

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2005**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE OVERCOMING LIFE AS PORTRAYED IN SONG OF SONGS**

Message Sixteen

Making Ourselves Ready to Be Raptured for the Lord's Coming

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:26-32; Matt. 7:13-14; 24:45-51; S. S. 8:5-14

I. The last days before the Lord's coming are as the days of Noah and the days of Lot—Dan. 2:28, 44-45; Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-32:

- A. Noah lived during the time when the entire human race had become flesh; the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually—Gen. 4:16-22; 6:2, 5, 11:
 - 1. The overcomers exercise their spirit to reject themselves and walk by the Spirit, walking with God in the vision of the age and working with God in the ministry of the age to turn the age to the kingdom age—5:22-24; 6:8-14.
 - 2. In order to participate in the overcomers' rapture that we may enjoy the Lord's parousia (presence, coming) and escape the great tribulation, we must overcome the stupefying effect of man's living today—Luke 17:27-28.
- B. Lot became defeated because he separated himself from Abraham, with whom was God's witness and testimony, and drifted into the wicked city of Sodom, which was to be destroyed under God's judgment—Gen. 13:11-13; 14:12:
 - 1. The overcomers join themselves to and follow the proper persons in God's economy so that they may be kept in the line of life and the flow of the Lord's move according to the unique teaching of God's economy—1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20; 2 Tim. 1:15-18; 2:22; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; 6:3-4.
 - 2. The overcomers live a life of absolute consecration as sojourners on the earth, fighting for the saints, living in intimate fellowship with God, and abiding in the Lord according to the teaching of the anointing so that they are not put to shame at His coming—Gen. 12:7-8; 14:14-20; 1 John 2:27-28.

II. We make ourselves ready to be raptured for His coming by staying on the constricted way of being watchful in life and faithful in service to be constituted as the bride of Christ—Matt. 7:13-14; 24:45-51; 25:9, 13, 21:

- A. We must lean upon our Beloved, constantly taking Him as our "going-out" strength to leave the world behind and meet Him as our Bridegroom, trusting helplessly in Him as the God of resurrection—S. S. 8:5; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; 4:16-18.
- B. We must pray that He would set us as a seal on His heart of love and on His arm of strength and power, trusting fully in His mercy, love, grace, and keeping power—S. S. 8:6-7; Exo. 28:12, 29; 1 Thes. 3:13; Rom. 9:16; Jude 24.
- C. We must love the Lord absolutely in simplicity and purity, asking Him to constrain us with His love of affection to live and die to Him—1 Cor. 2:9; 16:22; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; 11:2-3; Rom. 14:7-9; 8:35-39; Rev. 12:11.

- D. We must consecrate ourselves freshly and thoroughly to the Lord day by day—Lev. 6:12-13; Exo. 21:5-6.
- E. We must have a direct touch with the Lord every morning, a time in which we speak to Him and He speaks to us, being dealt with thoroughly by the Lord under His light to have a thorough repentance and confession in His presence—Isa. 50:4-5; 1 John 1:7, 9.
- F. We must long for the Lord's speaking to us, reading the sixty-six books of the Bible again and again and receiving God's word by means of all prayer so that we can be sanctified, reconstituted, and ruled by the word of God—S. S. 8:13-14; Deut. 17:18-20; Eph. 6:17-18; Mark 4:23-25.
- G. We must continually call on the Lord, praise the Lord, thank the Lord, and sing to the Lord—Gen. 4:26; Isa. 12:3-5.
- H. We must be praying persons with a prayer life aimed at the desire and economy of God—Dan. 6:10; 1 Kings 8:48; cf. Exo. 28:29.
- I. We must live in the Body and for the Body, keeping ourselves in the blending life of the entire Body of Christ—1 Cor. 12:24; Lev. 2:4-5; Judg. 7:13-15.
- J. We must exercise our spirit to live and walk by the Spirit and enjoy the oneness of the Spirit, being saved from the destruction of division—Rom. 8:2, 4; Gal. 5:25; 1 Tim. 4:7; Acts 24:16; Jude 19; Mal. 2:15-16.
- K. We must guard our heart with all vigilance, keeping our heart turned to Him and fully opened to Him so that our heart may be pure, soft, loving, and at peace—Prov. 4:23; 2 Cor. 3:16, 18; Matt. 5:8.
- L. We must present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God for the practice of the Body life to glorify God in our body—Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:20.
- M. We must drink and flow the water of life—John 7:37-39; Prov. 11:25.
- N. We must live a vital group church life—John 12:2-3; Heb. 10:24-25.
- O. We must forgive others that we may be forgiven, not judging and condemning others but releasing them that we may be released—Matt. 6:14-15; Luke 6:37.
- P. We must shepherd others by perfecting them to mature in life for the development of their faith and love by cherishing them in the humanity of Jesus and nourishing them in the divinity of Christ—S. S. 1:7-8, 10-11; 4:11a; 8:8-10; Acts 20:20, 31; Matt. 24:45; 1 John 3:16; Zech. 10:3; 11:7.
- Q. We must prophesy for the building up of the church—1 Cor. 14:4b, 26, 31.
- R. We must keep ourselves on the highways to Zion to enter into God as our sanctuary that we might become His sanctuary—Psa. 84:3-5; John 1:14.
- S. We must give our material possessions for the interests of God—Matt. 6:19-21.
- T. We must follow the Lamb wherever He goes, preaching the gospel of the kingdom to the whole inhabited earth—Rev. 14:4; Matt. 24:14.
- U. We must have the determination to gain the honor of being well pleasing to the Lord so that we may receive Him as the reward of the kingdom and consummate our divine romance with Him in the sinless domain of His sweet and beautiful kingdom which will fill the whole earth—S. S. 8:11-14; 2 Cor. 5:9; Heb. 11:5-6; Col. 1:10-11; Eph. 4:30; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2.