

Why We Must Fight!



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“Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms.” *Jer 51:20*

The Battlefield



When stepping onto the battle field, the soldier doesn't ask, "Why should I shoot the enemy that is attacking me?" Or "Why should I defend myself from the hail of bullets blazing at me?" His rapid instinct kicks in, "Survive! Stop the enemy that's trying to destroy me! Stay alive!"

No matter who you are, there is in you the instinct to live. Those who live in Christ, likewise, desire His ongoing Life.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (Joh 10:10b)

So valuable is the life of Christ within us that the Lord requires us to preserve its quality and holiness at all costs. By divine instinct we long to live for God... draw more from Him... and for others to so live.

Stunned, one might ponder--is God's Life within us actually under attack? Can that be?

Jesus, in speaking of the Devil, said "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. (Joh 10:10a) The unseen enemy of every Christian soul is now, and has been from the beginning, a murderer. (Jon 8:44) Like a ravenous lion he roams about "seeking whom he may devour". (1Pet 5:8) He consumed the Life God had gently breathed into Adam.

"And the LORD... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Ge 2:7)

The Life of the man was consumed by the serpent through his disobedience to God.

"...in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Ge 2:17)

"Why We Must Fight!"

Hence, the Bible straightly charges the Christian to "hold fast that which is good." (1Thes 5:21) What is this priceless, invaluable good that one should so hold onto? It is that which cannot be given by man or anything in this world or the universe itself. It is God's own Life given to us by His Holy Spirit.

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." (Ps 51:11)

Hold in your heart the valuable Life of God which He has given you. Hold onto His written Word that you may continue to honor Him. Keep your faith and trust in the Savior no matter what. Cast down thoughts and imaginations that come against the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2Cor 10:5)

These, and many other Scriptures, instruct the Christian to stand in the faith, advance in the faith, fight the good fight of faith and persevere in the faith as one running in a race.

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run..." (1Cor 9:25-26a)

Obedience to God's will serves to anchor the soul in Christ.

Still, however, there is a problem. What problem, you might ask? The problem is that God put us fragile human beings into a world that wants to shatter us--a world with little or no regard for virtue and Truth. It's a world made hostile to believing Christians and the God of the Bible.

The world thinks little of the innocent, the weak, and the vulnerable; and far less of those who are of God. Moreover, it makes it a mission to seek and destroy believing Christians.

This is the battlefield of the saint.

Soldiers in a City

*"Any manipulation of the Scriptures to make them speak peace to the natural man is evil and can only lead to ruin."
- A. W. Tozer*

Thinking it will make for "peace" many well-meaning Christians anxiously go out of their way to avoid making waves or doing anything that might cause opposition. However, this is not the way of God. Jesus said He did not come to bring that kind of peace into the world.

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." (Mt 10:34)

Soldiers in a city bear weapons as a sign of their authority and the ability to execute that authority. Because of their weapon they can go wherever they need to go. In like manner, God places into the hands of His saints the Sword of His Holy Word that, bearing His divine authority, they may go wherever He sends them.



Yet, the Word of God creates tension among those unwilling to receive it. Rather than live peaceably with God, many rise up against Him and do as they please. This breeds unavoidable...

Conflict... for the sinner fights against a God Who will not change. "I am the lord and I change not." (Mal. 3:6)

Crisis... for the wages of sin is always death; and the Lord will not move from His position of Truth. "Forever o lord thy word is settled in heaven." (Ps. 119:89)

Resistance... for they who refuse to humble themselves under the mighty Hand of God will find that He resists the arrogant and proud. (Jam 4:6)

War... as many rise up in rebellion against God and His people in waves of opposition, they find themselves in a hopeless war against the living God. (Dan 7:21)

Why the Christian Fights



Failure to fight the good fight of faith is to yield your life to the will of that mortal enemy, the devil. Submitting to sin is not the plan of God for His people. The faithful Christian must stand and fight. As the LORD stands for His decrees, so must we. We are not to be moved from what God has said.

Under the divinely appointed leadership of Moses, and later, Joshua, the Hebrews were assured of their freedom and acquisition of the Promised Land. Though the land was theirs by Promise, still, they were required to go into that land and take it, in obedience to God's command.

*"Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: **begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.**" (De 2:24)*

*"And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, **that they may go in and possess the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them.**" (De 10:11)*

*"And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: **take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.**" (Jos 8:1)*

"And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel." (Jos 10:42)

"And from the days of John the Baptist until **now** the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matt 11:12)

The Promise of God is one thing. Taking hold of that Promise--acting on it in obedience--is another. Some things require direct spiritual force in order to obtain what God has already said is yours.

For Jesus' Name sake the believer takes up the Holy Sword--the written Word of God--against the forces that oppose His will.

God promises life to His people. The enemy disdains the very notion of such a Promise. With determined rancor he seeks to destroy one's life or at least the quality of that life through sickness, disease, oppression and every means at his disposal.

Yet it is not the will of God that we should give up or lay down our lives to the enemy. No matter how he comes at us. Rather, we are instructed to stand in faith, and confront this enemy with the iron rod of God's Truth. God's Truth is established forever and can never be defeated.

For this reason the LORD tells us to take up His Word of Truth in order to shatter the lies of the enemy. His Word of Life is sent to conquer the works of death. As His elect sons and daughters, born of His Spirit, (1Pet 1:23) we are to cast out the spirits of sickness, diseases and unclean things just as Jesus did.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."
(Joh 14:12)

"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you." (Lu 11:20)

"And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils." (Mr 1:39)

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." (Mt 10:8)

It's God's Created Earth!

The little g -- god of this world has infested the whole earth in every perverse way imaginable, and as though the world were his own. Yet the Scripture boldly declares this world does not belong to evil men or the Devil that rules them. This world, and all that it possesses, belongs to One--its Creator.



"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps 24:1)

Because this world belongs to God, the sons of God have received divine and legal authority over all things in this world. This authority comes from their heavenly Father. In His Name they are authorized to allow or not allow the presence and activity of things under their authority. Jesus stated:

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19).

This authority is not limited to the physical world, but extends into the unseen spirit realm.

"Behold, I give unto you power [authority] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power [ability & might] of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Lu 10:19)

Serpents... scorpions, used here, are types of unseen, demonic spirits.

All that belongs to God is His to give to whomever He wills.

*"And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; **and will be gracious to whom***

I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. (Ex 33:19)

He gave it to man in the beginning.

*"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**" (Gen 1:26)*

After the fall of man, He then gave it to all to those who are in Christ.

*"For **all things are yours**; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; **all are yours**; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (1Cor 3:21b-23)*

What part of any of this belongs to the devil? None of it!

It's, therefore, important to know this whenever you engage in spiritual warfare. All things belong to God. What is His is given to those who belong to Him, in Christ. Whatever God has given you, is yours rightfully, legally and morally.

It is important to know these spiritual truths if you want to be most effective on the battlefield of spiritual warfare. Simple and plain, there is no--absolutely no--apology you must give for taking back what the devil has stolen from you.

Here's another approach to understanding this important truth...

A kind-hearted billionaire owns many acres of prime real estate with modern office buildings and condominiums. He gives full authority to his nephew to run it all, and make it prosper. Through their mutual love-trust relationship, whatever the nephew does the uncle honors.

Now, a cunning mobster convinces the nephew to wager all that he has in a fixed poker game. The nephew loses the wager, and control over all that his uncle has given him. The mobster takes over. Yet the uncle still owns

everything. There are no deeds of ownership in the name of the mobster. In fact, the mobster must still obtain permission from the actual owner in order to do certain things. (*cf. Job 1:8-12*)

In like manner, God gave the first man, Adam, authority over all things in the earth. Yet the serpent, by means of deception, caused Adam to fall and lose his life, as well as his authority over all that God had given him.

In Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, He was confronted by this same devil, who also lured Him.

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power [authority] will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it." (Lu 4:5-6)

Yet Jesus refused to yield to the devil. Through His suffering and ultimate death on the cross, Jesus took back what the devil had stolen and re-gained full authority over all that was His at the beginning. He also paid the full price for the redemption of fallen man. His was indeed [so great a Salvation](#).

What was once given into the hands of Satan was now delivered into the Hands of Christ.

"All things are delivered to me of my Father." (Lu 10:22)

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power [authority] is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* (Mt 28:18)

All nations belong to God, not to their politicians or government. Every sinner and every saint belongs to Him Who created them. Your family belongs to God. Your marriage... children... property... your money... talents and skills. All things in the earth came from Him and belong to Him.

"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps 24:1)

This is the foundation for the Christian's divine authority in Christ!

The Main Objective

Jesus came with one main objective: that we, who trust in Him, might have Life and have it more abundantly. (*Jon 10:10b*) The devil comes only to poison, corrupt and murder. The Scripture charges us to resist the devil. (*Jam 4:7*) Stop him! Cast him down! We are authorized and admonished by the Savior to do this.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jas 4:7)

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph 6:11)

A primary goal of the Lord Jesus Christ was "to destroy the works of the devil." (*1Jon 3:8*)

Likewise, those who are born of God seek to honor God's commands. Jesus resisted sin. He resisted Satan. Because of what He did, we also do likewise. We fight in His Name as He fought for us through His sinless life and sacrificial death upon the cross.

Our God is not passive in that He leans back and watches His creation crumble to nothingness. No! He arms His children with the Spirit and resources of heaven. To the world they appear weak. Yet by His presence with them they are mighty. To the world they are fragile... vulnerable. Through God they are mighty... victorious.

The aim of the LORD is clear--His kingdom is to come and His will is to be done in the earth as it is in heaven. (*Matt 6:10*)

This is the will of God that will be done.

Amen!

These Last Days

When time runs out for the ruler ship by fallen men; and demons and death are cast into outer darkness (*Mt 8:12, 22:13, 25:30*), there will be only One left standing. That One is God. All creatures in every quarter of existence will bow to Him alone. (*Rom 14:11*) No more will there be wars as they are in these present times. Forever will we live in God's eternal presence where the wolf "shall dwell with the lamb." (*Isa 11:6*) In this just and peaceful Kingdom there will be no more tears (*Rev 7:17*). Swords will be beaten into plowshares. (*Isa 2:4*) No enemy of heaven will dwell in this place.

Yet, sadly for now, such enemies are everywhere. They are cunning, lawless, immoral and destructive. Only by the power of God's Spirit, and in line with His Holy Word, can one advance in spite of them.

This spiritual advance is God's mandate and mission to His holy saints.

The plan of the LORD of heaven and earth is not to destroy our enemies on His own. If that were so then all this would have been over long ago. His desire is to work through those who put their trust in Him. Through your own faith in God your enemies will either repent and be saved, or remain in their sin and brought to destruction.

They will be cast down who oppose the LORD and those He has sent.

"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me." (Lu 10:16)

As He works in the lives of His Believers, God's will is to destroy the works of the devil. He will do so using every day frail, human vessels, like you and me, who meekly and obediently put their trust in Him.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (1Jo 3:8)

"Why We Must Fight!"

"Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you..." (Ga 4:13)

"And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." (1Co 2:3)

"...we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." (1Co 4:13)

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (2Co 3:5)

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence." (1Co 1:27-29)

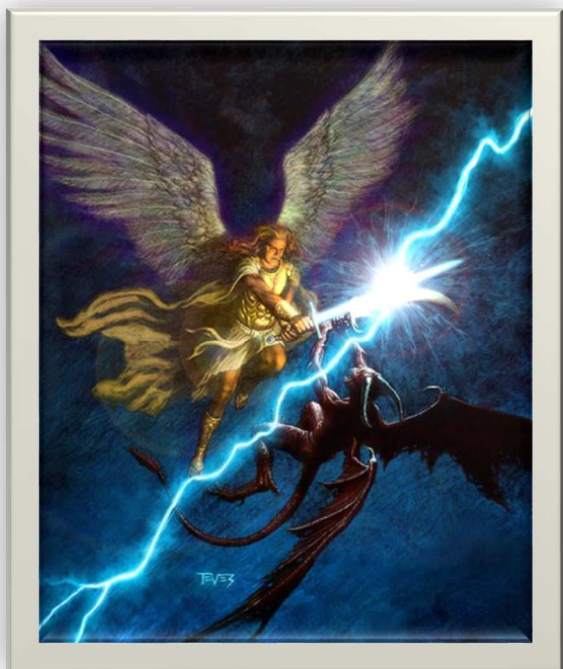
This is why you must fight. You fight for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done here in the earth as it is in heaven. You go forward trusting in God and that what He has said is true. This is what pleases Him. *(Heb 11:6)* This is what the Bible calls faith.

Yet, in this congested world of wickedness, rebellion and unbelief, the LORD does not leave us alone. Not for one hair second! Most of all He assures His beloved, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." *(Matt 28:20)*

What care! What love! For we are assured that with God all things are possible. *(Matt 19:26)* Yes! Even in the pressure and heaviness of these last and evil days, He is more than enough! He has made us to be more than conquerors through Christ Who strengthens us! *(Rom 8:37)*

Today and always will there be glory to His holy Name!

The Victory That Overcomes the World!



We live in a perpetual battlefield ...The wars among the nations on earth are mere popgun affairs compared to the fierceness of battle in the spiritual unseen world. This invisible spiritual conflict is waged around us incessantly and unremittingly. Where the Lord works, Satan's forces hinder; where angel beings carry out divine directives, the devils rage. All this comes about because the powers of darkness press their counterattack to recapture the ground held for the glory of God...

Since the fall of Lucifer, that angel of light and son of the morning, there has been no respite in the bitter Battle of the Ages. Night and day Lucifer, the master craftsman of the devices of darkness, labors to thwart God's plan of the ages. We can find inscribed on every page of human history the consequences of the evil brought to fruition

by the powers of darkness with the devil in charge. Satan never yields an inch, nor does he ever pause in his opposition to the plan of God to redeem the "cosmos" from his control.

-- Billy Graham, "Angels"

God's weapons are not man-made. They are not guns or knives, tanks and bombs or anything of that sort. Chemical weapons, nerve gases, weapons of mass destruction, are powerless against the unseen and mighty weapons of God. The Truth of God declares, "No weapon [of man or devil himself] that is formed against thee shall prosper." (*Isa 54:17*) Therefore the LORD exhorts us to "fear not" what man can do to you. (*Ps 56:11*) For even if he should kill your physical body he can do nothing to your eternal soul. For the life of the saint is safely held in the Hands of his Savior. (*Co. 3:3*)

Here is the victory that overcomes the world, and whatever the world might bring against you. That victory is your belief in Him Who is King of kings and

Lord of lords! Whose very Name makes even the most dominant devils tremble with uncontrollable fear.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (Jas 2:19)

That excellent Name is Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God!

Those who abide in that Name... whose life honors it... indeed, they "that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." (Da 11:32)

In the unassailable authority of His Name, says He, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." (Matt 10:16) Fear not! He exhorts. For "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." (1Jon 4:4) By the will of the Father in heaven, and our confidence in His ever-abiding presence, we must therefore "Go... into all the world and preach the Gospel..." (Mr 16:15)

This is the will of God. This is the duty of saints. This is the mandate given to His Church.

"And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

As a Believer in Christ you must therefore fight, through faith and prayer, against those things determined to defy God and His holy will.

No Peace for the Wicked

(Isa 48:22)

The Bible is not a Book of the people of God dwelling in peace with the world. It is a book of the people of God at peace with God. Yet continually in conflict with things ungodly. "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." *(Mt 10:34)* Jesus said. The God



unto Whom we report, is a man of war. *(Ex 15:3)* David said, "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." *(Ps 144:1)*

The diligent saint is continually in spiritual warfare. It's not an option. If he lives for God he will, of necessity, be at war with entities

set toward evil. Otherwise he will not so live, but be as those "baptized" into the wicked world and lost in their own corruptions. *(2Pe 2:12)*

Deliverance is advanced upon those who honor God. *(Joel 2:32)* Destruction is upon those who reject Him.

Nature is a simple and true teacher. She plainly demonstrates that a branch cannot cut itself off from the tree without perishing. Neither can men cut themselves off from God without likewise ending in ruin.

Now all things that bring ruin do not seem to be ruinous. Very slyly, they present themselves as pleasant, spiritually enriching and enlightening to the mind. In their magical way they even appear as angels of light. *(2Cor. 11:14)* Yet what they truly are is easily seen by how they stand defiant to the Word and ways of God. Such things dwell in darkness. *(Jon 8:12)* Spiritual darkness is the roadway to everlasting ruin. Those who continue on this path will sadly perish forever.

This is not a curse that God lays on men. Nor is it a threat that he hangs over their heads. It is simply the standard course of operation for the entire

universe—seen and unseen. God's law in earth is the same law that is in heaven.

"Forever o lord thy word is settled in heaven." (Ps. 119:89)

"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin." (Eze 18:30b)

Desiring Life you cannot aspire to do less than walk in the Light as Christ is in the Light. (1Jon 1:7) Remaining in God's Light requires vigilance against the oppressions and influences of spiritual darkness all around you.

Yet for reasons we don't always understand at the time, the LORD does not make this easy. In fact, the Savior sends us out as sheep among wolves (Lu.10:3); and commands that we choose each day whom we will serve. (Jos 24:15) This seemingly impossible mission is just that for the flesh—virtually impossible--but not for the Spirit.

The LORD knows that if we live by the mere ability of our human nature (the flesh) we will be sadly defeated. It is like someone holding up a large sign-post that says, Wrong Way. Now, on the other hand, to abide in the presence of God, dependent upon the wisdom and power of His Holy Spirit, we will experience the victory and peace that comes from Him.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zec 4:6)

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph 6:13)

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jas 4:7)

“Why We Must Fight!”

The outcome of faith is pre-determined. For with God you have the victory. Therefore when you take your stand with Him, and fight the good fight of faith, you will be victorious.

On the other hand, if you refuse to trust God and resist the devil, you will be defeated by sin.

As you can well see, passive Christianity does not exist in the kingdom of heaven.

Throughout the days of one's life, one may never have to take up the physical weapons of men. Yet as a child of God you must learn to take hold of the weapons of faith.

Those who are determined and submissive to God and His Word will live honorably and peaceably before God.

His encouraging Word...

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (De 31:6)

The Will to Fight!

In the heat of battle a soldier must will to fight. He cannot be wispy, vague or uncertain. Or he will be sluggish in mind. He will not be able to take decisive action. In the foray of spiritual battle he must be determined to

fight, and fight for victory. He enters the spiritual battlefield to win. Christ, the Bible says, gives us the victory when we fight the good fight of faith.

(1Tim 6:12)

Knowing this is the Christian's armor.

Christianity that belongs to Christ does not build cowards. It builds bone-hard character, forged through the fires of faith and etched in the red-hot chisel of spiritual war. The end result? A man formed and fashioned by the Sword of faith, into the image and likeness of his Creator.

Every Christian is called into spiritual battle for the Name of Christ. The Word of God is his weapon. The Spirit of God is his pure teacher and unfailing strength. Christ is his confident armor. Like a well-trained soldier the Christian warrior requires to be ready his spiritual weaponry. His vast artillery are the Holy Scriptures. His ordained method is spiritual warfare prayer.

A written spiritual warfare prayer can be an effective "sword" and "shield" to the Christian believer.

The Christian soldier takes Godward action against spiritual attacks. He does not fight as man fights, using anger, bitterness, vengeance, guns, knives, bombs and chemicals. His weapons do not even appear as weapons. Yet they are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. His weapons are as swords of faith, engaged through fervent prayer.

For effective prayer he may prepare himself for hours, gathering the right Scriptures (weapons of God’s Word) for which to cover and protect himself and also yield against the enemy.

At times, however, it may be required that he go into immediate spiritual battle. In which case he must have the right Scriptures in hand right now.

Now there are some, who truly want to pray, but simply don’t know how, or what Scriptures to use, or where to find them.

Frustration may creep in when one tries to fight without the right weaponry; or tries to get someone else to pray for them.

But a trained and ready soldier does not fumble due to poor preparation or lack of skill in the use of his weapons.



Spiritual Warfare Prayer

The Holy Scriptures are called as one body, the Word of God. The Word of God is accurately hailed as a weapon of Truth and power. Knowing how to use God’s Word is key to one’s victory over the works of the devil.

Some years ago I was inundated with spiritual attacks from every side. This had never happened to me before—not like this, with no light of hope anywhere. So oppressive were the attacks that I was brought to the brink of despair. Never, in my life, had I ever experienced this kind of mental and emotional anguish. I was being bombarded by so many things, from every

direction that I became as numb, and could not even open my mouth to pray. It was as if the adversary had both his hands around my throat, and I could not speak out in prayer.

Worse, I couldn't even think of what to pray. I was mesmerized. All my Christian life had been one of direct, flowing prayer—at will. Now I simply could not pray.

The enemy was determined to destroy me. It was a firm grip. That alone stunned me. I couldn't figure out why or what cause brought this on. Nevertheless, I was like a man looking down from a high cliff, over which I was about to fall. Hopelessness began to wrap itself around me. I saw no way out; and if I could not contact God, how could I even cry out for help?

I recalled stories of those who, facing the inevitable, simply surrendered to their own death. I, too, was facing what seemed to be inevitable. Yet God's Words of promise were also present in my thoughts. And I would not give in to the will of the devil. Although I did not know what God would do, I told Him in my heart of hearts, that if I go down I'm going down on Your Word.

My mouth may surely have been blocked, my prayer mind closed off, but my will was every bit intact. With a determined will I declared within myself I will never bow to the devil. I resolved, then, that if I was to die, I would die declaring the Word of God.

Immediately the thought came. Write down my prayer. It seemed odd. Write down my prayer? I had never spoken to God from a written prayer before. Yet now it made sense. I knew by writing my prayer out I would be able to fight effectively and go right to the core of the devil's stronghold and shatter his grip upon me, through the written Word of God.

I could read my prayer even when I could not think of what to pray. I would regain control over this oppressive darkness, and stop the devil in his tracks. I took the time to carefully gather the Scriptures I needed, and compiled my written prayer with the help and skill of the Spirit of God. When finished, I read it back to God. I read it daily, again and again and again.

The results were awesome. Here was a prayer I had written for myself out of desperate need, and still use to this day. It has given strength and provided deliverance many times. It's a spiritual warfare prayer based entirely on the written Word of God.

It's been said that some things we learn only from experience. I've come to know that spiritual attacks can come at any time and from any direction. Some attacks can also be relentless.

A soldier on the battle field, whose weapon is in his barracks somewhere, is more at risk of being cut down than if his weapon was there at hand.

Memorizing the Word of God is a very good way of having your weapon always there and ready. Now, if one's memory is not that reliable, another way that can really help is for the Word of God to be compiled in the form of a clearly focused and effective warfare prayer.

After writing down my personal [spiritual warfare prayer](#), which I had written solely for myself, I was much better able to stand on God's Word and destroy the works of the enemy. I was also able to regain the ground that was being taken from me. My personal warfare prayer became a “weapon” I kept near me at all times.

This prayer has now been used by Christians around the world for over 25 years. After some prompting by the Holy Spirit I shared it with a small group of Christians. Later, I made it available for free so that anyone seriously willing to “fight the good fight of faith” (*1Tim 6:12*) could have their own copy. It's become a valued and effective prayer for many Christians.

"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare." (1Ti 1:18)

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph 6:12)

"Why We Must Fight!"

Overwhelming evidence shows that we are living in the last days. Every form of evil imaginable, every degree of lawlessness is openly practiced in every area of society. For those who choose to remain faithful to God it is critical for them to also strengthen others who wish to stand.

Taking this position, such a one could even find themselves responding to what is becoming a growing spiritual warfare movement against the heavy winds of wickedness in our world.

One's effectiveness is even multiplied in the Holy Spirit when you link arm-in-arm with other true Christians in serious prayer. When the Body of Christ prays together it has a far greater impact upon our families, communities, nation and the world.

"And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ec 4:12)

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20)

Do not be surprised if the LORD should even lead you to step up and encourage others in the forward fight of faith.

The Bible assures us that He has given us all things unto life and godliness. (2Pet 1:3)

Why Should You Fight?

Because no one else will

Very often no one else will fight for you. That's one reason you must know how to fight for yourself. For instance, governments barely fight for their own people. They fight for what benefits the government. The same is true for most institutions, organizations and, surprisingly, even some churches.

Victory is assured to those who know how to stand and fight for themselves. If Esther had not gone before the king to stand up against the evil Haman

who sought to destroy her people, great tragedy would have befallen the Jews. And, of course, none would have ever known that Esther even existed.



"Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish." (Es 4:16)

Even though she was a queen, she could not stand up against evil in high places without her willingness to pay the ultimate cost. *"If I perish, I perish."* She said.

There are times when no one else can take that stand but you. Your family, your community, the world itself lies waiting... on you.

In view of all she had to lose, Queen Esther laid it on the line in order to save her people—God's people. Her faith, courage... sacrifice, brought forth an entire book in the Bible devoted to deeds. Countless sermons, Christian articles, books and movies have also gone out presenting her single act of courage. Through her faith and sacrifice the world has come to know Esther.

God honors those who "fight the good fight of faith." (1Tim 6:12)

For personal honor

No man will stand by and let someone disrespect his wife. No mother will let her child be poorly mistreated. Supposing it will all just go away, many give in to rituals of ongoing abuse and degradation. Yet there is a line that neither man nor devil should be able to cross in our lives. It lies at the core of one's personal dignity. No one, who holds any honor for themselves, will let outright injustice repeatedly pour down upon them, and those they love, without some form of opposition.

"Why We Must Fight!"

"O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?" (Jos 7:8-9)

For ourselves do we fight; and also for the honor of our God.

"Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name." (Ps 74:18)

After taking so much wrong, one will finally say, "Enough is enough." One will take so much sin and the shame it brings... so much of the constant attacks from the devil, the harm brought against their family, their finances, their health, even their very own dignity as a human being, before they finally say "Enough is enough!"

"And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1Sa 17:26)

The God of heaven has called us to stand up for what is right and just in His sight. That's why we must fight!

To save the lost

Look out at the many faces around you—children of all ages, the homeless, the abused and dejected, those upon whom the cold hands of injustice and abuse, pain and suffering falls each day. Look also around them. Who is really reaching out to help? Who shows they really care and loves them?

All around are people trapped in shame, despair and hopelessness. So very many do not even know the Savior.

"Why We Must Fight!"

They feed on moral and physical sickness, mental and emotional misery and confusion, and more and more of the world's empty solutions. These are ever growing in number all over the world. They don't even know what to ask for; yet they need your virulent prayers.

All have faces and names, hungers and desires, needs and desperate wants. You pass by them every day. You read about them online or in the newspaper. You see them on television, in the news. They live in your neighborhood, work on your job, and even attend your church. Some are your very own family members and friends. Some, your enemies. All are in need Christ, and what He alone can do for them.

These are the ones who need someone to fight for them.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." (Pr 11:30)

"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." (Mt 22:10)

For hate and for love

Passion! You fight because you love God and you hate evil. Those who love God passionately, reject sin. They stand against things unrighteous. They abhor the works of God's enemies.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." (Jos 24:15)

"Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." (Ps 97:10)

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." (Ps 101:3)

Because the excellent power is with God, not with man

The enemy does not spare to attack you, your spouse, your children, your loved ones. Things you care about are hit hard. You must do something. You don't fight because it is your personal delight. You fight because you must. If you do not fight, then what you care about most will be more greatly harmed or even destroyed. Every believing Christian must stand before God in faith and earnest prayer, to stop the destructive works of the devil.



"Jesus was made manifest to destroy the works of the devil." (1Jon 3:8)

True hope for victory lies solely in the power of God, not man or anything he possesses.

Anyone who puts their heart-felt trust in man have set themselves up for dire disappointment. Not only can man not deliver what he claims, he does not even possess what it takes to deliver on his claims, except the LORD be with him.

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zec 4:6)

Therefore we fight with our heart-felt trust in God and His ability.

Your faithfulness is on the line

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Lu 18:8b)

The Christian believer is called to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". (Jude 1:3) Those who are saved must remain faithful to their Savior. This is why they fight.

You fight to honor Him Who saved you from the penalty and power of sin, and Who cleansed you (*Acts 11:9*) and made you to be a joint heir (*Rom 8:17*) with Him in God.

*"Watch ye, **stand fast in the faith**, quit you like men, be strong."* (*1Co 16:13*)

*"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to **continue in the faith**, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."* (*Ac 14:22*)

*"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove your own selves**. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"* (*2Co 13:5*)

*"If ye **continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel**, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven."* (*Col 1:23*)

*"**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;** (for he is faithful that promised;)"* (*Heb 10:23*)

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **Whom resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."* (*1Pe 5:8-9*)

Important Keys to Remember



*"And I will put a division between my people and thy people."
(Ex 8:23)*

1. YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL ENEMIES ARE ON TWO UTTERLY OPPOSITE SIDES.
2. YOU ARE FOR GOD. YOUR ENEMY IS NOT.
3. YOU WANT TO SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL. YOUR ENEMY DETESTS GOD'S WILL.
4. YOU PREFER PEACE RATHER THAN WAR. SATAN MOCKS PEACE, DISTAINS IT, AND WILL NEVER STOP OPPOSING YOU.
5. YOU HONOR TRUTH. SATAN IS A LIAR THROUGH AND THROUGH, AND THE FATHER OF LIES.
6. YOU FIGHT FAIR. THE DEVIL DOES NOT.
7. GOD LOVES YOU. THE DEVIL DESPISES YOU. NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE, HE WILL NEVER STOP SEEKING TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY YOU AND THOSE YOU CARE ABOUT.

8. IF YOU GIVE IN TO FEAR AND THE WAYS OF THE FLESH, YOU WILL LOSE. IF YOU STAND TRUSTING IN THE POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE AUTHORITY OF HIS WORD, YOU CANNOT LOSE.
9. SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS NOT FRIENDLY COMPETITION. TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE CASUALTIES AROUND YOU. SATAN PLAYS FOR REAL. THEREFORE, YOU MUST TAKE UP GOD’S ARMOR AND SPIRITUAL WEAPONS IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.
10. SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS NOT A CONTEST OF SPEED. IT IS A “RACE” OF SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE AND GODLY DETERMINATION. LIKE IN ANY WAR, YOUR PRAYERS WILL, AT TIMES, BE CONTINUOUS AND EXHAUSTING. YET, YOUR DUTY IS TO STAY ON THE BATTLE FIELD OF FAITH TILL VICTORY IS WON. “HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED.” (*MATT. 10:22*) GIVE UP, AND YOU LOSE. GOD NEVER GIVES UP!
11. NEVER, EVER EXPECT THE DEVIL TO FEEL SORRY FOR YOU... EVER!
12. DON’T WASTE TIME FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF. IT GETS YOU NOTHING BUT MOCKERY AND LAUGHTER FROM THE ENEMY. INSTEAD, GRAB HOLD OF THE WRITTEN WORD OF TRUTH—GOD’S TRUTH—AND MAKE THE DEVIL SORRY THAT HE EVER CAME OUT AGAINST YOU.

Destroy Any Doubts About Spiritual Warfare



As being a militarist:

The Bible doesn't teach us to fight for the sake of glorifying war. It doesn't condone this type of warfare either in the natural world or our spiritual life. The Scriptures alert us to the unseen horrors taking place in the spiritual realm each and every day. Its aim is to warn the believer of the enemy's advance, train Christian soldiers to overcome that enemy, and protect the weak and innocent from his abuse and destruction. Knowing how to fight makes us better able to protect and defend what God has given us. General Douglas MacArthur said "The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war". MacArthur also warned future generations that "In war, there is no substitute for victory". Lasting peace comes only by paying the price of vigilance, which is required to maintain that victory when the war is won.

Seeing Every Adversary as a Demon:

Bizarre as it may sound, Christ's own enemies accused even Him of being demonic. A careful study of the Scriptures makes a distinction between the demonic and the sinfulness of the natural man. The Bible clearly identifies those who are friends of God from those who are His enemies. The Lord Jesus taught His disciples to love their human enemies while standing firm in their resistance of the works of the devil. Love seeks no harm to its neighbor. Yet, when your actual enemy *is* indeed a demon... calling him such is not unloving. It is a Biblical fact.

Two Opposing Powers:

The Bible is very clear. There is only one God. Satan is not it, though he very much likes being worshipped as God. The Bible warns Believers to be aware of the devil's devious. This is aimed to sharpen his spiritual discernment and further ensure the advance of God's. While watchful

soldiers guard against the enemy, the country is secure to serve the true God and to worship Him in peace.

Religious War, Jihad or other Holy Wars:

The weapons of Christian warfare are not carnal. Christians do not threaten non-Christians or behead them if they do not convert. Followers of Christ conduct no form of terrorism, or military campaigns against any group or nation, or ascribed “*infidels*”. For the Bible declares that all have sinned. Hence our warfare is not targeted against people but the unseen forces that manipulate, deceive and drive them to do evil.

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Together... Fight!



"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." 2Co 10:4

Your fight of faith is to grab hold to what God has said is yours. Not to fight is to leave the Promise of God behind, without taking hold of it.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." (Heb 4:1)

The Bible encourages you to seek the prayer support of other true believers. All the more important is this support of others when your own struggles are just too overwhelming. Our Lord Himself asked for prayer support from His disciples during His most difficult time.

"Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me." (Mt 26:38)

On numerous occasions the great apostle Paul sought prayer from fellow believers for his many spiritual challenges.

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds." (Col 4:3)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all

perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel..." (Eph 6:18-19)

Joining together with other believers in prayer--in spiritual warfare prayer--brings powerful results.

However, times will come when you will have to pray alone. But don't stay alone when you can join with others, or they with you.

Fight together! Fight in one accord.

A single person of faith can do a mighty work for God. But two or three, or a larger group of 20, 100 or 10,000 or more, can do a great mighty work.

Fight together!

Pastors that pray together

Unspeakable is the power and range of authority when pastors commit themselves to bind with others pastors in prayer. Watch what happens to the community. I have been a part of this experience myself. God will transform the entire city when its pastors, from whatever Bible-honoring denomination, will connect themselves together in earnest prayer for their city.

The spiritual authority over your city is given to the watchmen of that city.

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." (Eze 3:17)

*"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence."
(Isa 62:6)*

Pastors, called of God, are watchmen over His heritage and over the cities in which they live. They bear God's vision; and are called to fight with His vision in mind.

"Why We Must Fight!"

In every conflict, one must know plainly who your spiritual enemy is, and where, so you are not beating against the wind. Know where to direct the Holy Word of God, through your prayers.

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." (1Co 9:26)

Know in your heart of hearts why you must fight. Then fight according to the knowledge that God has given you through the Scriptures.

Finally, and as a final encouragement, give God your honor and thanksgiving, always. In public and in private. Honor Him for all the things He has done.

Praise Him whole-heartedly. Praise Him with heart-felt praise for each and every gain, every accomplishment and every victory He has given you and those for whom you have prayed.

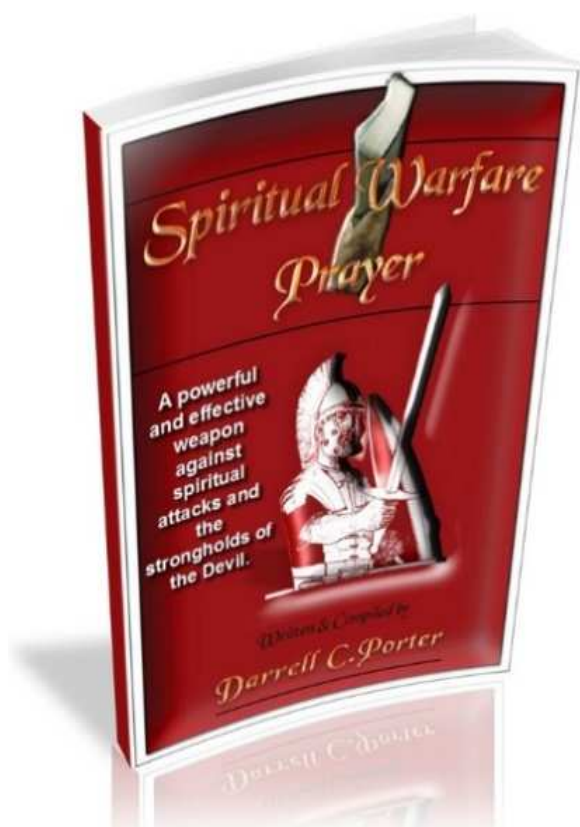
And the LORD of heaven and earth will be with you and give you His peace and good success!!!

Amen!



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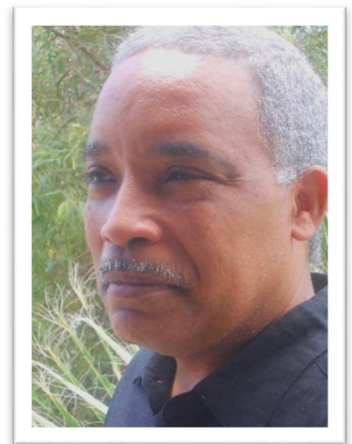
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