

# **THE POTENCY OF OUR SPIRITUAL WEAPONS**

Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

Spiritual warfare is a reality which no Christian can afford to be ignorant of. The age long battle between God and Satan, light and darkness, righteousness and unrighteousness is becoming increasingly fierce as the coming of the Lord is fast approaching. Immediately a sinner repents of his sins and becomes a member of the family of God, he automatically becomes a soldier in the army of the Lord and a sworn enemy of Satan. He is drafted into a battle which he must win or perish; becomes a victor or a victim.

Our enemy is formidable and has a well laid down strategy which has been proved and improved upon over the years. However, we have a captain who has never lost any battle and who has given us weapons that are potent enough to overcome the enemy. It becomes pertinent, therefore, for Christian soldiers to discover what these weapons are and be skillful in their use.

## **1. THE STRATEGIES AND WEAPONS OF THE ENEMY**

*2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Acts 5:1-3; revelation 2:20-21; Acts 8:1,3; 5:17-18; Acts 21:27-28; 6:11-13; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Acts 13:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:8; Zechariah 3:1*

In military warfare, knowledge of the strategies, weapons and strength of the enemy is vital to success in warfare. This is more important in spiritual warfare. Satan tempts Christians to commit sin so as create enmity between them and God. He stirs unbelievers, rising up persecution against them. He also blinds the mind of unbelievers, turn the heart of prospective believers from the faith. In some cases he resists god's ministers directly or through individuals who are filled and controlled by evil spirits (1 Thessalonians 2:18). Though Satan is not omnipresent, he engages the services of a host of well coordinated system of demons who ensure the success of all his plans.

## **2. THE SUPREMACY AND POWER OF OUR WEAPONS**

*Joshua 5:13-14; 10:11-14; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Zechariah 4:6; Acts 8:5-8; 16:25-26; James 5:16-17; Joshua 6:15-16.*

The weapons of our warfare can be broadly divided into two defensive and offensive weapons. Defensive weapons include: salvation, righteousness, truth, witnessing and faith (Ephesians 6:10-18) while the offensive weapons include: the name of Jesus (Philippians 2:9-10), the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11), the word of God (Matthew 4:4, 10-11), faith (1 John 5:4-5), power of the Holy ghost (1 John 4:4; Zechariah 4:6), prayers (Ephesians 6:18). These weapons are mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds of the devil. Christian soldiers, therefore should understand that, however strong the host of Satan may be, they are no match for us.

First, because our captain, the Lord Jesus Christ has never lost any battle. Second, our victory has been won on the cross of Calvary. Third, the weapons

available to us have been used by the saints of old successfully and the devil has never succeeded in defying any of the weapons.

### **3. SKILLS AND TACTICS FOR VICTORIOUS WARFARE**

*Ecclesiastes 10:10; Joshua 10:12-14; Acts 8:6-7.*

Spiritual warfare demands training and constant exercise in the use of the weapons. Christians must always be battle ready. He must be on the offensive, launching attacks against the kingdom of darkness. He should always maintain a life of purity. The word of God quoted directly and appropriately at Satan gives instantaneous victory. The believer should always exercise faith and live a prayerful life. Believers must be vigilant enough to know when the devil is talking and to stop all the maneuvering of the powers of darkness.

Victory is definitely sure if and when we put on the whole armour and put to use the weapons of our warfare to fight against all the enemies of our soul.