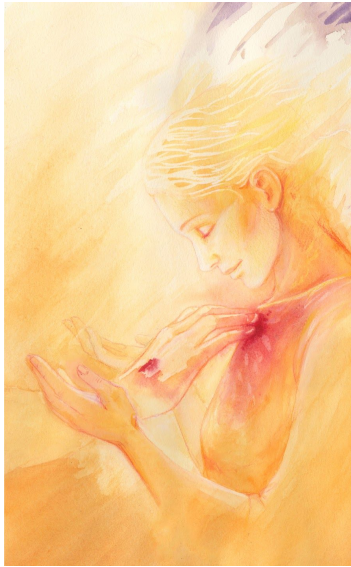


I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD



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“I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

Peace in the midst of tribulation.
Focus, while everything’s falling apart.
Because the Master has overcome the world.

He tells us this, hours before he is arrested and executed.

“Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

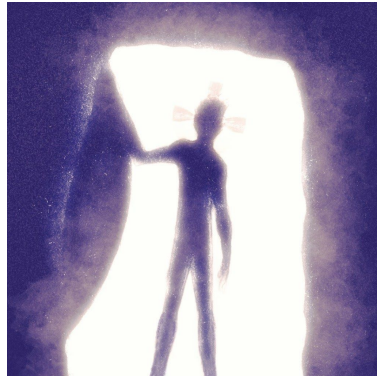
Dragged away in chains---
--- he has overcome the world?

Mocked and spit upon by jeering men---
--- he has overcome the world?

“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!”

---He has overcome the world?

Yet when he steps out of his tomb as the *Firstborn of the New Creation*, he has indeed overcome the world.



JOY From Full of Eyes

He has overcome---

---the Prince of this world.

---the curse hanging over the human race.

---death itself.



*“Take Heart I am by You”
from Full of Eyes*

The world stumbles on toward its final hour, *unaware of the One who has overcome it.*

Blind to his glory.

Deaf to his call to repentance.

Ignorant of its approaching Day of Accounting.

But to those who have ears to hear, he says,

*“In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer,
I have overcome the world.”*

He never promised us a smooth ride.

He promised that as long as we are in this world we will have tribulation.

But we will also have joy.

*“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in
his love.*

*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in
you, and that your joy may be full.”*

John 15:10-11

We will also have peace.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world
gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let
them be afraid.”*

John 14:27



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If Jesus has overcome the world...

And if we have abandoned our lives to him...

...we will walk through the smoke, fire and chaos of the present hour quietly trusting our Master's promise:

***"In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer,
I have overcome the world."***

TAKE HEART;
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

– JOHN 16:33 –

Prayer

Dearest Lord Jesus, that we truly would take heart, knowing that despite trouble, chaos, bleakness and uncertainty, we don't need to be troubled or afraid because you have overcome it all. Help us to willingly obey your commandments, to abide in your love and to abandon ourselves to you, finding the peace and joy you have for us in the midst of all tribulations.



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WHO WAS SLAIN
HAS BEGUN HIS REIGN