

Basic Training Lesson 3.4

Spiritual Warfare: Living and Praying with Spiritual Victory

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- I. Introduction
 - A. Where we are going
 - B. Where we have been
- II. Introduction to Spiritual warfare prayer
- III. What Jesus provided for us
 1. Jesus destroyed the bondage and stronghold that sin and the devil puts on people:
*1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil.***

2. Col 2:14-15 says Jesus blotted out our condemnation when he nailed our sins to his cross, and also disarmed and shamed the devil.
- IV. Know what is at work around you
 1. 2 Cor 2:11 says don't let Satan get an advantage of you for we are not ignorant of his schemes.
 2. And Eph 4:26-27 says don't give him any place.
 - V. Preparing for battle
 - A. Be ready
 1. 1 Peter 5:8-9 The apostle Peter warned us to be alert because the devil is looking for victims to devour.
 - B. Pray daily, keep us from evil
 1. Jesus told us to pray daily Matt 6:13, *lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*
 - VI. Understanding the adversary

- A. Understanding spiritual jurisdictions
 - 1. Eph 6:12-13 identifies 4 layers of authority of the devil: principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places, but with the armor of God on, we can withstand them in the evil day.

- 2. **[slide]** Some are named in scripture: Spirit of: fear, bondage, error, slumber, whoredoms, divination, heaviness, lying, jealousy, infirmity, the world, antichrist; and deaf and dumb, seducing, unclean, and familiar spirits.

VII. Weapons of warfare

- A. The armor of God
 - 1. The armor of God is described in in Ephesians 6:13-17: **[slide]** truth (belt), righteousness (breastplate), the peace of the gospel (our shoes), faith (shield), salvation (helmet), the Bible (sword).

2. **[slide] You don't pray these things on you—it is simply using faith in Jesus' truth, salvation, righteousness, the gospel, and the Word of God.**
3. When you go to battle with Jesus all over you, you will pull down strongholds of the adversary.

B. Protection of angels

1. God has millions of angels around His throne:
Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
2. When Jesus was facing arrest in the Garden of Gethsemene, Peter took out his sword and struck at one of those who came to arrest Jesus, chopping off his ear.
3. Peter thought it was a battle of flesh and blood, after all, there were soldiers armed

with swords and spears, but Jesus tried to get Peter to see it was much more than that:

Matt 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions [12 x 6,000=72,000] of angels?

4. You and your little sword and a small serving of ear chops may make you feel pretty bold, but 72,000 angels will be far more effective.
5. These are promises to recall:
[Angels will encircle and deliver] *Ps 34:7*
The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
6. **[Angels will take charge and protect]** *Ps 91:11-12*
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. **[Angels will minister]** *Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
 8. **[Angels come after a fierce battle]** *Matt 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*
 9. When we need help, God can send an angel for that.
- VIII. Offensive warfare: exercising our authority
- A. The need for fasting
 1. When you notice an intensity of spiritual attack coming against you, it may be that you have crossed a boundary into a stronghold of the adversary.
 2. That is when it is time to proclaim a time of intense focused prayer and fasting in spiritual warfare prayer.
 3. Fasting increases our faith, our spiritual sensitivity, and effectiveness in dealing with spiritual warfare:

Mark 9:28-29

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

4. We know of another unsuccessful effort of casting out spirits in Acts 19. Their effort to rebuke the devil by saying, “We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.”
5. The adversary countered by saying: “I know Jesus, I know Paul, but who in Heaven do you think you are?”
6. It is obvious from the number of times demons had to fall on their faces before Jesus, that they knew Him. After all, Jesus beat up on the devil after His 40 day fast.
7. And Jesus was there when Satan fell as lightning from heaven. So while Jesus recognized satan as the prince of the power of the air, the fact that what Jesus did on

the cross has caused Him to lose many souls to Jesus, and the fact that Jesus will be on the throne in heaven when satan is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, yes, He knows who Jesus is.

8. And why did the devils know Paul? He wrote that he was in fastings oft, and had cast out devils on plenty of occasions. God used Him to tear down many strongholds.
9. But how about you and I? When we pray a holy bold prayer, does the devil ask, “Who are you?”
10. We cannot be effective when praying in the name of someone else’s Jesus, even if it is Paul, pastor, or your papaw you are thinking about. You’ve got to have that relationship firmly anchored in your own life.
11. And when a person regularly fasts, prays, and resists the devil on a regular basis, you know, the devil probably gets plenty of calls from the demon 911 call center, that

another demon has been cast out and is battered and bruised. He will recognize God's authority working in us.

12. Where does that authority come from?

B. Jesus gave His disciples authority

1. In Luke 9 and 10, Jesus explained a key aspect of spiritual warfare. To His 12 apostles as well as to 70 others, He said:

Luke 9:1-2

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

2. And when the apostles and the 70 others Jesus sent out to preach, they came back with this testimony:

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3. Jesus explained why that happened:
Luke 10:19-20
*19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on **serpents and scorpions**, and **over all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*
20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.
4. As Jesus' disciples, we are given that authority to influence our world for the kingdom of God.
- IX. Conclusion: Word weapons to use
 1. Jesus is more powerful:
James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
 2. Devils begged Jesus not to destroy them
(Mark 1:23-24, Mark 5:7)

3. *Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...*
4. His church is protected by His blood and will not be defeated:
*Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which **he hath purchased with his own blood.***
5. We will overcome by the blood of Jesus:
Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
6. *Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*
7. Because Jesus washed your sins away by His blood, and because He filled you with the Holy Ghost, you have authority and weapons of warfare to fight with.