Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide

- I. Introduction
- 1. *John 12:31-32*
 - 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
 - 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
- 2. Matt 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
- II. What Jesus provided for us
- 1. 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*
 - 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us [the list of sins (works of the devil we did) and our guilty verdict], which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
 15 And having spoiled [disarmed] principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- 3. *Col 1:13-14*
 - 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 - 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins [remember Acts 2:38]:
- III. Discern the enemy
- A. His activity
- 1. 2 Cor 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices [schemes].
- 2. *Eph 4:26-27*
 - 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
 - 27 Neither give place to the devil.
- B. Spiritual jurisdictions
- 1. Eph 6:12-13
 - 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- C. Spirits identified in scripture
- 1. Spirit of: fear, bondage, error, slumber, whoredoms, divination, heaviness, lying, jealousy, infirmity, the world, antichrist; and deaf and dumb, seducing, unclean, and familiar spirits.
- IV. How to prepare for battle
- A. Be aware and ready
- 1. 1 Peter 5:8-9
 - 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
 - 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are [throughout] in the world.
- 2. John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- B. Keep us from evil
- 1. Matt 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- V. Our protection (defense)
- A. The armor of God
- 1. *Ephesians 6:13-17*
 - 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
 - 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
 - 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
 - 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
 - 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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- 2. 2 Cor 10:3-5
 - 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
 - 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
 - 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- B. Protection of angels
- 1. 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. Matt 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
- 3. Ps 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 4. *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.
- 5. Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?
- 6. Matt 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.
- VI. Using our authority (offence)
- A. The need for fasting
- 1. *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.
- B. Jesus gave His disciples authority
- 1. *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. Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
- 3. Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
- 4. 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.
- VII. 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. *Mark 1:23-24*
 - 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
 - 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.
- 3. Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- 4. Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.
- 5. 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.
- 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. 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.