

Overcoming the Flesh – Hillsboro Summer Series

Scripture Text:

Russell Kelso Carter (1849-1928) composed this beloved hymn while teaching at a military academy in 1886.

What is a promise?

1. Noun: “a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen.”
2. Verb: “assure someone that one will definitely do, give, or arrange something; undertake or declare that something will happen.”

When we “stand on the promises of God” we are “building our hopes on nothing less than Jesus’ Blood and righteousness.”

We must overcome the flesh in order to stand on the promises of God!

1. Growing Spiritually in Christ
 - a. First, we must get into Christ
 - i. Rom. 6:3-4
 - ii. Gal. 3:27
 - b. Milk versus Meat
 - i. I Corinthians 3:2
 - ii. I Peter 2:2
 - c. “Climbing the Christian ladder”
 - i. II Peter 1:5-11
 - ii. Starts with having faith
 - iii. Key. V. 11
2. Works of the Flesh
 - a. Paul likes to give lists of sins – other lists exist (Peter)
 - i. Gal. 5:19-21
 - ii. Rom. 1:29-32
 - iii. I Cor. 6:9-11 (will visit later)
 - iv. Ephesians 5:3-5
 - v. II Cor. 12:20
 - vi. I Tim. 1:8-11.
 1. Abusers of themselves with mankind – Sodomites, Homosexuals
 2. Adulterers
 3. All uncleanness
 4. All unrighteousness
 5. Backbiters – Slander (spoken), to wound
 6. Boasters
 7. Covenant Breakers
 8. Covetousness/ Covetous man

9. Debate – a quarrel
10. Deceit
11. Defile themselves with mankind
12. Despiteful
13. Disobedient/ to parents
14. Drunkards/Drunkenness
15. Effeminate –
 - a. Greek soft 3x in KJV.
 - b. Always referring to clothing.
 - c. Root – female.
 - d. Defined: *womanlike*.
16. Emulations –
 - a. Rivalry
 - b. Jealousy.
 - c. 2x in NT –
 - i. One good (Rom. 11:14 – provoke Jews to jealousy)
 - ii. One bad (Gal. 5:20 – stirring of jealousy in others).
17. Envyings
18. Extortioners – swindlers, robbers, unrighteous, lewd
19. Filthiness
20. Foolish talking
21. Fornication/ers
22. Full of envy
23. Hatred/ of God
24. Heresies
25. Idolatry/Idolaters
26. Innovators of evil things
27. Jestings – Not serious
28. Lasciviousness –
 - a. Unbridled lust, to raise a disturbance.
 - b. I Cor. 12:21 – something to be repented of.
 - c. “Wantonness” in Rom. 13:13 – “filthy words, unchaste movements of the body.”
 - d. Peter mentions in I Peter 4:3; II Peter 2:2; 2:7; 2:18
29. Lawless
30. Liars
31. Maliciousness – full of malice; intentionally harmful, spiteful
32. Malignity (Malice) – disposition to do evil
33. Manslayers
34. Menstealers
35. Murderers/ of fathers/ of mothers
36. Perjured persons – to render (oneself) guilty of swearing falsely
37. Profane
38. Proud

- 39. Revelers/revellings – enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way
- 40. Seditions - division
- 41. Sinners
- 42. Strife
- 43. Swellings – conceits
- 44. Thieves
- 45. Tumults
- 46. Uncleaness/unclean person
- 47. Unholy
- 48. Ungodly
- 49. Unmerciful
- 50. Variance – quarrel, wrangling
- 51. Whispers – whisper to slander
- 52. Whoremonger/s
- 53. Wickedness
- 54. Witchcraft
- 55. Without natural affection
- 56. Without understanding
- 57. Wrath
- b. Gal. 5:21 – Shall not inherit the kingdom
- c. Rev. 21:8 – and all liars

3. How Do We Overcome?

- a. I Cor. 6:9-11
 - i. Key. V.11
 - ii. Key: Were
- b. Cultivate the good fruits
 - i. Gal. 5:22-23
 - ii. A continual thing – can't just plant seeds and hope they grow and produce as you want!
- c. Romans 12:21
 - i. Good vs. Evil
 - ii. Our choice
- d. Have firm roots
 - i. Parable of the Sower – Mark 4:1-20
 - ii. Gal. 1:6-9

Two Wolves: (Story)

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life: “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy.

“It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.”

He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: “Which wolf will win?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

The choice is yours, which one will you feed?