

# UNDER ATTACK!

**Are you overly tired, weary, confused, want to lay down, or give up, DON'T YOU DARE GIVE IN OR GIVE UP, YOU ARE,**

This attack is spiritual. It is not as obvious as an attack against your body, your finances, or anything in the natural. Spiritual attacks are not as easy to recognize and you may not realize you are under one. The devil comes to try to stop or hinder you from living in victory and having the joy of the Lord. The attack has come to squeeze the life out of you and derail your destiny in God.

Once we recognize what we are under we cannot be passive or ignore the attack thinking it will go away. We must rise up and take our stand according to God's Word. We must stay in faith knowing that we are in a battle against a cunning, sneaky, lying, opponent. We are in God's army, commissioned to take back everything the devil has stolen. To break the power of every attack thrown our way. This kind of attack comes against each of us. We need to realize the symptoms, recognize the strategies and not allow these subtly attacks to catch us unaware. If you are born again, you are at war with the devil!

The attacks come in different ways for each of us. The result the devil wants is to kill, steal, and destroy. Killing our desire, stealing our joy, and destroying our walk. Too many times we expend our energy fighting one another over petty little things, while the devil beats our brains out. Not noticing that some these fights may be the direct result of a spiritual attack. What we experience in these situations are the manifestations of an attack. We most likely do not know why we acted like we did, or said what we said. We must remember our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers and rulers of darkness in high places. Our battle is in the spirit and God has given us all the weapons of warfare we need to overcome every attack. We must know how to use them and position ourselves to win over every attack of the enemy. (II Corinthians. 10:4,5 - I Tim. 1:18 - II Tim. 2:3,4)

## **HOW DO I RECOGNIZE AN ATTACK?**

Recognizing his attacks and knowing we are under one is our key to maintaining victory. Some of the most recognizable symptoms of an attack are these; overly tired, confusion, apathy, lack of desire to read the word or pray, depression, don't care attitude and wanting to give up, just to name a few. Many times we are tempted to replace Godly activities with anything that is easy and does not require much effort or energy. After all, who wants to do battle when you're so drained physically and mentally, that all you want to do is lay down and rest. Sound's familiar doesn't it? Satan's biggest deception is to keep us from recognizing we are under attack. We then will not address it as an attack and he can keep us under its influence and pressure longer. We have to stay sharp and WATCH constantly for his strategies and schemes. Declare war on the enemy, move from the defensive posture, and run towards the enemy becoming an offensive weapon for God. When David encountered Goliath he ran towards the enemy and defeated him. (I Samuel 17:48) Become armed and dangerous by attacking the enemy first, keeping him held at bay.

"Warfare is just not my thing." Remember this, fighting against the spiritual attacks of the enemy is part of our life in God. The fight is for all of God's children. God has said to be a good soldier and to war a good warfare. (I Timothy 1:18 - II Timothy 2:3, 4) If we take the position of not doing warfare, then we will be overrun and defeated when the enemy attacks. We are the body of Christ, we have suffered violence against us long enough. It is time to become violent against the devil and push back every attack, doing it individually and collectively in our churches. We are stronger when we fight together, against the enemy. (Matthew 11:12)

## **HOW DO I OVERCOME THE ATTACK?**

First and foremost, we must repent of any sin or unforgiveness that might be in our life. We cannot walk in victory against the enemy if he has a foothold within.

We must then stir ourselves up and refuse to give in to the flesh. The flesh never wants to fight. If we give into the flesh we are dangerously close to focusing on ourselves, and our will rather than God's. We cannot afford to stand still and do nothing. If we are not moving forward in God we are moving backwards. This gives the enemy an open door to defeat us with little or no effort. We must do what we know do, and do it on purpose, cutting the enemy no slack.

Push back against the enemy until he moves. Perseverance and persistence in the Spirit is what drives the enemy out of our lives. Ruthless abandonment of everything except what the Word of God says to do against an attack. We must continue fighting until we have moved from the edge of defeat into the winner's circle. There holding the victory trophy high above our heads, and the enemy running away in defeat. God said that the enemy is under our feet, that is a dominated state, that is where we must keep him.

### **WHAT DO I DO WHEN UNDER AN ATTACK?**

Many times in writing articles there is not an easy to understand description of "how do I do what I have just read." I hope and pray that the following paragraph gives you some of the "how to" of coming against a spiritual attack as well as any attack of the devil. These things can be done when under attack and to keep yourself in victory when not under attack. Keep your faith high and keep fighting against our mutual adversary, and remember in Christ Jesus we are more than conquerors over the devil.

Praise and worship God out loud, with your mouth. Listen to good praise and worship music. Thank God in advance for the victory. Do it before you see the victory, that's faith in action. Repent and submit yourself unto God. Make sure to do His will not yours.

Pray strong, especially in tongues if you are baptized in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any plans or schemes of the enemy. Put on the whole armor of God. Do not be fearful, be strong and of good courage. Get radical in God and press towards the problem in the Spirit. In prayer do not forget to be still and listen, God needs an opportunity to talk back to you. Anoint yourself and your home with oil. Begin to tear down any strongholds, casting down every imagination and evil thought. Bind the devil and all his plans. Do not listen to the lies of the enemy telling you that you are defeated in any area, he is a liar and the father of lies. Remind the devil of his future and where he is going.

Cancel every false word or prayer that has been spoken about you, against you and by you. Stand fast in God, refuse to be moved off God's Word. Believe what you have prayed, you have received. Act in faith, and do not look at the circumstances. Agree with the Word, making all your decisions based on the Word of God. Confess and pray the Word daily. Find another believer and come into agreement with them over the situation. Above all do not give up, or back down. We are victorious in Christ Jesus and have already won the battle, because the battle is the Lord's. Keep up the good fight of faith. God Bless you!

### **Study Scriptures:**

Psalms 149, 150 - James 4:7-8

Jude 20 - I Corinthians 12:6-11

John 16:13 - II Timothy 1:7

Isaiah 41:10,11 - I Peter 3:4I John 1:9

Romans 4:19-21 - John 4:4

II Corinthians 10:3-6 - Matthew 18:18

Revelation 20:10 - John 8:44

Isaiah 54:17 - Ephesians 6:13

Ephesians 6:10-17 - Mark 11:23,24

II Corinthians 5:7- Proverbs 3:5-7

Psalms 119:89,160

Deuteronomy 30:19

Psalms 119:105,130 - Hebrews 10:23

Mathew 18:19