



# Spiritual Warfare

Learning To Become Kingdom Warriors





## **Spiritual Warfare:**

### **Course Overview:**

*This course is designed to train you to make spiritual warfare part of your daily Christian life. In it you will learn. . .*

How the Spiritual World operates

Principles of Spiritual War

What are the weapons of spiritual warfare and how we use them

The strategies of Satan and the strategies of God

How to conduct a prayer strike

### **Course Goals:**

*By the end of this course, we would like you to:*

Understand how spiritual warfare fits into the daily life of a Christian.

Begin to assess your personal ability to fight for yourself and others.

Practice using the tools of warfare

Begin to work with others to strategically take down spiritual strongholds.

### **Follow-up Study:**

To obtain full credit and benefit from this class, you must complete the following two assignments:

1. Read the follow-up reading on the website [www.prepareinternational.org](http://www.prepareinternational.org). You will find these articles listed under the course title – *Spiritual Warfare*.

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2. Write a 3-5 page paper answering the two following questions:

What were the three most important things you learned in this course (list and describe them).

How can these truths affect your life today? How can you use these great truths of the New Testament in the ministry?



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## **Lesson 1: The Need for Spiritual Warfare**

Spiritual warfare is a term that describes the activity of fighting Satan, his purposes, and his minions for the purpose of accomplishing God's will both in the heavenlies and on the earth. The fight is engaged in the Spiritual Realms, and although the outcome affects the earth, this war must be waged with spiritual weapons on a spiritual battlefield.

The term, "spiritual warfare" has become a buzz-word for many in the church; however, it only remains a buzz-word for those that do not engage the enemy. For the rest of us, it is simply descriptive of the way we live out the Kingdom of God while on earth.

### ***We See Spiritual Warfare All Throughout Scripture***

- A. God clearly wanted Israel to be familiar with war. This was a type of the spiritual realms. Judges 2:21-23
- B. David (another type of the Kingdom of God) was a warrior before he was a king. I Samuel 16:18
- C. The angel Gabriel had to battle the Prince of Babylon in order to reach Daniel. Daniel 10:12-13
- D. Satan vies for Job's life before the throne of God. Job 1:7-12
- E. Jesus faces Satan in the Wilderness. Matthew 4:1-11

### ***We are Called to a Lifestyle of Warfare***

- A. There is no doubt that Jesus intends his followers to fight a spiritual battle. After Jesus sent 70 disciples out on their own to minister, they reported stories of successfully engaging powers of darkness. Luke 10:17
- B. Matthew 11:12 and Luke 11:20-23 are two more references to the warlike nature of the Kingdom.
- C. In Matthew 16:13-19, Jesus prophesied that the Kingdom of God will forcibly attack the Gates of Hell.

Today we are still in a battle, but the battle is no longer physical. The battle today is over the only spoils that the enemy can hold- men, and the only power the enemy has to hold them is through deception and sin. But the 'god of this world has blinded the eyes' of the unbelievers, until they cannot receive the gospel. The power of the enemy must be broken over their eyes. This is where we stand in warfare. Our King wants the lost to be saved, and they have been bought! They are bought with the Blood of Christ. Will we be God's mighty men? Do we have a heart for war?

Jesus has provided the means and the legal right, and it is our job to bring it into existence. The territory we must fight for is KINGDOM territory. In other words, we wage a spiritual battle to bring everything that rightfully belongs to the King of Kings into his dominion. We are taking back the territory of souls. We do this through prayer, aligning ourselves with God's will. We are to stand



against the enemy, and break the power he has over the lost. We can bring the Gospel to the lost and they can be saved.

The promise was to Abraham, but it was Joshua who took the land. When Jesus won the war he defeated the power of Satan (sin), now we have to take the land (lost).

We need to take back the ground that God has given us, in the spiritual, so that the results can be seen in the earth.

In his book, 'Twilight Labyrinth', George Otis Jr. explains how some areas have become so 'entrenched' with demonic activity. Demons do not work where there are no people, and they require human cooperation to gain control over an area. Through many years we have seen demonic forces gain strength in areas that are under the influence of demons through false religions. We saw that rituals, false covenants, acts of wickedness and human cooperation increases the spiritual power of either God or Satan. Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam have bound humans generation after generation into continually repeating rituals designed by Satan. These rituals have given ground to Satan, where he now has such spiritual power in areas dominated by these religions that we must forcibly take back the ground. This type of warfare is serious, it is not flippant. We cannot expect to spend ten minutes in prayer to defeat centuries of demonic spiritual activity. We must have a heart for war. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, ready to join battle as he directs. We must not be weary when the fight requires work.

Each city or area has ruling demons, called the strongman, who rules over the demonic forces of the area. Now we take it back city by city just as Joshua did, until the Great Commission is completed.

We can do this by weakening the hold of the enemy, small demon by small demon until the city is changed. In this way the strongman is weakened, and finally bound. Or, God may direct us to actually attack the strongman in the city directly. I believe the method is up to God in every situation.

A good example of this is the city of Ephesus. When Paul went to Ephesus, he did not attack the strongman of the city; Diana of the Ephesians. Instead, Paul set about teaching until so many believed that the craftsmen who made and sold idols feared their business would be destroyed. A riot ensued, and Paul was forced to leave town. This may look like a defeat in the eyes of man, but history proves differently. Later when the Apostle John came to Ephesus, he walked into the Temple of Diana (or Artemis) and cursed Diana. The great statue that the idol worship was based on fell to the ground, smashed. The temple itself was destroyed by an earthquake, the altar split. The great Temple of Diana, one of the wonders of the ancient world, crumbled at the word of a believer! We can see that Paul did not attack the strongman, but engaged in 'ground level' spiritual warfare. He attacked the territory as he taught one on one. This laid the ground work for the Apostle John to come in later, after the demonic forces had been weakened, and speak the word of God, destroying the work of the enemy.

Recently a powerful intercessor was led by the spirit to pray over a particular city. He was told not to do anything other than pray. After a period of time, God led him to a shop in town, and told him that the strongman was there.



The shop was run by a woman who had grown up in the town, had been there all her life, and was a well known shaman. The intercessor prayed that either the woman would leave the town, or the demon would leave her. The next day the man returned and the shop had closed. The woman had abruptly left town, and no one knew why. Immediately, he knew it was time to begin planting a church in the town. Previously no church could be established there, but two years after this event, the church had two thousand members.

***2 Cor 10:3-5 (NIV) "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."***

### ***How Valuable are You to God?***

All of us know that we have great value to God as His beloved children. He considers each one of us to be of infinite value and He showed that by sending His Son to redeem us. But the Bible also tells of a second way that God values men and women.

In Lev. 27.1-7, God tells us that He values different people different. He actually makes this very real by placing a monetary value on people of different ages and different sexes. The highest value is that of a man between the ages of 20 and 60. This person was worth 50 shekels of silver to the Lord and then the lowest was a baby girl valued at only three shekels. How is it that God can put such prices on the lives of people? How could He, the impartial God call one person of much more value to Him than another?

The answer is found in the next chapter of the Bible – Numbers 1. In Numbers 1.2-3, God tells Moses to take a census of the men in each tribe over the age of 20 (the very gender and age at the highest value in Lev 27). These are the men who are able to “go out to war!”

This teaching does not suggest that God loves one over another. Nor does it suggest that salvation is granted on the basis of our ability to fight. It DOES suggest that God places a high value on those that are capable of going to war. This old testament teaching gives us an insight into the Kingdom of God. The spiritual reality is that our warring capability isn't based on age or gender. Rather, in the Kingdom of God, our capability is based on faith and a personal decision. Once we've decided to enter the battle, God himself gives us a warring spirit and equips us to successfully engage in the battle.

How is it that God values one man differently from another? - by their ability and availability to go out to war. Some are worth much and others are worth very little to the Lord. What about you? Are you ready, able, and trained for spiritual war? How valuable are you to the Lord?



## Lesson 2: Understanding the Spiritual Realms

If we are to successfully engage the spiritual realms in battle, we must understand the reality of the spiritual world. We so often respond only to what we experience in our mundane circumstance and fail to realize the import of what is happening in the spiritual realms.

### *The View From Heaven's Perspective<sup>1</sup>*

**Rev 5:8-10** *And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." (Then they worshiped Christ and the Seals are opened).*

**Rev 8:3-5** *Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

**Rev 15:7-8** *Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*

Often we see prayer from our natural perspective: One person, or perhaps more, speaking words of request and need into the air around them, assuming there is a recipient of the speech. Our perception of the recipient depends more on our surroundings and feelings than on what the word of God teaches us. The scriptures we have just read picture for us the true result, what happens in the *real reality*, the spiritual realm. We need further training to continually visualize the results of our time spent in prayer; the heavenly results, as well as the desired effect that we seek here on earth.

The results pictured in the scriptures from Revelation show that not only are the prayers of the saints accounted for in heaven, they are gathered, or accumulated to fill the *golden bowls*. This is the only description we have of these bowls, so we have little detail other than that God has our prayers carefully gathered into them, and there is a certain level of fullness that signals to the Lord that His requirement is filled. He takes action, and it is *forceful* action indeed!

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<sup>1</sup> This Section Spiritual Principles and Observations in Prayer are taken from the book "Behind Enemy Lines" by Charles H. Kraft, Tom White, Ed Murphy, and Others. Chapter 2 Spiritual Power: Principles and Observations by Charles H. Kraft.



## *Spiritual Principles and Observations*

There are three interacting spheres; spirit, human, and material and they can interact quite closely to one another. The overall assumption is that God has made rules by which these spheres must interact. In such a science, theories can be advanced, tested and modified.

### **Principle 1: There Are Two Dispensers Of Supra Human Spiritual Power: God and Satan**

*Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn!*

#### **Observations:**

##### **A. The “dispensers,” God and Satan, are unequal.**

*Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

*Ezek 28:17 ,Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.*

##### **B. Satan can gain permission from God to go beyond his limits.**

*Job 1:12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

##### **C. Satan can hinder God’s workings.**

*Dan 10:12-13 Then he continued "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.*

##### **D. Angels, including Satan , are below humans in the created order.**

*Psalms 8:5 You made [humans] inferior only to yourself (Elohim). We were created in God's image.*

*Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule..."*

##### **E. Satan gained authority over creation from Adam.**

*Luke 4:6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.*

##### **F. There are spirit beings serving God and Satan.**

They have different ranks and powers accordingly such as Archangels, Princes (Daniel 10:13), principalities (rulers), power ( authorities), rulers (cosmic powers) Eph 6:12, and demons. Among the characteristics of angels (whether God’s or Satan’s) they simply take orders from their master. They are not creative like God and cannot reproduce Mt 22:30. They know the past, but their knowledge of the future and of God’s plans is limited 1 Pet 1:12. They are, however, very interested in what humans are doing Mt 24:36; Lk 15:10; 1Tm 5:21.

##### **G. Spirit beings are very active and influential in the human arena.**

Satan’s angels are assigned to tempt, disrupt, harass, destroy, and kill Jn 10:10. God’s angels are assigned to protect Mt 18:10, perhaps governing





Rev 1-3, and convey messages Gen 22:11-12; Num 22 31-35; Dan 10:13. For them to do so they must have God's permission and frequently, a human invitation.

**Principle 2: There Is A Very Close Relationship Between The Spiritual And The Human Realms.**

In 1 Kings 18:6-10 King Saul gave into jealousy and he became demonized. In 2 Kings 3 Israel is easily defeating Moab until the King of Moab offered his oldest son as a sacrifice. This act produced much spiritual power and Israel was routed. If Israel would have consulted God and exercised His power they could have won.

**Observations:**

**A. We must analyze cause at both levels.**

We must look at both realms when analyzing such things as arguments, accidents, wars, or revivals, healings and healthy relationships.

**B. The principles governing human-spirit world relationships seem to be essentially the same for both kingdoms.**

God has made rules for the interaction between the two worlds, rules that he and Satan operate on. They are based on allegiance and obedience (see principle 4), however there are significant differences in the ways in which God and Satan interact with humans (see principle 3).

**C. Commitments entered into in one generation can be carried down to a person's descendants.**

1 Kings 11:34-36 God's blessing on David extends from generation to generation in spite of many being unfaithful. 2 Kings 8:19 God was not willing to destroy Judah, because of his promise to David. On the other side Satan can carry down his rights on people through rites, rituals, and festivals handed down from generation to generation.

**D. Rights given to spirit powers extend to property and territory.**

Gen 3:17-19 When Adam sinned, he gave away his right to the land and its productivity. Luke 4:6 Satan claims ownership of the world. On the positive side in 2 Chron 7:14 when people serve God their land will be blessed also.

**Principle 3: There Are Certain Major Differences Between How God And Satan Operate.**

--Under the same rules--

**Observations:**

**A. God works openly; Satan by deception.**

God is truth, he offers us salvation (John 5:24), a place in his family (John 1:12), peace and rest (Mat 11:28), but he states honestly that we also will be persecuted by nonbelievers (John 15:18-21). Satan gains allegiance through



deceit by either a promise like with Eve, or occult groups or games, or as religions but his real intention is to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

**B. God gives his followers freedom; Satan gives his followers captivity.**

*Romans 6:16-18 and 22 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

*22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

**C. God inhabits his people in the Person of the Holy Spirit; Satan can only inhabit with an angel (demon).**

Satan can only give a servant level being to indwell his people, but God comes into us with all the love, power, gifts, and fruits of the Holy Spirit. He puts his Kingdom right inside of us (Luke 17:21) in the Person of the Holy Spirit, God himself. This is an incredible advantage over the servants of Satan.

**D. Those committed to God adopt God's character; those committed to Satan adopt his character.**

*2 Cor 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

The same is also true of Satan's enslaved

**E. God can be trusted; Satan cannot.**

God is truth. Satan is a liar and the father of lies

*Psa 119:160 All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.*

*John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

**F. God offers the genuine; Satan can only counterfeit.**

*2 Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

**Principle 4: The Obtaining And Exercising Of Spiritual Power And Authority By Humans Flows From Allegiance, Relationship, And Obedience To Either God Or Satan.**

Luke 9:1 Jesus gives his disciples authority and power over all demons and diseases. Acts 1:4-8 The Holy Spirit empowers his followers.

**Observations:**

**A. God and Satan can invest people, places, and things with power.**



The rank of the inhabiting demon is directly related to the persons power to do signs and wonders as with Elymas (Acts 13:8-10) and the demonized girl (Acts 16:16). Scriptural illustrations of empowerment by God include the Ark of the Covenant (1 Sam 4-7), the Temple, Jesus's Garment (Mat 9:20), and Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons (Acts 19:11-12). The power of Satan is invested in idols, cups, and tables of demons (1 Cor 10:21), even doctrines (1 Tim 4:1).

**B. There are certain limitations to what God and Satan can do in the human realm related to the cooperation they receive from humans.**

*2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

Satan's primary tactic is to get people to disobey God, break their relationship, break their allegiance to Him or neglect their relationship with God so that His plans don't come to pass.

**C. Through human allegiance and obedience, God and Satan gain greater access to work in human affairs.**

Examples: Adam and Satan gained, Noah and God had a remnant, Abraham and God had a People, Moses and God's name, and Jesus took back everything.

**D. The spirit world works within the human world according to authority relationships.**

When parents dedicate a child to God or Satan the parents give authority for their master to work in the child's life. Adults can also put themselves under the authority of a cult leader or false religion.

**E. Humans can be inhabited either by God's Spirit or by demons.**

(See principle 3 point 3)

**F. Both God and Satan are able to provide protection for their followers.**

*2 Cor 4:4 The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

*2 Cor 10:4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

*2 Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

**G. There is often a relationship between the amount of human support God or Satan has and their ability to attack the opposing kingdom and win.**

Joshua 7-8 When Achan disobeyed Israel lost at Ai, but when Israel obeyed they were able to win.

**H. Those related to God or Satan can use a variety of methods to transmit spiritual power.**



Some of them are word (prayer, blessing, cursing, dedication), touch (laying on of hands 2 Tim 1:6), sacred places (temple, churches, shrines), empowered objects (objects that have been dedicated, blessed, or cursed).

**I. People have the right to switch from one allegiance to the other.**

Those who have been dedicated to God (as in child baptism) by people in authority over them can, by neglecting that commitment. God does not usurp the will of men, but Satan often attempts to. We have the free will to give our allegiance where we choose.

**Principle 5: Cultural Forms Can Be Empowered.**

**Observations:**

**A. Material objects can be dedicated to spirit beings.**

**B. Words used on the authority of God or Satan are empowered.**

Luke 9-10 Jesus commanded the disciples to bless or retract their blessing for the home they are staying in.

**C. Other non-material cultural forms can also be empowered.**

Music is frequently empowered through dedication to either God or Satan. So are rituals, dance, and other worship activities.

**D. Buildings can be invested with spiritual power.**

Examples: Church, shrines, and homes

**Principle 6: Territories And Organizations Can Be Subject To Spirit Power.**

Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece (Daniel 10:13, 20)

**Observations:**

**A. Cosmic-level spirits seem to exert what might be referred to as a “force field” influence over territories, buildings, and organizations, including nations.**

**B. In order for spirit beings to have authority over territories and organizations, they must have legal rights.**

Such rights are given them through the allegiances, dedications, and behavior of the humans who now use and have used the territories and organizations in the past.

**C. The rules for breaking the power of dedications over territories are parallel to those for breaking such power over individuals.**

Spirits over territories can be weakened, or sometimes broken, either through the opposite dedication or through usage for opposite purpose.

**D. Cosmic-level spirits seem to wield their authority over territories as defined by humans.**



Daniel 10:13-21 These spirits are over human territorial named areas, Greece and Persia. There also seems to be spirits over nations, regions, cities, mountains, rivers, and trees.

**E. There seems to be cosmic-level spirits that are in charge of organizations, institutions, and activities.**

Probably there are cosmic-level spirits whose job it is to promote pornography, abortion, homosexuality, prostitution, and occult organizations. Probably there are angels assigned to mission and church organizations. We know there are angels assigned to children (Mat 18:10).

**F. There are rules that can be followed to launch attacks upon evil spirits assigned to territories and organizations.**

Both for the servants of God and Satan, the most important weapon is prayer (especially intercession). Both God's and Satan's servants regularly attack through prayer, worship, and fasting, both as individuals and groups. God's people need to add repentance, so that the enemy can find nothing in them (John 14:30).

**Conclusion:** There is still much that we don't know in the area of the rules that govern the spiritual realm.



## Lesson 3: Foundational Principles of Warfare

In the realm of spiritual warfare, we know so very little. There are many books with many ideas, but the Bible must be our first and most viable source of all knowledge. Where do we find information about spiritual warfare in the Scriptures? In the stories of warfare in the OT, could there be clear types and principles that we must discover and apply to our lives and ministries today? If many of these stories hold principles for us today, they must be able to be substantiated in the NT and in historical precedent. The following is a brief study of some of these principles which should apply both on the personal and corporate level.

Most of this study come from the Biblical accounts of:

- Moses bringing the children of Israel out of the Egypt
- Joshua taking possession of Canaan

With each insight from the OT, we are attempting to strongly support the principle with NT teaching and a historical precedent.

### ***Principle 1: COMPASSION IS THE PRIMARY DRIVING FORCE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE***

- Many go into spiritual warfare thinking they are great warriors and we should all be warriors, but this is NOT the right spirit for spiritual warfare. Compassion MUST be the driving force behind the warrior and warfare or we will get flaky, self-centered, hyper-mystical, etc.
- There are too many stories and books out on Sp. Warfare that have nothing to say about compassion being ‘the’ primary or at least ‘a’ primary motivator to engage in a life of war.
- Exodus 3.7-10 makes this very clear in the commissioning of Moses by the Lord into the battle. WHY WAS GOD CALLING MOSES TO WAR?
  - *“I have seen the oppression of My people. . .and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians. . . and to bring them to a good land. . . Now . . .the cry of the children has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression. . . Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that YOU may bring My People out. . . “*
  - ***I have seen their pain, I have heard their cry, I have felt their oppression*** – this was the heart of compassion in God for the people. God’s heart was moved to action by what He saw and heard. This is the essence of compassion – to see and hear human need in such a way that you arise and determine to take action to change the situation and bring good. God’s heart was moved by compassion and His solution was to call a man to war – a war for the sake of love.



- Mt 9:35 –Mt 9:38 ***Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”***
- WEARY = Vines – Skullo GR.  
To skin, to flay to mangle
- SCATTERED = rhipto = to throw down, to hurl, to scatter
- Both of these words have the connotation when used in context of sheep that an enemy, perhaps a wolf, has entered the flock and is mangling, skinning, and scattering a flock.
- This is what Jesus says moves Him to compassion. This is what moves Him to call for workers. This is what moves a shepherd to violent aggression against an enemy of His beloved flock.
- ***I have come down to deliver them (warfare)*** – this is the activity of compassion – to be moved to do something. God has been aroused from His rest into aggressive activity and now He moves a man out of his restful place – tending sheep and taking care of his family on the back side of nowhere – to go into a war-zone of activity.
- ***I want to bring them into the land of blessing and good (blessing)*** – God’s intention is NOT just to deliver people, but to bring them into a good land, a land of blessing, a land flowing with milk and honey. Sometimes it is easier to deliver a person or a people than it is to bring them into the promised land. In deliverance warfare you break the spiritual lordship over the people by darkness, but in bringing them into a good land, you must change the very heart and nature of the person on the inside to fully trust and love God and follow His ways.
  - ***Lk 2:10*** Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
  - ***Jn 10:10*** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.
- ***I am going to use you to go to Pharaoh to deliver them (the call to battle)*** – this is the war mandate. Moses is to go directly against Pharaoh in direct confrontations to wrestle the people of God free from his control. He could not pray to God to do it, he



had to go and be the very mouth of God to the dark lord controlling the lives of the people.

**Compassion** is what moved God and it became the motivating force in Moses' life. He loved the people and began to desire their freedom just as God did. He confronted the darkness because of compassion for the people!

- It was God's great compassion that moved Him into this big battle for the people.
- God saw the great need and was moved to do something. That first something was a confrontational power encounter with the powers of darkness so that release, salvation and blessing could come to the people.
- God desires to bless all people, but He cannot bless what the devil holds in his grip!
- As time goes on, you see more and more how Moses gained great love and compassion for the people. God's burden became his; God's compassion became his. Moses became a man with great compassion for the people. It was God's own heart and this became the great driving force for warfare, for both power and truth encounters.

We can see in the life of Jesus much warfare against the darkness in people's lives in the casting out of demons and then in the cursing of the fig tree. Each time, He is moved with compassion. In Luke 11, He casts demons out of people because of compassion and then teaches that the Kingdom of darkness controls people and we must attack and overpower that spirit in order to gain the man or woman from the grasp of the darkness. Only, when we have overcome the dark lord of the man, can we gain his freedom, deliverance, salvation and shalom. It is God's passion that every many live in shalom.

- We will come to hate the dark and all of its works so very much because of what it does to people. There are many 'spiritual warriors' who 'hate' the darkness but the hatred is not flowing from compassion. It is a twisted hatred, a warped hatred, an unscriptural hatred. The hate for dark flows out of God's own love and holiness. God loves people and He loves righteousness.
- Paul teaches us in 1 Cor. 13 that love (compassion is love in action) must become the motivating force in all of our ministry. If we are the most powerful spiritual warriors but compassion is not the driving force, we are just noisy people who have really done nothing and are nothing in His kingdom.

Compassion brings the burden of the Lord for people into the human heart. ***It is good desired for people that motivates, not the battle against evil.***





## ***Principle 2: SOMEONE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FREEING OF GOD'S PEOPLE OR FOR GOD'S KINGDOM COMING TO A CITY.***

In EX. 3-4 Moses did not want to take responsibility but God had His way. There must be a servant of the Lord rise up waging the authority of God for a person, a people, or a place. God wages war and delivers through a servant. He uses men and women, boys and girls for His bidding. Ps. 8.6 says that God has made man to have dominion and has put **all** under his feet.

- OT - God sought for a man to stand in the gap Ezek 22.30-31 – the outcome was that NO ONE would take responsibility and the very God who wanted to show mercy and bless doled out judgment.
- In the OT, when God desired to do almost anything, He raised up and sent a man with His power or His authority
- In the book of Judges, when the people cried out for deliverance from the enemy, He would raise up a person and send them with His anointing
- Nehemiah took responsibility for driving out the foreign rule and for establishing the wall. Nehemiah is a classic example. When he hears the story of God's people and God's city, he is moved into responsibility by two driving forces – compassion for His people and the honor of God's name.
- NT = Jesus could have chosen any way to advance and bring forth His kingdom, but He chose to do it through people
- God became a man and brought forth the Kingdom forever establishing the pattern of the KOG coming to earth in this age.

This person must meet with God and receive His authority and power for deliverance and breakthrough. They must not only receive power and authority but they must also receive from Him His burden for deliverance and breakthrough. See the steps in Moses' life:

- He began to receive the burden of the Lord – EX 2.11 & 3.7-9
- It moves from burden to a calling of the Lord – Ex 3.10
- Moses goes through a process of accepting the calling and accepting the responsibility – Ex 3.11-4.17
  - Who am I. I am a nobody 3.11
  - Who are YOU, I don't know YOU well 3.13-15
  - I can't speak 4.10-17
- Moses receives power and authority – 3.14-16 The authority of His name – Yahweh- and the power of God – the Rod of God – for miracles
- Moses goes



- Along the way, God comes to kill Moses because he has not even circumcised his own children. He cannot have a servant who is not obedient to His covenant. The action causes even conflict in his own house
- Moses confronts the darkness

This responsibility is threefold – to go to God and receive, to go to the people with God’s message and God’s commands, and then to confront the power of darkness holding the people in bondage. Jesus went to God, He went to the people and He confronted darkness.

### **God is Looking for Men and Women Who Will Pick Up the Responsibility**

We must understand that someone **MUST** take responsibility for the freeing of people and bringing them before God. It will **NOT** just happen by itself. God has chosen that mankind is his vessel for this process.

Secondly, we must realize that this responsibility will definitely cost us something. It will cost us time, money, comfort, ease, and much, much more. If we do indeed attack the powers of darkness, we can be very well assured that we will be attacked in return.

Like God in the OT, we must ask, where is the man to stand in the gap? Where is the man who will love so deeply, he will do anything to see men, cities, villages completely set free from darkness and light, love, life, and God’s saving grace flow in.

### ***Principle 3: THE ENEMY WILL NOT LET PEOPLE GO VOLUNTARILY. YOU MUST CONFRONT AND FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM.***

This applies whether they are an individual, a neighborhood or a city. We must understand that every man, every household, and every city is under some spiritual control. Either it is controlled by the Lord Jesus Christ or some other power of darkness. This is a spiritual world and has spiritual powers behind everything. There is **NO** man a spiritual entity unto himself. Those who do not willingly submit to the Lord Jesus are definitely under the power of the evil one whether they know it or ever want to admit it. Most are so deceived that they believe they are only living unto themselves.

1. **Captive:** Ex 3.9 says that the people are in the ‘hand of the Egyptians’ – that is they are completely in the grasp of, in the control of, under the power of Pharaoh and his servants. They exist to do his will! The NT states this plainly of lost people and cultures:
  - 2Ti 2:26 Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil’s trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.
  - 1Jn 5:19 We know that we are held firm by God; it’s only the people of the world who continue in the grip of the Evil One.



Warfare is necessary to break the grasp of the hand so that the people can go free, can see light, can have the chance to respond to the light. How does the Evil One control?

2. **Blind:** 2 Cor 4.4 says the god of this **world blinds the minds of the unbelieving that they cannot see**

Without some form of confrontation with the powers of darkness, most will never go free. Am I saying to see every lost person saved, we must launch into deep spiritual warfare directly confronting the devil? NO. But to see a village, or city, or a group become free to see, to hear, to respond, to walk out free, we must confront and battle. This is the context of this story.

Jesus clearly teaches us to confront the powers of darkness in **Lk 11:17 –Lk 11:23**

*But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*

**Principle 4: THE BATTLE MAY BE VERY LONG AND PROLONGED. YOU MUST BE IN IT FOR THE LONGHAUL AND FOR THE FINAL VICTORY.**

The enemy will hold out and hold on in every way whether in an individual or city until you lose your heart for fighting. Thank God Moses had such a relationship with Father that he continually received revelation and strength for the battle even when the people wanted to quit and stay in bondage many times.

- In this battle against Pharaoh for the children of Israel, it took over ten encounters of both truth and power to break the grip of the Dark Lord so the people could freely go out to love, worship and serve God. This was a long battle with many encounters. We must remember that war is a process, not an event.
- In this battle, some of the encounters seemed as if Pharaoh won and others Moses. A key principle we learn here is the steady, unrelenting application of the truth and power of God against the gates of darkness WILL prevail if we don't quit.
- A key thought is that Dark Lords will simply try to wait us out. They will resist and fight back until we lose the stomach and the will to fight. We must know several things:



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- We will win if we don't quit. It may not even happen in our generation, but the next will breakthrough if we do not.
- Satan and his dark forces have really been conquered at the cross and we are fighting from a place of victory not defeat. John 14.30, 16.11; Eph 1.20-2.6; Col 2.15
- We have been called and will not leave our calling
- In the battle for Ephesus beginning with Paul in Acts 18-19 then culminating in the ministry of Timothy and John, we see a very long prolonged battle against the demon power of Diana or Artemis. Paul led a mighty revival with many turning to the Lord and burning all of their occultic demonic books and gear. After this, the spirit of darkness in that place arose up through several men who were gates for the dark spirit. They squelched the revival and drove Paul from the city. To our record, he never led a major move there again.
- Paul sent Timothy there and Timothy kept the work going, but it never broke out in a widespread move of God during his leadership time. This was many years.
- John moved to Ephesus sometime around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem (70 AD) and worked there with Timothy, but not much broke thru. In 81 AD, John was sentenced to Patmos as a part of a major outbreak of persecution against Christ and His. While on Patmos, he had the mighty revelation of the warring Jesus who conquered all as recorded in the Apocalypse. When he came off of the Island around 95 AD, history records (The Christianization of the Roman Empire, Ramsey McMullen, Yale University Press) that John stepped into the Temple of Dianna, walked up to the idol of Dianna itself and cursed it in the name of the God of Heaven and Jesus Christ. The idol crumbled at the power of his words, the temple began to fall, and hundreds there cried out and became followers of Christ that day. Within 50 years, Diana worship was almost completely defunct and Ephesus became the center for the evangelization of that part of the world until 431 AD at the Council of Ephesus where in a debate over Nestorianism, Mary was declared the Mother of God and was to be worshipped, revered, loved and served. This opened a door for this feminine identified arch demon to regain control of that region and the move of God was thwarted.
- But, nonetheless, this was a long, hard-fought battle for a region between the followers of Christ and the ruling Lords of Darkness.



### ***Principle 5: IT WILL OFTEN GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER – EX. 5.1- 21.***

This is to discourage the people and the servant of the LORD to quit, give up, and let the situation remain as it is. Often the battle will get worse for the very people you are fighting for. The enemy is still able to make their lives more difficult because he still has much control. He would get them disheartened and disenchanting in order that they might quit along the way.

Another strategy is to cause the one who is the leader or the team of leaders to be disheartened and come to fear over the great hardship they see coming upon the people. It is an intimidation factor. “I will make it more difficult for them, so that you will lose your heart for war; for their absolute freedom.” Sometimes, he launches his counterattack directly against the deliverer. This can come in many areas and is probably to be expected.

We must expect the battle to get hot and heavy as we go to see people and cities freed from the power of darkness. It does NOT mean we are doing things wrong. It does mean that we are in a literal fight with dark powers and wicked forces.

#### **Examples from the NT**

- Paul in Ephesus as mentioned previously
- Paul in Philippi.
- Jesus in Jerusalem.

You can see these principles very evident in the Life of Nehemiah and his assault to free the city and people of Jerusalem from the evil leadership of the Dark Lords: Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab.

- Sanballat is a name which means “Sin gives life” Sin was the moon god, one of the primary gods of the Chaldean people. The Chaldeans include Ur in Abraham’s time, Babylon, and Modern day Iraq/Arab world today. This was also one of the primary gods of Ur of the Chaldees and very probably a or the god worshipped by Abraham’s family. Allah was NOT the supreme god in the Arab world, but was the 700 AD Arab name for the moon god Sin. This is very apparent the same wicked dark ruling spirit thru history. Sanballat is a living GATE of this Dark Lord.

**These three forces attempt to make life miserable for the people of Israel as they attempt to free themselves from their powers.**



## **Principle 6: PEOPLE ARE GATES FOR POWERS OF DARKNESS TO FLOW THROUGH**

It is very clear although not directly stated that individuals become a GATE, a door of passage for the dark spirits to work thru. Often, the higher the human authority they hold, the greater the power and influence the spirit has over the people of the region.

- Pharaoh was a clear GATE for the 80 or so demonic gods of Egypt to flow thru. He was not just the official head of state, Pharaoh was also the head of the Egyptian religion and the incarnation of Amon Ra – the sun god. As the battle for the children of Israel rages, we see him soften and declare the people can go free (this is his humanity weakening) and then he will have a complete about face and harden his heart and make things worse (this is the power of darkness coming over his understanding and hardening him.)
- Jezebel was a clear GATE for the powers of Baal and Ashtoreth. The Demonic power in her was far greater than in 450 prophets of Baal. Her words and her actions had incredible demonic power behind them.
- Sanballat and his cronies were definite GATES for dark powers to flow thru intimidating and controlling the people.
- Judas Iscariot became a GATE for darkness to flow in. Jesus consistently said, “Night is coming when NO man can work.” When Judas arose to betray Jesus, the next words of John are, “And IT WAS NIGHT!” When he made the final decision to betray the Lord, he became a GATE for darkness to flood in around Jesus and the other 11 bringing on the death of Christ.
- Elymas (Acts 13.8-12) as a powerful sorcerer, held the political leader in darkness. He was a GATE for darkness. When Paul confronts him, the dark power loses its hold on the leader and he believes.
- Demetrius the silversmith (Acts. 19.23 - ) This man was a mighty GATE for the spirit of Diana. We he arose a great commotion and persecution arouse against the work of God there.
- From Secular History: Adolph Hitler is a primes example. Hitler sent around the world and brought all sorts of occultic powers from Egypt, Greece, and many other places and brought them to himself and his leaders. He was literally seeking the evil power and authority of these ancient spirits. He became a GATE of demons.

Often, not only the spirit must be addressed in the spirit world, but the HUMAN GATE must also be addressed. In all of these cases mentioned, when the human gate was overcome in some form, the powers of darkness lost their powers to control and flood darkness all around.



***Principle 7: THERE ARE TWO GREAT BATTLES YOU MUST WIN IN THIS WAR:***

1. The battle for the freedom of God's people from the powers of darkness.
2. The battle for the hearts and minds of the people to both believe God for supernatural living, supernatural provision, supernatural protection, and for the obedience of God's people to His promises and commands. (This is often the greatest battle we fight in the ministry)

It is one thing to see people set free from the power of darkness to begin to go out after God, it is entirely another thing to see the effects of living under darkness and the evil in human nature itself addressed so that people can effectively and faithfully walk with God.

Exodus states that one of the reasons for the prolonged battle for freedom is so that those who would follow Him would become heart believers in Him. As we fight in the spirit world against the Dark Lords who control the lives, hearts and minds of the people, we **MUST** equally fight in the spirit realm and in daily ministry and teaching for the conversion of the people unto lovers and followers of God. To win one battle without the other is very dangerous as Moses found out.

***Principle 8: God does NOT tell every Israelite to confront the controlling dark forces. He gives specific men the assignment and gives them His leading, power and authority.***

Although all of us are called to spiritual warfare at various degrees, I do not believe that we are all called to warfare on this high level. From this story and many others in the Bible, God calls and anoints specific servants in this high a level of spiritual warfare. For others to move out on their own in the battle at this level is NOT wise and is probably NOT safe.

Moses and Aaron are the God appointed confronters of the Dark Leader Pharaoh. At times, they enlist other leaders to be with them in certain things, but these two are the God ordained leaders of the pack.

Nehemiah does NOT ask all of the people or even all of the leaders to engage Sanballat and the others. He does it. He draws the people into spiritual warfare, but NOT at the level he is engaging in.

***Could this be a place where the body of Christ has gotten out of balance? Could this be a cause of unnecessary casualties of the war?***



### ***Principle 9: GOD PITS HIMSELF AGAINST THE RULING DEMONS SHOWING THEM TO BE FALSE GODS.***

These were NOT just random plagues. Each plague was a direct assault on a specific demonic god of the Egyptian people that was holding the Children of Israel in bondage.

***Ex 12:12*** *‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.’*

There were many gods in the Egyptian world and everything was spiritually driven and led. They had a worshipped god for everything. This land was a breeding ground for the demonic.

### ***Principle 10: GOD USES HIS PEOPLE TO BRING DELIVERANCE THROUGH TWO TYPES OF “ENCOUNTER”.***

In this battle for the children of Israel, we see two things God tells Moses to use – TRUTH and POWER.

- **Truth encounters** – the preaching and teaching of God’s truth both in the presence of the lost and the followers of God.
  - The preaching of the word in the presence of the lost and even those controlled by darkness has the effect of bringing people to Christ first and foremost. Secondly, it has the effect of enforcing the mighty victory of the Cross and using the power of Jesus Name to break the demonic hold over people. (See Ps. 149.5-end, Col. 2.15, Matt. 16.18-19)
  - The ministry of the truth to the followers of Christ has the effect of breaking the darkness over their hearts and minds so that they may turn further and further to Him, leaving the darkness behind and fully embracing Him, His truth, and His way. This is crucial in all spiritual warfare. This is the practical ground breaking work of the Word of God in the hearts of His people. This is so important to win the battle for the hearts and the minds of the people.
- **Power encounters-** Truth is NOT enough, we must have and use power. Moses did NOT stop at preaching the truth to Pharaoh and his servant or the people of Israel but he then went on to bring the very power of Yahweh against the Dark Lord and his power. We MUST learn to wield the power of God on both the earthly level and the spiritual level.
  - **Earthly Level:** This occurs when we minister healing by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says in Acts 10.38 that Jesus healed all who were oppressed of the devil. This occurs when by the power of the Spirit we cast out demons from people. This occurs when we see people set free from the power of sin by the power of the Cross and the Holy Spirit
  - **Spiritual Level:** I do NOT know much about this!





## ***Principle 11: CLAIMING OUR INHERITANCE THROUGH DISPOSSESSION (LITTLE BY LITTLE)***

***Dt 7:22 –Dt 7:23 And the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed.***

CONTEXT: this is a set of verses based upon the context of the Children of Israel going into the promised land and driving out, (dispossessing) the current ruling powers so that they can take control of the land.

YARASH: This Hebrew word means to receive an inheritance by taking it away from someone else. This is the word God used several times when instructing the Israelites to take their inheritance – the promised land.

***Deut 1:8-See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.' NASU***

The word “possess” in Duet. 1:8 is the word Yarash. It is significant to note that God has promised this land to Israel as an inheritance. He now tells them to take their inheritance, but in order to take it, they have to FIGHT for it. IT IS NO DIFFERENT FOR US.

The entire concept involves the idea that other powers rule a land and for you to take the land, you must drive out the current rulers and take possession. In the dispossession teaching of God, He doesn't just say to change the rulership, He says to completely drive out and put an end to every last drop of the society that was there so that His Kingdom life and way can be brought in.

### THE PROMISE:

I will deliver them and inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed. This is NOT a maybe promise, it is clear and firm from Him.

### THE METHOD:

I will NOT allow you to drive them out all at once - Spiritual warfare is NOT a quick event, but a process that takes time

You will drive them out Little by Little –

Lest the beasts of the field overrun the land – the idea is . . .”I will only enable you to drive out what you can occupy and possess”

The beasts of the field represent disorderly, confusing tormenting spirits of darkness that would make the place much worse than the organized dark powers the originally ruled and controlled. Jesus taught this principle in Luke 11.24-26

This implies that a good portion of spiritual warfare is the preparation and deployment of ground level occupying servants of the Lord who will hold the territory and advance His Kingdom in practical ways of life

These ideas give us the understanding that we must be in this thing for the long haul both in the heavenlies and in the practical ministry upon the earth. We cannot neglect either.



## **Principle 12: THE PROMISE OF DARAK JOSHUA 1-6**

**Joshua 1:3** *Every place that the sole of your foot will tread (DARAK) upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.*

### **Bending the Bow**

This is mighty promise of the Lord for warfare and the kingdom conquest of new territories. It does NOT mean where you go or where you walk.

dârak - Daw-rak' A primitive root; to tread; by implication to walk; **also to string a bow (by treading on it in bending):—archer, bend, come, draw, go**

This word that God uses – darak – means to tread upon a bow in order to bend it and string it for battle.

63 times in the old testament. Psalms 37:14. 58:7, 64:3, 91:13

When God says that everywhere you darak your foot, I will give it to you, He is saying that everywhere you purpose in your heart and your making the commitment to fight for, I will give it to you. I will be with you and fight for you, but you must decide to darak!

### **A Violent March**

In Joshua 6.3, God says to the people to **go around** the city once for six days. This word for **go around** is not just a word for walking or marching. It is the word **nawkaf**

**Nâqaph - naw-kaf' A primitive root; to strike with more or less violence (beat, fell, corrode); by implication (of attack) to knock together, that is, surround or circulate:—compass (about, -ing), cut down, destroy, go round (about), inclose, round.**

It is word used in warfare for a violent march or striking of the opponent. These guys were NOT just out for a stroll. They were being commanded of the Lord to march around the city with their feet violently striking the ground to strike down and destroy the enemy. They would march and God would strike down.

### **Encompass the City**

In Joshua 6.4, God commands the children of Israel to **encompass the city seven times**. This is a completely different Hebrew word with an even more aggressive connotation. It is the word **sabad**

**sâbab saw-bab' A primitive root; to revolve, surround or border; . . .beset (about), besiege, bring again, carry (about), change, cause to come about, X circuit, (fetch a) compass (about, round**

It was a word used for an army besieging a city to cut off all life from the city in order to capture it. This was the final assault of a walled city in order to take it.

The amazing thing about this was that they were to march around it seven times and their very marching would create the power of the siege by the Spirit of God



## An Ear-Splitting Shout

In the next verses, it tells them that when they hear the sound of the trumpet they are to shout with a mighty shout. This word for shout is . . .

*rûa' roo-ah' A primitive root; to mar (especially by breaking); figuratively to split the ears (with sound), that is, shout (for alarm or joy):—blow an alarm, cry (alarm, aloud, out), destroy, make a joyful noise, smart, shout (for joy), sound an alarm, triumph.*

This word means to break by giving off an ear splitting shout of joy and warfare! Wow!



## Lesson 4: The Weapons of Spiritual Warfare

In Ephesians 6, the Apostle Paul list several weapons of spiritual war and he again mentions our weapons in 2 Cor. 10.3-5. It is critical to understand these and other weapons of war and to learn to utilize them well and often for winning spiritual battles.

### ***Preparation***

Undoubtedly, the best “weapon” we can wield is a mature, abiding love relationship with God. As Paul warns us in I Corinthians 12, it doesn’t matter what we do FOR God, if it is devoid of love – God’s love – then our efforts are worthless and fruitless. When we speak of warfare, we must instinctively think of weapons that are very different than those the world would associate with war. Some of our key weapons are the expression of unconditional love and the speaking of blessings.

### **Prayer (Spending Time with the Father)**

We will not be prone to take on an unbalanced approach if we are constantly abiding in Christ, and full of the Holy Spirit. Jesus prepared himself by spending concentrated blocks of time with his father. He prayed and fasted regularly as a way to fine tune his heart to God’s. The New Testament emphasizes the crucial importance of this abiding relationship as it relates to spiritual warfare in Mark 9:29, “This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer.” Jesus was speaking about a kind of demon that cannot be cast out by “normal” channels. Previously, in Mark 6:13, the disciples had been sent out by Jesus and they had experienced great success in casting out demons. That’s why they were so perplexed by this one. It is also important to note that in this passage Jesus does not stop and pray when he casts out this particular demon. He commands it to come out just like the disciples had tried to do. So what was Jesus’ point? He was demonstrating that He was ready to address this kind of demon because he had been in prayer – he was prepared.

### **Fasting**

Fasting is an important part of a spiritual warrior’s life. We are in a spiritual battle, so, we must prepare ourselves spiritually. Fasting does not change God nor His Word rather it helps us to become more effective as intercessors, and we will be better tuned in to the spirit realm.

### **There Are Two General Kinds Of Fasting.**

- **Proclaimed fast**: This is a fast called by the leader of a group or the pastor of a church. It is entered into by the entire group or congregation.

2 Chron. 20:3, 20 & Joel 1:14



- **Personal fast:** A fast in which an individual enters into; it may be for a special purpose or it could be on a regular basis. Matt. 6:16-18

### Results Of Fast

- They received instructions and the power to win a mighty war through corporate fasting. 2 Chron 20
- They received revelation knowledge and information concerning their ministry and will of God in their lives. Daniel 10:2-9
- Paul received words of comfort and instruction during the time of trouble. Acts 27:21-25

### Steps In Fasting

- Decide what the purpose of the fast is and stick to that theme during the fast. Note: The enemy would like nothing better than to get you sidetracked from the intended purpose. He will give you what you may think is revelation knowledge. This information may be good and seem important at that moment, but it is meant to lure you away from the purpose of the fast. The Holy Spirit will reveal God's perfect plan for the occasion. Everything that happens in the supernatural is not of God. Satan is a deceiver; he will deceive the very elect if we fail to confirm what we hear or receive with the Word of God.
- Proclaim the fast before the Lord.
- Believe that you receive the reward. (Matt. 6:18 above)
- Minister to the Lord and thank Him for the reward.
- Minister to others.
- Expect assistance from angels. Matt. 4:11; Heb. 1:14

### Fasting Helps Bring The Flesh Under Subjection To Your Spirit And The Word Of God.

- 1 Cor. 9:27
- Out of your heart flow the issues of life. These forces are the life forces for every area of your life. Prov. 4:20-232. Prov. 14:30
- Give the mind a chance to be built up by putting the Word of God into our spirit and meditating on it until we get a clear understanding of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us. Put as little demand as possible On the spirit and mind by the flesh. This requires discipline. Romans 12:2; Eph. 4:17-32; Col. 3:5
- D. The result of putting the flesh out of the way is Eph. 3:20; "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can think or ask, according to the power that worketh in us..."

God is within us and works from within - our flesh is a channel of the power of God. This power is developed within our spirit by the Holy Spirit as we yield



ourselves and grow in the Lord. We have been guilty of alienation. When we use the term "channel," a mental concept is birthed into our mind of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit being outside of us. They, the Holy Spirit, operate from within. When the flesh becomes clouded up with carnality, sin, bad attitudes, unforgiveness, works of the flesh, etc., then we stop the flow of God.

### **How Do I Fast?**

- Abstain from food. Take only liquids (water, juices, etc). Again, remember this is a personal fast, a unique experience. Strenuous work requires more intake of liquids and nutritional substances. Fasting for extended periods of time requires nutrition and liquids to keep the body from dehydration. **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: USE WISDOM**
- It is best to get alone with God.
- Pray in the Spirit and understanding.
- CARRY YOUR COPY OF THE WORD WITH YOU AND READ IT.

### **How Long Should I Fast?**

- If this is a proclaimed fast, it is directed by the Holy Spirit. It could be a day, one day a week for several weeks, two or three days, etc. When a proclaimed fast is entered, the pastor or leader of the group usually sets the time to be fasted. In studying the fast in the Bible, most went from sundown to sundown, (24 hours). A personal fast is left up to the individual.
- If you have doubt about the length of time, then take it one day at a time. Ask God everyday if you should continue; or if you have specific time span, then set a number of days or meals you will fast. God will honor your desires and obedience to know Him.

### **What Is The Fasted Life?**

- The fasted life is when you set aside things you enjoy doing, such as reading the morning paper, hunting, fishing, social meetings, television, etc., and spending the time normally spent doing these things alone with God. This means **NOT DOING THEM AT ALL FOR THE TIME SET FORTH.**
- The fasted life is the cutting back or completely out of your diet certain things. It might be you are a heavy eater; you could begin to eat less at each meal. This will help bring the body and appetite under subjection to your spirit-man. In doing this you have made a quality decision.

**REMEMBER:** When you fast, you must include prayer; it is called **PRAYER AND FASTING.** If you fast without prayer, you will just be dieting.



## ***Spiritual Mapping***

The enemies of God scheme and strategize. When they act, their activities usually follow patterns and tactics that have been successful before. Spiritual mapping is an exercise in identifying the patterns used by Satan to establish territorial dominion.

What is Spiritual Mapping? It is the intentional gathering of information about a location, a people or a group. Sometimes that information is literally superimposed on a map. The purpose of this “reconnaissance” is to seek information that, when submitted to the Lord, can bring insight into how to specifically pray.

Spiritual Mapping is a buzz-word that has come to represent a specific methodology of gaining spiritual information in order to engage in direct spiritual attack against the ruling spirits of the targeted area. However, this teaching is not about a methodology as much as it is about the principles of reconnaissance and specific prayer.

The core activities of Spiritual mapping is are research and prayer. Research should include historical information and current information. Here is a list of questions that can help guide your research. (Questions 1-20 are taken from *"Taking Our Cities for God"* by John Dawson (Lake Mary, FL: Creation House, 1989)

1. What place does your city have in your nation's history?
2. Was there ever the imposition of a new culture or language through conquest?
3. What were the religious practices of ancient peoples on the site?
4. Was there a time when a new religion emerged?
5. Under what circumstances did the gospel first enter the city?
6. Has the national or city government ever disintegrated?
7. What has been the leadership style of past governments?
8. Have there ever been wars that affected this city?
9. Was the city itself the site of a battle?
10. What names have been used to label the city and what are their meanings?
11. Why was the city originally settled?
12. Did the city have a founder? What was his dream?
13. As political, military and religious leaders emerged, what did they dream for themselves and for the city?
14. What political, economic and religious institutions have dominated the life of the city?
15. What has been the experience of immigrants to the city?
16. Have there been any traumatic experiences such as economic collapse, race riots, or an earthquake?
17. Did the city ever experience the birth of a socially transforming technology?
18. Has there ever been a sudden opportunity to create wealth such as the discovery of oil or a new irrigation technology?
19. Has there ever been religious conflict among competing religions or among Christians?



20. What is the history of relationships among the races?
21. Are there any current statistical trends that are unique to your area?
22. What is the crime rate and how does it compare to other comparable areas?
23. What is the religious climate like in your area and who appears to be wielding the most influence?

Once a picture has begun to form through researching the area, time must be spent in prayer and discernment, asking God to direct our attention to the relevant information. This discernment process may lead you to one single piece of information that may hold the key to breaking through one or more spiritual barriers that will open the door for the gospel. Sometimes there is no “revelation” that comes from spiritual mapping. Spiritual mapping is not a magic formula for spiritual breakthrough. However, it IS a good and responsible “due process” and will always give us a greater understanding and compassion for the city or region, even if there is no revelatory prayer target revealed.

## ***Speaking***

A clear biblical weapon is the spoken word. As believers, we are given authority to speak and, through speaking release truth and healing as well as break bondages.

### **#1 Preaching and Teaching**

Preaching the gospel of the Kingdom is a fundamental tool for taking away the dominion of evil one soul at a time. Salvation is always the goal of spiritual warfare and we are commanded to preach the Word. Matthew 10:7, Mark 16:15. Teaching reflects the activity of making disciples. Speaking the Kingdom of God into the lives of believers solidifies “Kingdom territory” and builds a strong foundation.

### **#2 Blessing**

One of the most radical weapons we can wield in our dark world is the spoken blessing. We live in a world where curses reign and many people live their entire lives without support or encouragement. Through blessing, we have a unique power to change the atmosphere. There is nothing more powerful than speaking out blessings where curses are expected. It can reverse a negative dynamic. It can release the power of God’s love. It ushers in hope and possibility. Matthew 10:13, James 3:10, I Peter 3:9.

### **#3 Commanding**

Scripture provides several examples of Jesus and his disciples commanding things to happen in the spirit realm. Jesus often commanded demons to come out, as did the disciples. We have several examples of healing where the sickness or death is commanded to leave. Sometimes God wants us to exercise the authority he has granted us. If our relationship with him is secure, we do not need to worry that our command is usurping his authority or trying to claim glory for ourselves. We are simply speaking what the Father is speaking. Mark 9:25, Acts 16:18, Acts 3:6.





## **Praying**

Prayer, in all its forms, is our primary "arsenal". Here are several biblical examples of prayer that we can use to destroy the works of the Devil.

### **#1 PRAYING THE WORD**

The dominion that God gave to man is exercised through words - through THE WORD OF GOD. The integrity of God's Word stands, and through the ages has proven to be infallible, "THY WORD...ABIDETH FOREVER." God has bound Himself by His Word. Therefore, He hears and answers His Word when we ask in faith.

When we pray the Word, we pray the answer and not the problem - and we are "like God ... calling those things that be not as though they were" and, "He hastens His Word to perform it."

Find a Scripture verse or passage that contains God's promises of help for victory, and pray the Word back to God. He has said, "Put Me in remembrance of My Word." **Isaiah 43:26**

### **The Power of the Word of the Lord**

1. The Word creates. Isaiah 55:11
2. The Word destroys. Psalms 149:6-9
3. It is a two edged sword. Hebrews 4:12
4. It is the sword of the spirit. Ephesians 6:17 That sword is in our mouth. Revelation 1:16
5. Angels obey the voice of the Word of the Lord. Psalms 103:20
6. We are the Lord's mouthpiece in the earth - His trumpet, His voice as we proclaim His Word regarding a situation.

### **Praying the Word**

1. Decree that Word! **Job 22:28** Break that scripture or prophecy into parts and pray revelation into each part.
2. At times, you might even sing that Word.
3. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring other related scriptures to mind that you can pray over the situation.
4. Persevere!
5. Continue to pray that Word until you know it is finished by the peace and joy in your spirit then rejoice over the victory.



## #2 THE PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

### Binding and Loosing

*"Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Matt 16:17-19

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 18:18

#### **God has given his people on earth the power to affect the heavens.**

What amazing truth! What a neglected truth! How often do you tolerate the effects of the power of darkness instead of binding them!

**Binding** – Gr. *Deoo* = *to bind, to tie, to put into chains*. Through the force of prayer, we use our God given authority to limit or destroy Satan's (and his demons) ability to deceive and control the hearts and lives of men, territories and cities and villages. God has given us a Key to advance the Kingdom called binding and we must learn to use this Key in prayer warfare.

**Loosing** – Gr. *Luoo* = *to untie, to free, to release into liberty and activity*. Through the force of prayer, we use our God given authority to free the hearts and lives of men from the deceptive control of Satan and his demons. We also have the ability to loose the activity of God's Holy Spirit and His mighty hand to work in cities, regions and individuals.

These are two great keys of the Kingdom of God. We must learn to use these keys to advance God's Kingdom in warfare. Note that Jesus placed them together, they are a set to be used together. Here are some implications. . .

- When I use the power of binding, I am literally enforcing the already won victory of Jesus Christ over ruling powers of darkness. I am declaring and enforcing the fact that they cannot operate here. I am removing their legal rights of occupation and control.
- As I do this, I should loose God's activity into the region and men's lives at the same time. I do this through faith declarations into the spirit realm **and** ground level practical ministry of preaching, teaching, casting out demons, healing the sick, and establishing the church.
- It is to be noted that some have more skill and authority in the realm of binding powers of darkness and others seem to have more skill and authority to loose things upon the earth. That is why we should move in teams knowing our place and our God given giftings.

One other thing to note in the power of binding and loosing. The phrase, "shall be bound in heaven & shall be loosed in heaven," is more accurately



translated, "shall have already been bound in heaven & shall have already been loosed in heaven, thus giving us the idea. . .

- We do not create or begin new things on the earth, we simply see what has already been done in heaven through the finished work of Christ and we enforce that with our binding and loosing.
- The Bible indicates much of what has already happened in the spirit realm as a result of Christ's death and resurrection and yet much of it has never yet been seen on earth. It is our job to discover what God has already decreed 'finished' and enforce it until we see the manifestation.
- It is also critical to walk in the Spirit and see what the activity of heaven is doing and then join Him in His great working. What is He stopping (binding) and what is He beginning (loosing).

## The Power of Teamwork - Two or Three

*"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."* Matt 18:18-20

Together with this principle of binding and loosing is the principle of teamwork in warfare. The Bible speaks of tremendous power given to a small group of people (2 or 3) when certain conditions are met. . .

- We are gathered in His name - "In the name of Jesus" = in the authority of Jesus, in the character of Jesus, in the presence of Jesus, for the purposes of Jesus. It is not just talking of a church meeting, but of a group of committed followers of Jesus Christ coming together into Him as a unit to accomplish something for Him and His Kingdom's sake.
- We are able to spiritually agree on what we are asking – The Greek word for "agree" is the word *sumphoneo*, from which we get the word symphony. We must be in accord, like musical instruments in a symphony. This implies the need for confession and forgiveness, so as to have right relationships. It also implies a oneness that comes from a clearly defined Christ given purpose to achieve.

According to Jesus, He does NOT need an army of thousands to win these great battles, but two or three meeting the conditions He has given. Because of this, it is wise to establish small teams of warfare who can move as one man and one voice on heaven and earth. The development of these teams is critical in the areas of

- Strong, solid relationships with one another
- Training as to how each operates on the team and what their role is
- God given clear objectives of warfare that all can 'agree' on



## Examples of United Prayer

- A. Acts 4:24-31 The Jerusalem Church after the persecution of the Apostles.
- B. Acts 13:1-2 The Antioch Church Leaders in sending out Barnabas and Saul
- C. 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 At the dedication of Solomon's Temple

## #3 TARGETED PRAYER

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."* James 5:16-18

1 Kings 18:1, 41-44

- Elijah believed the Word of the Lord regarding the droughts end. vs. 1
- He was obedient and proclaimed the word to Ahab.
- He heard the rain in the spirit. vs.41
- He prayed God's Word regarding the rain until it manifested. vs.42
- He declared that the heavy rains were coming when he saw just a small cloud the size of a man's hand. vs.44

### ***How to Engage in Targeted Prayer***

- Seek the Lord.
- Identify the problem by the spirit, not by your understanding, regarding what seems to be the problem.
- Find out God's battle plan. You can be fighting the same enemy, yet victory will come through the battle plan specific for that time and season.
- Ask the Lord to reveal by His Spirit what Jesus is praying at the right hand of the Father. Romans 8.26-27
- Wait for the revelation to come through either a prophetic word or a scripture that comes alive as you are meditating.

In conclusion, remember that each prophetic word that comes forth from the throne of grace should be used as a weapon of our warfare if we expect to see the manifested will of God in our lives, churches, nation, or the world.

## #4 PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Every spirit-filled believer can, and should pray in tongues. You receive your unknown language by faith just as you do salvation. Praying in an unknown tongue is praying in a heavenly language; unknown because the mind of man or Satan cannot understand.



### **Praying In The Spirit Is:**

**Praying in Tongues:** 1 Corinthians 14:14

**It is the Perfect Prayer:** Romans 8:26-27

- It is a wonderful tool for our prayer life to pray the perfect will of God for people and situations. It gives us a "hot line" to heaven. It puts us right in the throne room of God. Many times we don't know how to pray for others, but the Holy Spirit does. Romans 8:26-27 & 1 Corinthians 14:2

**It is a Spiritual Weapon:** Ephesians 6:18

- It is part of the whole armor of God (to attack the devil and his demons). Prayer is not defense! It is an attack weapon! Greek words for travail: *odin, tikts*. Birth pain, to produce or bring forth.
- To bring something out of nothing through travailing prayer. Praying through the sufferings and burdens of others. It is intense prayer, it is a groaning of or in the spirit. You will feel a release when you pray through, just as you do at childbirth. It usually brings feelings of joy; you have birthed life.
- Gal. 4:19 Travail for Christ to be formed. Jesus is our example to follow Him in this intense kind of prayer.
- Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

**Praying in the Spirit Builds Up:** Jude 1:20 & 1 Cor.14:4

**We can pray beyond our understanding** 1 Cor. 14:14-15 & Rom 8.26-27

By praying in the Spirit we do not limit God by praying only what we understand, but we trust Him to pray through us what HE DESIRES to do and move accordingly.

### **#5 PRAYER SHIELD**

The most underutilized source of spiritual power is prayer covering on behalf of another that is in the battle.



**Joshua's victory at Rephidim** Exodus 17 as long as Moses hands were raised Joshua was winning. Moses the intercessor won the battle in the heavenlies. By the power of God. Walter Wink says "History belonged to the intercessor." As Joshua was doing the "ministry", the battle was ultimately won by the prayer of the intercessor (Moses). Not that Joshua was unimportant, the battle could not have been won without him either.

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### **Revival in Hereford Texas:**

Larry Lea was just out of seminary and was serving as a youth minister with 1000 teenagers in his group. He received an invitation to do a citywide evangelistic crusade. The format was one night in each of the cooperating churches. The first two nights no one was saved. The third night Larry got there early and two women approached him. They saw he was a bit nervous so they said, "Don't worry, Brother Lea. We've prayed for you today for eight hours." They ask if they could pray for him. Afterwards one asked "does the phrase 'It is finished' mean anything to you?" It was the text for the evening. That night 100 people were saved. The next night Larry looked for the two women. They prayed for him, and the other woman asked about the "issue of blood". That was the text for that evening. Before the week was out 500 people responded. On the way home Larry was thinking of how he had shared the good news with the youth. But the Lord spoke to Larry and said "Son, you had nothing to do with that revival. The reason those people were saved was because somebody prayed the price!" It was there that Larry Lea learned the value of personal intercession for leaders.

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### ***The Need for Intercessors for the Worker and Warrior.***

Christian leaders today are aware of the increasing intensity of spiritual warfare that is coming against all workers in the church, and the increasing need for each worker to establish for themselves trusted intercessors to stand with them.

Peter Wagner describes his network of intercessors that are organized in three groups for his prayer shield:

- The first level is the largest, maybe a group of two hundred. These are those who are willing to commit to pray for him and his ministry on a regular basis. They are volunteers, and are not necessarily close friends.
- The second level is a smaller group, those who were specifically invited to join the group. These are entrusted with more detailed information for which to pray, and have a higher level of commitment. At this level there would be a mutual exchange of information to aid the intercessors, and feedback for Mr. Wagner to compare.
- The third level is the smallest, perhaps one or two. These are entrusted with the most details, even as far as very personal feelings, and spiritual walk. This is someone that will usually come to you to volunteer their time. This is a person who will be a very mature and stable Christian, and who can speak the word of God into your life. These people will stand with you at the most difficult times, and be steadfast till the answer comes.



## **Lesson 5: Warfare Strategy Taken from Joshua**

The points of this lesson are taken straight from the book of Joshua, chapter 6. As we examine Joshua's strategy, given by the commander of the army of the Lord, we see a strategy that holds a practical brilliance for us as we learn how to fight on God's terms.

### ***We need to identify the enemy***

The enemy can always be identified by the following factors:

1. The enemy has possession of what the Lord claims (our inheritance).
2. The enemy seeks to take what belongs to God.
3. The enemy stands in the way of kingdom progress.
4. The enemy's position is well fortified.

The people of Jericho felt that they were well fortified to stand their ground against enemy attack. They were not about to give up any ground willingly. The enemies of God are always well fortified. However, they do not have the ability to stand against the strategies of the Lord. God's enemies count on our trying to wage war out of our own strength and tactics.

### ***We must have an occupying force trained and ready***

Training in Prayer  
Training in Ministry  
Training in Evangelism  
Training in Growth  
Training in Church Planting  
Training in Leadership

Our training must include opportunities to take action and practice. Getting on the field and refining our personal giftings and anointings is essential to having a readied, occupying force.

### ***We are to march around the enemy 1 time per day.***

We lay siege to the enemy by targeted daily intercession. Our daily prayer attacks act as battering rams, weakening the resolve of the enemy's fortifications.

### ***We are to march around the enemy 7 times in one day.***

Now it is time to up the level of activity in prayer. We bombard the enemy with constant attack, refusing to let up. This can be accomplished with worship intercession, half or whole nights of prayer or some other means of "constantly marching".

### ***Attack the walls with a shout.***

Now it is time to strike in prayer. A direct spiritual affront to the walls that stand between us and our inheritance is now in order. The walls cannot stand against the Lord's "move" and his people.



## Lesson 6: Worship in Warfare

Waging war through worship is related very closely with intercession; so much so that they are virtually inseparable. We enter into the presence of God and join with Him in bringing down strongholds, demolish arguments and everything that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.

### **There are many purposes in God for praise and worship.**

To generate faith (Romans 10:8, 1 Cor 14: 12, 26)

To receive fresh revelation ( 1 Cor. 14:26)

To engage in war ( Isa. 30:32, 2 Cor. 10:4, Revelation 5:8; Ps. 149.6-9)

To minister before the throne of God/ drawing all nations to His light (Acts 15:16 ff)

### **We engage in warring worship in many different ways.**

- Proclaiming truth with determination.
- Physically entering into worship with warring dance and movement.
- Allowing prophetic sounds to come forth that the Lord can use to increase faith and draw us into the battle.

### **Worship Warfare is effective because God loves to use his people as transformers/magnifiers for his will.**

#### **Praise and worship defeats the enemy by it's very nature.**

- A. Coming into His presence (Psalm 100).
- B. God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

## **Kings And Priests**

Like kings, when we are in intercession we are responsible for the lives of other people. True kings help and guide their people to a better way of life. Priests minister unto God, or lead people in worship. The best leaders in the bible combined intercession and worship or kingship and worship. (Moses, David, and JESUS)

In worship intercession, we learn to rule as kings with Christ.

**KEY TEXT:** Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

- A. Kings rule; priests minister unto God. After Sinai, the priests came from the tribe of Levi and the kings were of the tribe of Judah.

In contrast however, the royal priesthood, of which Christ is the High Priest, is made up of priestly kings, or kings who worship and worshipers





who rule. God's intention for us as worshipers is that we rule through intercession.

"Our function as worshiping priests is the key to our role as reigning kings."

"Our rulership with Him is directly related to our worship of Him." (Jack Hayford, Worship His Majesty)

B. King David's life is a testimony of this great truth: He was a worshiper of the highest caliber and He was Israel's greatest king! He represents to us a worshiper who reigned!

C. The book of Revelation, more than any other book in the Bible, reveals the truth of reigning with Christ.

Revelation 1:6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 22:5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

In most of these references, reigning is mentioned in conjunction with priests.

5:10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

By the way, this is the subject of one of heaven's favorite hymns

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

They will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him..."

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The atmosphere surrounding the throne of God is worship (Rev. 4,5). As we come into God's presence in worship, we will also be in the atmosphere of His authority. The authority of God operates in the presence of God. The presence of God is among the praises of His people.



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Ministering unto God in Worship intercession is the key to participating with His power and authority. God is calling His church to draw near to Him with sacrifices of praise. The result will be that new power and authority will be released among His people for the whole world.



## Lesson 7: Prayer Strike<sup>2</sup>

This session is not so much a “theological work” as a practical guideline developed out of personal experience, observations, evaluation and study. It also reflects some personal opinions and study.

The word STRIKE is an acronym that stands for **S**trategic **T**argeted **R**econnaissance **I**ntercessory **K**ingdom **E**nforcement

### ***Scriptural Foundation and Principles of Prayer Strikes***

Matthew 18:18-20 - Binding and Loosing together, in agreement/unity.

Deuteronomy 32:30 – Two putting ten thousand to flight

Leviticus 26:8 – Five shall chase a hundred, and a hundred shall put ten thousand to flight.

1 John 3:8b – Jesus purpose (and ours) is to destroy the works of the devil.

### **Multiplication of Power**

The Prayer Strike is based on the principle of **Multiplication of Power**. When believers join together in unity and agree in prayer; there is an increase in the spiritual effectiveness of the prayer.

In Matthew 18:19, the Greek word ‘Symphoneo’ is the word translated ‘Unity’. Symphoneo means “to agree, to be in harmony or concord with; “harmonious sound” or denotes the “fitting together” of stones in a building.”<sup>3</sup> We get the word symphony from this word. In music, this term communicates the idea of carefully tuned instruments playing together in harmony to accomplish a common theme, thus producing a “harmonious sound”.

### **Qualifying for the Promise**

We need to understand what was in the heart of the author when he said “agree”. It goes well beyond the “verbal” exercise of saying the same things. Symphoneo has a personal and a group dimension.

#### **The Personal Dimension**

The personal dimension is that our inner man is carefully “tuned” like an instrument toward Holiness and the witness and voice of God, the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived and spoke in perfect “symphoneo” agreement with the

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<sup>2</sup> This material is taken from “A Treatise on a Prayer Strike Team” by Franz Lippi

<sup>3</sup> Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. 1964-c1976. Vols. 5-9 edited by Gerhard Friedrich Vol. 10 compiled by Ronald Pitkin. (G. Kittel, G.W. Bromiley & G. Friedrich, ED.) Vol. 9 Pg 304 Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans



Father (John 12:49-50). We have to train ourselves, by obedience, to hear God's voice.

### **The Group Dimension**

It is not necessarily easy to come to agreement in prayer. If I am hearing God speaking and you hear God speaking and a third one hears God speaking then we must learn how to obediently join these together. We may be speaking in different sounds and expressions, like different instruments, but if we pay attention we can tune ourselves to harmonize with God and one another.

It helps if a pure, true, loving friendship and a strong, respectful relationship is developed among the members of a Strike team. This is not always possible, especially in an international prayer team, but even then, we need to pay attention to the "tuning" process.

The Word of God is always true and full of power, bringing about what it was sent forth to accomplish. What we need to do is to qualify for the terms of the promise – that is where a good number of Christians fail and become disappointed because the power of the scripture has not manifested.

### ***Requirements of Strike Team members***

#### **Personal Holiness and living a life that is not controlled by satanic spirits.**

It is of the utmost importance to walk under the leading and guidance of God the Holy Spirit towards a place in our life and character where we have closed the gates to sin and the influence of Satan and his spirits into our lives.

If you engage against an enemy spirit –let's say, for example, 'rebellion' or 'mammon' –be careful that to the best of your spirit sensitive conscience and knowledge that that spirit is NOT operating in your life. Otherwise you will most likely run into serious trouble!

#### **Personal Prayer Life Alone with the Father in the Secret Place**

This was the true well in Jesus' spiritual life and outflow of life, authority and power. As you draw near to the Father and you meet the Father and the Father meets you he will show Himself and the good works He has prepared for you to walk in and will give them into your hand and empower you for those works. Out of this Jesus healed the sick and exercised authority towards Satan and over demons, even large numbers of them.

Mark 5:8-9, Luke 8:30, Matt 4:1-11.



## **Praying in Faith: Being Convicted that what You Pray will Come to Pass**

Praying is good – but praying in faith is even better.

Take care what you pray, especially in a strike. You have to believe that what you pray will actually happen. A prayer strike is battle time. You have prepared your heart in the secret place. You have applied the sword of the Spirit against doubts in your heart. You know that He has all authority in heaven, on earth and over all flesh and that you are called into an intimate fellowship with the Godhead (John 17:20-22) where He identifies with you and is one with you.

At this point, Mark 11:22 must become reality to you, “. . . I say to you, whatever you ask, believe that you have received it, and it shall be done for you.”

We must learn to move in “Mountain Moving Faith”. Matthew 21:21-22; Mark 11:23-24

### ***Composition and Operation of a Prayer Strike Team***

A Strike Team usually consists of 3-5 members (sometimes more) that have a proven record of faithful prayer/intercessory ministry and is preferably led by a seasoned Ephesians 4 minister. A full size, well developed prayer strike team will have the majority of the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating among them. Gifts can include gifts of prophecy, words of wisdom and knowledge, faith, miraculous signs, discerning of spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues.

By the way, if you wonder about the use of tongues in a prayer strike team, sometimes when the team hits a blank wall and nobody knows how to proceed God often gives one of the team a tongue speech and another the interpretation – this has cracked the blank wall several times and has also given supernatural information.

Some say the one who gets the discernment should also speak out and go against that spirit – I do NOT necessarily agree on this as an “always” practice. Usually it’s a flow of discernment until the picture is clear (reconnaissance). Then it is determined in unity and consultation on how to go about the target with a ‘green light’ coming from the leader of the strike team. Discipline, patience and respect for the Christ in each other is crucial – there can be no lone ‘cowboys’. God wants the team moving in a Matt 18:19 type of unity.



## Support Structures for a Prayer Strike Team

Regardless of how tough we may consider ourselves to be personally, we all need the prayer and support of others in the Body. We are interdependent. As such, this is the way we mount a prayer covering for a strike team.

### Each Strike Team Member has Two Personal Intercessors (I -1)

Personal intercessors are not to be engaged in the strike. Their job is to pray for the specific person they've committed to cover. Together, they create a prayer shield around the team member.

The strike team member and his/her I-1's should have a relationship of love, trust, openness and friendship with each other. They should have full information on the strike and the personal status of the team member (battles, problems, etc.) They are like David's "three" (from his mighty men). No enemy was going to hurt David.

### Each I-1 has Two Personal Intercessors (I-2)

Their job is to pray protection, health and strength for their I-1. They receive more general information about the strike itself. It is important that they do not get distracted with details of the strike. They must insure the safety of their appointed I-1.

What we have found, through experience is that when we follow this model, we have had NO casualties and very little enemy backlash or onslaughts making it through to us.

### Communication During a Strike

It is important to set up a "home-base" of prayer operations so that 'just-in-time' information can be relayed to church leaders and intercessors. Mobile phones and SMS messaging can be very effective ways to get information to the intercessors very quickly and efficiently.

We communicate the start and the end of the actual prayer strike and anything unusual that the intercessors discern from the home base is forwarded immediately to the strike team. And of course, team developments are relayed to the intercessors.

### After-care

Quite early on a quality of David became important. David led the people **into** battle – and won most of the time – but he also brought them **back out** of battle. (2 Samuel 5:2) We are careful to minister to our spiritual warriors after a battle to ensure their spiritual health and wellbeing. We ask our I-1's and I-2's to continue praying for 3 days after the strike in order to shut any "back doors" that the enemy may try to enter in order to counter-strike. This has been a very effective format.



## ***Limits and Boundaries of a Prayer Strike***

Prayer Strike teams cannot win the spiritual war over a nation through their efforts alone although they can bring about significant changes in the spiritual climate and atmosphere over a nation. In a natural army they would be termed 'special forces' or 'commandos'. Like in the natural they can make significant impact on any enemy, but it takes more to really conquer, cultivate, rule and govern a land.

In the spirit realm a Prayer Strike can bring about the removal of great hindrances that darken the spiritual realm and make people blind and deaf for the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The real victory comes when multitudes of souls come into the Kingdom of God, following the Lord as His disciples. Ephesians 6:12.

## **Dangers and Traps**

Do not tolerate a lone cowboy approach. This is often born out of a proud, independent spirit.

If an attitude begins to develop that "we are the tough elite ones" the overseers of the team must address this as soon as possible. Pride comes in easily, especially if the team is successful. We must cultivate the attitude of gratefulness; to be able to participate with the Lord and see his power manifested in the earth.

Try to avoid speculation or "spooky" operation. Confirm, to the best of your ability, any supernatural knowledge with actual research, scriptural understanding and personal experience. Supernatural confirmation through independent sources (preferably ones who have no knowledge of what you are doing) can help to sort through things. Try to act on good information whenever possible.



## Appendix 1: Biblical Strong Man Spirits

There are many "strongman spirits specifically named in the Bible. Some of them work so closely together that it is difficult to differentiate between them. The following is by no means a comprehensive, in-depth listing of their many and varied "fruits" or "manifestations," but should prove helpful as we learn to recognize them. The Holy Spirit is THE TEACHER, and as we seek His help, and depend on Him to lead us into more complete knowledge, we will become more adept at utilizing the weapons/tools that we have been given to "destroy the works of the devil."

### Jealousy

Numbers 5:14 and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure--or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure--

Causes - Confusion, strife, divorce, division, suspicion, selfishness, competition, revenge, resentment, insecurity, distrust, malice, spite. To overcome, use:

I Cor. 13:1-8; John 13:35; Prov. 10:12; Eph. 5:2; Matt. 5:43-45; among others.

### Perverse

Isaiah 19:14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

Rom. 1:17-32 (Description)

Causes - Rebellion, error, sexual perversions, lust, twisting of the Word, fretting against the Lord, hatred of God, believing false teaching/teachers, terror, self-love. To overcome, use: I Cor. 6:9-11; II Tim. 2:15; and others

### Divination and Familiar Spirits

I Sam. 28:1-8; Deuteronomy 18:9-12 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Causes - or Fruits/Manifestations - witchcraft (also known as "python spirit" (see KJV), soothsayers, magicians, almanac, horoscopes, hypnotist, mediums, clairvoyants, necromancer, channeling, conjurer, water-witching, tea leaf reading, tarot cards ESP, "good luck charms," peeping toms, entrails reading, etc. (Spirits of divination will attempt to "follow" ministers used by God - Acts 16:16-18





### **Haughtiness**

Proverbs 16:18-19 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

Isa. 2:11-17/KJV; II Sam. 22:28

Causes - Pride, domination, control, wrathful anger, gossip, vanity, braggart, stubborn, insolent, self-righteous. To overcome, use: James 4:7-10; I Pet. 5:6; Luke 14:11; Mk. 10:44; Isa. 57:10; Prov. 16:19; Eph. 5:21; and others.

### **Lying**

2 Chronicles 18:22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

Causes - Lies, exaggeration, false impressions, insinuations, flattery, frenzied emotional activities, profanity, driving zeal that exhausts the body, old wives tales ((superstitions/tooth fairy, Santa, elves, gnomes, black cats, etc.); vain imaginations, condemnation (condemns and judges you and causes you to do the same to others; also will manifest as a "religious" spirit or "ecclesiastical" spirit (i.e., the keeping of "laws").

### **Whoredoms**

Hosea 4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

Causes - Whoredoms (unfaithfulness, to Christ, others), backsliders, unchaste, prostitution, nudists, pornography, adultery, love of physical body, idolatry, prostitution of self and life to:

Love of world ..... II Tim. 4:10

Love of position & social standing Matt.23:6

Love of money ..... I Tim. 6:10 (7-14)

Love of food..... Rom. 16:18, I Cor. 6:13-16, Phil. 3:19

To overcome, use: James 4:7-10, "Submit to God..."

### **Bondage**

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Causes - Unforgiveness, bitterness, addictions, greed, ambition, lust, bondages.

To overcome, use: Rom. 8:15, James 4:7-10, Submit to God.



## **Fear**

2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Causes - Fear, tension, worry, anxiety, shyness, faithlessness, criticalness, perfectionism, fear of man, nervous breakdowns, nerve disorders, introversion, reclusive/ hermit, phobias.

To overcome, use: I John 4:18, II Tim. 1:7; Rev. 12:11; I Cor. 13:1-8; and others.

## **Dumb & Deaf**

Mark 9:23 "If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Mark 9:25-26 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."

Causes - Suicides, blindness, ear disorders, epilepsy, motionless stupors, coma, teeth gritting/grinding, crying, burning, hydrophobia (fear of water), speech disorders.

## **Infirmity**

Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

Causes - Fevers/ Lk. 4:39, Maladies/ infirmity/ John 5:5, diseases and sickness, bloody flux/ Acts 28:8, asthma, sinus problems, fungus, arthritis.

To overcome, use: Lk. 10:19; James 4:7; Rom. 8:37; Isa. 53:4-6; Psa. 107:20; Psa. 103:3; and others.

## **Heaviness**

Isaiah 61:3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

Causes - Discouragement, depression, loneliness, rejection, self-pity, hopelessness, despair, mourning and grief (unnatural), also causes gluttony (works with spirit of "slumber").

To overcome, use: Isa. 61:3; Psa. 8:2, 9:2, 4:18, 55:18, II Sam. 6:14. and others.



### **Anti-Christ (Means "Against Christ")**

1 John 4:3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Causes - To oppose Christ: His deity, humanity, doctrine, victory; also attributes the gifts and ministry of Holy Spirit to devil harasses and vexes fellowships and individuals (works in this with perverse spirit) terrorizes Christians - especially mentally/nightmares, attacks the testimony of Christians, repeated attacks of worry and trouble, seduces to error/ I Tim. 4:1-4, opposes priestly office of Christ and the saints.

### **Seducing**

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

(Also see: Rev. 2:20; I John 2:26; Isa. 19:13; II Kings 21:9; Ez. 13:10; II Tim. 3:13)

Causes - Error, misleads, leads one into evil and wickedness, and causes one to lead others, also; "sears" conscience, false prophecy, false "christs", cults, deceives, causes to stray, to wander (i.e., Christians who never stabilize into one local body), vacillation (double minded).

### **Slumber (Also Called Stupor, Slothful, Sluggard In The Word)**

Romans 11:8 as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day."

Isaiah 29:11 For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed."

Causes - Physical or spiritual blindness, deafness, and hardness, deep sleep, love of sleep, laziness, will not work, wasteful, not good stewards of time, talents, possessions, etc., always in debt, brings poverty, want, starvation.



## Appendix 2: Understanding How Authorization and Covering in a Prayer Strike affects its Scope and Scale

The difficulty level of a prayer strike dictates who should be involved. A person's sphere of influence should be equal to the task.

<u>Scope/Sphere of Influence</u>	<u>Authorizaton/Covering needed</u>
Personal and Family Home group	Head of the House/Group Leader
Church/Fellowship	Church Leader/Leadership Team
City	Fellowship of Apostles and Leaders with influence in the city
Region	Fellowship of Apostles and Leaders with recognized regional influence
National	Fellowship of Apostles and Leaders with recognized national influence
Transnational	Fellowship of Apostles with recognized international influence
Continental	Fellowship of Apostles with recognized continental influence
Worldwide	Fellowship of Apostles with recognized influence over several continents