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For $r \geq 3$, let $f_r: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ be the unique analytic function such that $f_r(\binom{k}{r}) = \binom{k-1}{r-1}$ for any integer $k \geq r - 1$. We prove that the spectral radius of an r -uniform hypergraph H with e edges is at most $f_r(e)$. The equality holds if and only if $e = \binom{k}{r}$ and H is the union of a complete r -uniform hypergraph K_k^r and some possible isolated vertices. This result generalizes the classical Stanley's theorem on graphs. (Received July 31, 2017)