

# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

(II Cor. 10:4)

Spiritual warfare is not an act or a one time occurrence. It is an ongoing, daily activity. As a born again Christian we must continue the work Jesus began on this earth. Jesus said in I John 3:8(b) I am come to destroy the works of the devil. He gave us His power so through Him we could continue to destroy the works of the devil. Believers . . . . WE ARE AT WAR!

## **What is Spiritual Warfare?**

**Spiritual is:** relating to spirit not tangible or material.

**Warfare is:** an act to destroy or undermine the strength of another,

**War is:** open, long-term conflict between two parties

Both External and  
Internal Warfare!  
YIELDING!

Rom. 6:11-14

I Cor. 9:26

Rom 7:23

## **I. WARFARE**

### **A. What do we war against?**

We are tempted to disobedience - (Gen. 3:4,5,15 - James 1:14,15)

The devil accuses the saints - (Job 1:9 - Rev. 12:10)

He inflicts disease - (Job 2:7 - Acts 10:38 - Lk. 13:11-16)

Opposes the righteous - (Zec. 3:1)

He tempted Christ - (Matt. 4:1)

Removing the good seed (the word) - (Matt. 13:19)

Sows the Tares - (Matt. 13:38,39)

Causes Lying - (John 8:44)

The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy - (John 10:10)

Instigates men to sin - (John 13:2)

We are attacked daily, we are conquerors (Rom. 8:36-37)(I Pet. 2:11)

We fight to keep ourselves in subjection (I Cor. 9:26-27)

We're not ignorant of his devices - (II Cor. 2:11)

Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness, . . . . - (Eph. 6:12)

Preys upon Men - (I Pet. 5:8)

We fought afflictions when first saved (Heb. 10:32-33)

### **B. Our Position in Warfare**

We are the head and not the tail - (Deut. 28:13)

Through God we push down our enemies - (Psa. 44:5)

I am more than a conqueror - (Rom. 8:37)

I always triumph in Jesus - (II Cor. 2:14)

Jesus made a show of the devil openly - (Col. 2:9-15)

We must war a good warfare - (I Tim. 1:18)

Fight a good fight - (I Tim. 6:12)

Endure hardness as a good soldier - (II Tim. 2:3-4)

Fight a good fight to the end - (II Tim. 4:7)

We avail much . . . - (James 5:16)

Jesus works His works through us - (I John 3:8 - John 14:12)

We are overcomers because He is great in us - (I John 4:4)

### **C. God hears our prayers**

God hears us in heaven and saves - (Psa. 20:5-9)

God hears my supplications and I am helped - (Psa. 28:2-9)

God is ready to forgive and is plenteous in mercy - (Psa. 86:5-7)

God hears my voice and delivers me - (Psa. 116:1-8 - Psa. 119:170)

God hears and covers my head in battle - (Psa. 140:6-7)

We know God hears our petitions and we have them (I John 5:15)

#### D. What Blocks Our Warfare?

Dis-obedience - God says obedience is better than sacrifice - (I Sam. 15:22)  
God cannot bless Sin - Psa. 66:18 (Heb. 12:14)(Isa. 59:2)  
Fear or worry is a sin, God didn't give us the spirit of fear. - (II Tim. 1:7)  
If you doubt there is no faith, and faith without works is dead - (James 2:17)  
Asking with wrong motive to consume upon our own lusts. - (James 4:3)  
Not praying the word, praying what we think, or want - (I John 5:14)

#### E. Protection

The angel of the Lord encamps round us - (Psa. 34:7)  
God preserves us - (Psa. 41:2)  
God covers us, His angels have charge over us - (Psa. 91:4-11)  
No weapon form against us shall prosper - (Psa 54:17)  
Not one hair shall perish from your head - (Lk. 21:18)  
Perfect love cast out fear, fear has torment - (I John 4:18)  
We Win! The end of the devil - (Rev. 19:20 - Rev. 20:3, 10, 14, 15)

DO NOT PRAY  
THE PROBLEM!

Authority: root Author,  
creator  
Power: potent

## **II. Offensive Weapons - (Matt. 18:18)**

Name of the Lord (used 109 times in the bible)

Little David slew Goliath by the name of the Lord - (I Sam. 17:45-47)  
Pro. 18:10 - Isa. 42:8 - Isa. 55:11 - Jer. 10:6)  
His name is above ALL names - (Eph. 1:21 - Phil. 2:9-11)

Word of God (used 49 time in the bible)

God's word is true forever - (Psa. 119:105, 130, 160 - Psa. 138:2)  
His word is forever settled - (Psa. 119:89 - Matt. 24:35)  
God's word is a shield - (Psa. 119:50 - Prov. 30:5)  
We live by the word of God - (Lk. 4:4)

The word of God is sharper than any sword - (Heb. 4:12)

Blood of the Lamb (blood used 447 times in the bible)

Overcome by the blood - (Rev. 12:11)  
Blood shed for our sins - (Matt. 26:28)  
Purchased with the blood - (Acts 20:28)  
Justified by the blood - (Rom. 5:9)

Redemption through the blood - (Eph. 1:7)

We are brought nigh to God by the blood - (Eph. 2:13)

Our conscience purged from dead works by the blood - (Heb. 9:14)

We have boldness because of the blood - (Heb. 10:19)

Word of our Testimony - (Rev.12:11)

Love not our life to the death

Binding and Loosing

We must bind the strongman in warfare - (Matt. 12:29)

What we bind or loose on earth is bound or loosed in heaven - (Matt. 18:18)

Anointing

The Lord has anointed us to ...- (Isa. 61:1)(I John 1:20,27)

The anointing destroys the yoke of bondage - (Isa. 10:27)

Breaking

We can pray to break the arm of the enemy - (Psa. 10:15)

God break their teeth in their mouth - (Psa. 58:6)

He will break in pieces the oppressor - (Psa. 72:4)

God will go before us and break in pieces the enemies authority - (Isa. 45:2)

Life is in the blood  
Lev. 17:11  
Plead = judge against  
Plead= to contend

Stop the action!  
Bind: make  
together  
Bind: fasten  
w/chains  
Forbid: bind  
Allow: loose

IMPRECATIONS: to curse

### **III. Offensive Weapons - (Cont'd.)**

#### **Casting out**

Keep ourselves pure before warfare - (Matt. 7:1-5)

Jesus gives the power - (Matt. 10:1,8)

In the name of Jesus we will cast out devils - (Mk. 16:17)

The final say belongs to Jesus - (John 12:31 - I Cor. 15:24-27 - Eph. 1:20-23)

We are to cast off darkness and its works - (Rom. 13:12-14)

#### **Confession**

What we speak must be of God. - (Matt. 12:34-37)(John 12:49,50)

**Prayer** - (Eph. 6:18 - Phil. 4:6 - I Tim. 2:1)

Prayers - Only to God, to ask for a blessing, mostly temporal

Supplications - To ask in humility, in all submissiveness, crying in earnest

Petitions - To meet with God and make a petition of Him

Intercessions - Totally for someone else's needs - (Eze. 22:30)

#### **Power over the devil**

Jesus gave us all power over the devil - (Lk. 10:19)

We put to flight our enemies - (Lev. 26:8 - Jos. 23:10)

#### **Tongues**

Speaking to God and edifying yourself - (I Cor. 14:2,4)(Jude 1:20)

Causes us to magnify God - (Acts 10:46)

#### **The Gifts**

The manifestation (gifts) given for our profit - (I Cor. 12:7)

#### **Fasting**

Causes the oppressed to go free - (Isa. 58:6)

#### **Faith**

Cannot please God without it - (Heb. 11:6)

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith - (Heb. 12:2)(I Tim. 6:12)

We overcome by our faith - (I John 5:4,5)

#### **Praise**

We bind the enemy with praise - (Psa. 149:8)

The Lord inhabits the praises of His people - (Psa. 22:3)

### **III. Defensive Weapons - (James 4:7)**

Resistance: To set against

#### **Armor of God**

Put on the armor everyday, every piece - (Eph. 6:13)

#### **Commitment**

I will serve the Lord, and my house - (Jos. 24:15)

Choose this day - (Deut. 30:19,20)

We are either with God or against Him - (Matt. 12:30)

#### **Faith**

When we don't see it we stand by Faith - (Heb. 11:1 - Rom. 4:17)

#### **Trust**

Trust is very important - (Matt. 12:21)

In all we do we must trust God - (I Tim. 4:10)

#### **Love**

First, we love God - (Mk. 12:30,31)

Acting in love keeps evil away - (I Cor. 13)

We have no fear if we are in love - (I John 4:18)

#### **Obedience**

We can sacrifice, (do things), but obeying is better -

(I Sam. 15:22 - Matt. 7:21 - Acts 5:29)

**Repentance**

Dealing with sins keeps the door shut to the devil - (I John 1:9)(John 6:29)

**Submission**

Submit to God, the devil has to flee - (James 4:7,8)

**Do the word**

If we do the word we won't be deceived - (James 1:22)(James 4:17)

**Humbleness**

Humble yourselves before God, cast you cares on Him - (I Pet. 5:6-7)

If my people will call on me and humble themselves - (II Chr. 7:14)

Humble yourselves and God will lift you up - (James 4:10)

**Overcoming**

Jesus overcame the world, we overcome through Him - (John 16:33)(I John 5:4)

**Wisdom**

When we need it we ask, in Faith - (James 1:5)

**Abiding**

If we abide in Jesus, He abides in us - (John 15:7)

All have sinned, but are clean through God's grace - (Rom. 3:23,24,)

No condemnation, free from death, and set in God's love - (Rom. 8:1,2,38,39)

We are saints, we are wisdom, righteousness, etc. - (I Cor. 1:2,30)

We are new creatures - (II Cor. 5:17)

We are all one in Jesus and heirs to the promises - (Gal. 3:28-29)

Blessed with ALL blessings- (Eph. 1:3-23) (II Pet. 1:3)

Seated with Christ, His workmanship - (Eph. 2:6,10)

Our righteousness, is Jesus' righteousness - (II Cor. 5:21 - Rom. 3:22)

**Pure life**

Out of a pure heart are the issues of life

(Prov. 4:23 - Psa. 139:23-24 - Matt. 12:35 - Jer. 17:9,10)

**Single Minded**

A double minded man is unstable - (James 1:8)

Our sight must be single, to dwell in the light - (Matt. 6:22-23)

**Keeping Rank**

In war we must not break ranks, stay where God puts you - (Joel 2:7)

**Joy**

Our strength is in the joy of the Lord - (Neh. 8:10)

**Confidence**

Do not throw away your confidence in God - (Heb. 10:35-36) – STABLE, SECURE

Hate Evil  
Abhor: separation  
Attack sin

Psa. 97:10  
Pro. 8:13  
Rom 12:9  
I Thes. 5:22  
Appearance

## **IV. Practical Applications**

### **What do you do?**

- ❖ Plead, put the blood over everything
- ❖ Anoint with oil, everything
- ❖ In the name of Jesus I ask this . . . . .
- ❖ I bind you devil
- ❖ I bind the spirit of . . . .
- ❖ I cut (so & so) free from . . . .
- ❖ I loose the spirit of God on this or that
- ❖ I put on the whole armor of God
- ❖ Confess, pray the word
- ❖ I am the righteousness of God
- ❖ I am a child of the king
- ❖ Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world
- ❖ I am more than a conqueror
- ❖ I am blessed
- ❖ I am etc. etc.
- ❖ Pray strong in tongues
- ❖ Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal things to you by the gifts
- ❖ Praise God
- ❖ Worship God
- ❖ Thank God in advance
- ❖ Be quiet and listen
- ❖ Repent quickly
- ❖ Make your decisions based on the word of God
- ❖ Believe what you pray will come to past
- ❖ Take authority over the situation
- ❖ Cast down every thought and vain imagination
- ❖ Rebuke the enemy
- ❖ Renounce every sin and sinful act
- ❖ Refuse to allow the enemy to invade your life or family
- ❖ **Do Not** look at the circumstances
- ❖ Get radical in God
- ❖ Agree with the word
- ❖ Agree with another believer
- ❖ Call forth the things you want in God
- ❖ Tear down the strongholds by the word
- ❖ Up root the enemies' plans, schemes, strategies, his devices.
- ❖ Stop the tongues of the enemy
- ❖ Come against anything that is not God.
- ❖ Remind the devil of his future
- ❖ Stand fast, in God
- ❖ Break soulsh prayers
- ❖ Stop all lying tongues
- ❖ Cancel effects of negative words or prayers