stirred up by God, and some volunteer. Some are in a high position, and some are common people. But all must be bold and strong in character and aggressive. All who have been used by God through history have been aggressive persons...Paul and Martin Luther were very aggressive. Brother Nee [was] also.

Nehemiah surely was an aggressive person. He volunteered himself, in a sense, not to God but to his

burden. He had a burden to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. His aggressiveness was very much used by God. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 1-5, 11-12)

Further Reading: *CWWN*, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," ch. 4; appendix

Friday 5/19

Related Verses

Neh. 4:17

17 Those who built the wall and those who carried burdens took the loads with one hand doing the work and with the other holding a weapon.

1 Thes. 2:2

2 But having suffered previously and having been outrageously treated, even as you know, in Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much struggle.

Neh. 4:9

9 But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

2 Tim. 1:7-8

7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me His prisoner; but suffer evil with the gospel according to the power of God;

Acts 26:21-22

21 Because of these things certain Jews seized me while I was in the temple and tried to slay me.

22 Having therefore obtained the help which is from God, I have stood unto this day, testifying both to small and great, saying nothing apart from the things which both the prophets and Moses have said would take place,

Related Reading

In the Lord's recovery today there are many good saints, but we are short of aggressiveness...If there were seven hundred aggressive ones in each continent, a great deal would issue forth for the carrying out of God's economy.

In our reading of the book of Nehemiah, we need to pay attention to Nehemiah's aggressiveness. Although he

was a common man, a servant of the king, he was aggressive to volunteer himself to God and to his burden concerning the building up of the city. He was also aggressive in making his requests known to the king. When the king asked him about his sad face, he spoke to the king in a bold, aggressive way about his burden for the city of Jerusalem. It is important that we see this in the Word. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, p. 12)

In typology many persons were temporarily used by God according to their natural capacity and natural virtues to signify something spiritual. An example of this is Nehemiah and his aggressiveness, which was a virtue in his human conduct. Whereas in typology natural things were used by God temporarily, in the fulfillment of the types in the New Testament, all the natural virtues and capacities should be brought to the cross. They need to be put to the cross and crossed out.

Many among us think that to put a certain thing to the cross means to put that thing to an end. In a sense, this is correct. However, according to the real significance of the cross of Christ, the cross does not mean merely that something is put to an end but that the natural things are crossed out in order to be brought into resurrection. The cross of Christ brings all natural things to death and burial. But according to the Bible, burial is followed by resurrection.

I believe that Moses had a strong character...At the age of forty Moses aggressively volunteered to save Israel out of the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, but God came in to limit him, allowing him to fail and be disappointed. Moses was then "buried" in the wilderness for forty years. Eventually, the resurrecting God came in to resurrect Moses (Exo. 3:2-6).

God made us with certain virtues and capacities in our natural constitution. Matthew 25:15 tells us that the "talents" are given according to our "own ability," that is, our natural ability, which is constituted of God's creation and our learning. This ability needs to be crossed out and then brought into resurrection.

If we allow our natural capacity, ability, and virtues to be brought to the cross and die, we will be resurrected. Then in resurrection our capability, ability, and virtues

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will be many times greater than they were in the natural life. These things are still ours, but having passed through death and burial, they are now in resurrection...We continue to exist, but we with our natural ability have been brought into resurrection.

The reality of resurrection is the Spirit, and the Spirit is the consummated Triune God. Resurrection, therefore, is the consummated Triune God. Our natural capacity, ability, and virtue need to be transferred from our natural life into the consummated Triune God through death and burial.

If we do not apply this principle, all the natural capacities, abilities, and virtues, unchecked by crucifixion, will be like “wild beasts” among us.

It is never a loss to sow the “seed” of our natural ability into the ground. When we sow a seed, we lose it temporarily, but eventually there will be a harvest in resurrection. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 12-15)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Revelation*, msgs. 34-39, 45

Saturday 5/20

Related Verses**Neh. 13:14**

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not blot out my loyal deeds, which I have done for the house of my God and for its services.

1 Pet. 5:2-3

2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;
3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

Phil. 2:3-4

3 Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves;
4 Not regarding each his own virtues, but each the virtues of others also.

2 Tim. 3:2-4

2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good,
4 Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Related Reading

Nehemiah was one who lived not in his natural man but in resurrection. He was aggressive, but his aggressiveness was accompanied by other characteristics. First, he loved God...He also loved the holy land (signifying Christ), the holy temple (signifying the church), and the holy city (signifying the kingdom of God)...As a person who loved God, Nehemiah was one who contacted God. We are told a number of times that Nehemiah prayed to God (Neh. 1:4; 2:4b; 4:4-5, 9). Furthermore, Nehemiah trusted in God and even became one with God.

As a result, he became the representative of God. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, p. 15)

In Nehemiah 5:14 through 19 we see Nehemiah's good example...Nehemiah and his brothers did not eat the food appointed for the governor for twelve years because of the fear of God (vv. 14-15).

Nehemiah applied himself to work on the city wall. He, his brothers, and all his servants, who were gathered there for the work, did not acquire fields. This means they did not receive any kind of payment. Rather, he fed richly at his table one hundred fifty Jews and rulers, besides those who came to him from the surrounding nations, not demanding the food appointed for the governor, for the building service was heavy on the people (vv. 16-18).

Nehemiah, as the governor, in the position of a king, was a man with a pure heart for the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall in carrying out God's economy. He was not selfish, he did not seek his own interests, and he was not indulgent in sexual lust like all the kings, including David. Therefore, he was qualified to enjoy the top

portion, the kingship of the good land promised by God to His elect. Instead of being self-seeking, he fed others for the purpose of building up the wall. In human history he might have been the only leader of a nation to behave in such a way. As a result, he was used by God.

Nehemiah received help from God to carry out a great success in the work of rebuilding the wall of the city of Jerusalem. It is surely worthwhile for us today, especially the leading ones in the churches, to consider his example.

Nehemiah loved God, and he loved God's interest on earth concerning His economy. This interest included the good land, the temple, and the city of Jerusalem...Even though he was a common person without a rank such as that of a king or of a captain in the army, he took care of God's interest on earth.

In his relationship with the people, Nehemiah was altogether unselfish...[Although] he was actually the acting king of Judah,...he never sought anything for himself. With Nehemiah there was no self-interest. He was always willing to sacrifice what he had for the people and for the nation...Instead of receiving compensation, he provided for the daily necessities of more than one hundred fifty men [cf. 5:14-18].

Nehemiah also was among those who were ready to fight against the enemy, and he took part in the night watch (4:17-23). He did not leave these matters to others but participated in them himself.

I believe that in the whole six thousand years of human history, there has never been such a one as Nehemiah...We may say that Nehemiah was an outstanding elder, the best example of what an elder should be. I hope that all the elders in the churches today will be like Nehemiah. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 6-7, 30-31)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Nehemiah*, msgs. 1-5

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13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;

16 Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *CWWN*, vol. 34 *The Glorious Church*, Appendix

Hymns, #893

1 Conflict today is fierce,
The strength of Satan more;
The cry of battle calling now
Is louder than before.
The rebel voice of hell
E'en stronger now becomes;
But list, the midnight cry resounds,
Behold, I quickly come!

2 Trials more bitter grow,
The fighting doth enlarge;
Hell's forces rally all their pow'rs
And gather for the charge.
Yet while we wait and watch
And feel the war severe,
We hear the joyful song ring out,
Jesus, the Lord, is near!

3 'Tis harder at the end
The word to testify,
For Satan fights with all his pow'r
Our witness to defy.
Much greater strength we need
The foe to overcome;
How happy when the Lord we see
And all our sighing's done!

4 Who then will forward go
Strong in His mighty power?
Who then will firmly trust the Lord
Until the vict'ry hour;
Till with the conqu'rors blest,
The triumph song's begun?
That man will then rejoice to hear,
Behold, I quickly come!

5 Who then will choose God's best,
And take the narrow track,
Though passing thru the wildest storms,
Yet never turning back?
Who now will dare press on,
Enduring pain and fear?
All such will then rejoice to see
Jesus, the Lord, is near!

6 Though deep the darkness be
We still would onward go,
Till we the day of rapture greet
And glory 'round shall glow.
'Tis there we'll see the Lord,
And Satan overcome;
The overcomers will rejoice,
Jesus, the Lord, has come!

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 8:7-13

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 16

Level 2—Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: Being Saved in His Life

Scripture: Rom. 5:10

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 41, 44-45; *Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans*, ch. 1

Supplemental Reading: None

Hymn: 499

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