

Overcoming the World

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Many years ago, President David O. McKay told of a beautiful experience he had while sailing on a boat toward Samoa. After falling asleep, he "beheld in vision something infinitely sublime. In the distance," he said, "I beheld a beautiful white city. ... Trees with luscious fruit ... and flowers in perfect bloom abounded everywhere. ... A great concourse of people [was] approaching the city. Each one wore a white flowing robe. ... Instantly my attention ... centered upon their leader, and though I could see only the profile of his features ... , I recognized him at once as my Savior! The ... radiance of his countenance [was] glorious. ... [The] peace about him ... was divine!"

President McKay continues, "The city ... was his ... the City Eternal; and the people following him were to abide there in peace and eternal happiness."

President McKay wondered, "who [are] they? [who are these people?]"

He explains what happened next:

"As if the Savior read my thoughts, he answered by pointing to [words in] a semicircle that ... appeared above [the people], ... written in gold ... :

*"These Are They Who Have Overcome the World—
"Who Have Truly Been Born Again!"¹*

For decades, I have remembered the words: "These are they who have overcome the world."

The blessings that the Lord has promised to those who overcome the world are breathtaking. They will be "clothed in white ... and [named in] the book of life." The Lord "will confess [their names] before [the] Father, and before his angels."² Each shall have "part in the first resurrection,"³ receive eternal life,⁴ and "go no more out"⁵ from the presence of God.

Is it possible to overcome the world and receive these blessings? Yes, it is.

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