

Chapter 74

Good News: we too can have the victory

"For we have not a 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" "He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him" (Hebrews 4:15 [KJV]; 7:25).

It is not enough for a Christian to become all stirred up and say a few spiteful words or raise the hand in resentment, and then say, "O, I am a Christian; I must not say this or do that." We are to be so submitted to the power of God and the influence of the Spirit of God that our thoughts shall be so completely controlled that the victory shall be won already, and not even the impulse be allowed.

Then we shall be Christians everywhere all the

time, under all circumstances, and against all influences.

The things that were heaped upon Christ, which He bore, were the very things that were the hardest for human nature to bear. And before we get through with the cause in which we are engaged, we are going to have to meet these very things that are hardest for our human nature to bear. Unless we have the battle already won, we are not sure that we shall show the Christian spirit when it is most needed.

Now in Jesus, the Lord has brought to us just the power that will cause us to be submitted to Him, "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

The law of God is written upon the heart. In the inmost recesses, the secret chamber of the heart, at the very root, the fountain of the thought--there Christ sets up His throne. Thus at the very citadel of the soul, the only place where sin can enter--there God sets up His throne. There He puts His

law. The result is peace only, and all the time. [1]

Note:

Jones, General Conference Bulletin, 1895, p.
348.