

WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

The Destiny of the Overcomer

Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why

INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest promises in Scripture is that the children of YAH will be transformed into the image and likeness of Messiah. Many understand forgiveness of sins, but few understand the full inheritance promised to the saints.

The Scriptures teach that the overcomers will become like Messiah, partake of the divine nature, receive immortality, inherit glory, reign with Him, and yet remain forever subject to the Most High.

The purpose of this lesson is to answer:

- Who shall become like Him?
 - What shall they become?
 - When does it happen?
 - Where does it happen?
 - How does it happen?
 - Why is YAH doing this?
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WHO SHALL BE LIKE HIM?

The promise is not given to all mankind. It is given to the sons of God and those who overcome.

The Sons of God

1 John 3:1-2 (KJV)

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Those who belong to YAH are already called His sons, but John says it has not yet appeared what they shall ultimately become.

The Overcomers

Revelation 21:7 (KJV)

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

The inheritance belongs to the overcomer.

Joint-Heirs with Messiah

Romans 8:16-17 (KJV)

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

The children inherit with Messiah.

WHAT SHALL WE BECOME?

We Shall Be Like Him

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John plainly states that we shall be like Him.

We Shall Bear the Heavenly Image

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (KJV)

"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

We currently bear Adam's image. We shall bear Messiah's image.

We Shall Be Conformed to His Image

Romans 8:29 (KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Messiah is the firstborn among many brethren.

We Shall Be Glorified Together

Romans 8:17 (KJV)

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We Shall Possess Immortality

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 (KJV)

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

We Shall Be Partakers of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV)

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

We Shall Be Called Gods

Psalms 82:6 (KJV)

"I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

John 10:34-36 (KJV)

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?"

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

Messiah affirmed the Scripture.

WHEN DOES THIS HAPPEN?

At His Appearing

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

At the Last Trump

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (KJV)

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

At His Coming

1 Corinthians 15:23 (KJV)

"But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

WHERE DOES THIS OCCUR?

In the Resurrection

Philippians 3:20-21 (KJV)

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

In the Kingdom

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV)

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

In the New Jerusalem

Revelation 22:3-5 (KJV)

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:

And they shall reign for ever and ever."

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

The pattern is first shown in Messiah.

Messiah Was in the Form of God

Philippians 2:5-6 (KJV)

"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:"

Messiah Entered the Likeness of Men

Philippians 2:7-8 (KJV)

"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."

The pattern shown is:

Form of God → Likeness of Men

The Overcomer Experiences the Opposite Movement

Likeness of Men → Likeness of God

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Through Resurrection Power

Romans 8:11 (KJV)

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

WHY IS YAH DOING THIS?

To Produce Many Brethren Like Messiah

Romans 8:29 (KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

To Manifest the Sons of God

Romans 8:19 (KJV)

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

To Share His Glory

John 17:22 (KJV)

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"

John 17:24 (KJV)

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me..."

To Fulfill the Original Purpose of Creation

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV)

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The image begun in creation is completed in glorification.

DOES THIS MAKE THE OVERCOMER THE MOST HIGH?

No.

The Scriptures consistently maintain the supremacy of YAH.

Psalm 83:18 (KJV)

"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

Revelation 3:21 (KJV)

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame..."

1 Corinthians 15:28 (KJV)

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

The overcomers reign, inherit, judge, and share the divine nature, yet YAH remains the Most High forever.

CONCLUSION

The testimony of Scripture is that:

- The overcomer is a son of God.
- The son of God is an heir of God.
- The heir of God is conformed to Messiah's image.
- The overcomer becomes a partaker of the divine nature.
- The overcomer receives immortality.
- The overcomer bears the heavenly image.
- The overcomer shares Messiah's glory.
- The overcomer reigns with Messiah.
- The overcomer becomes like Him.

Therefore the hope of the believer is not merely survival after death, but transformation into the likeness, glory, immortality, and divine nature promised by YAH, while remaining forever under the authority of the Most High.

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