

The Kingdom of Satan.05. Weapons of Spiritual Warfare

Today, we conclude the series on the Kingdom of Satan focusing on weapons of spiritual warfare to defeat demons and overcome the kingdom of Satan

The Bible reveals that the real world we live in is one in which demons actually exist

- In the words of Martin Luther's hymn, *A Mighty Fortress*, "though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God has willed His truth to triumph through us"

The reality of spiritual warfare in "this present evil age" of "spiritual darkness" (Gal. 1:4; Eph. 6:12) with evil spirits that "threaten to undo us" is recorded throughout Scripture

- In terms of the overall picture of human history, it began in Genesis 3 when Satan attacked Eve and Adam and defeated them and will culminate, as the Book of Revelation foretells, when Satan and all His evil hosts are defeated and cast into "*the Lake of Fire*" (Rev. 20:10)

- And throughout Scripture, we see the reality of personal attacks against individuals

- **Luke 4:1-2** = *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil.*

- Here we see the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God incarnate, Who was anointed with the fullness of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, was personally attacked by Satan himself

- And the Scriptures speak of us being personally attacked by demons

- **Ephesians 6:12** = *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

- There is not a more powerful description of personal attack and encounter with demons than "wrestle"

→ "*Wrestle*" means to fight against an opponent/enemy, not from a distance, but in fierce personal contact by the use of force to throw them to the ground to overcome and defeat them

While Scripture reveals the reality of spiritual warfare, the Bible declares that in the Lord Jesus Christ we have everything we need to wage war against and overcome the power of Satan and all his demons that "threaten to undo us"

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-4** = *For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

→ Nowhere in the Bible are we told to fear Satan or demons because "God has willed His truth to triumph through us" through "*the weapons of warfare*" He has given to us

The following are "weapons of our warfare" that "have divine power" to defeat those "waging war" against us, whether from the "outside" or the "inside" of us

(1) Know the Truth of Word of Gd

- **Psalms 119:9, 11** = *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

- **Hosea 4:6** = *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*

We must know the truth of the word of God because the attacks by Satan and demons, who are liars and deceivers, begin with twisting and perverting the word of God to deceive us

- **Isaiah 8:20** = *To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.*

- **Matthew 4:5-6** = *Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. "'*

→ Unless we know the truth of the word of God, we'll not know the truth and will live in/by lies

Ignorance is no excuse

- **Luke 12:47-48** = *That servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating.⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating.*

- In the equity of the execution of God's justice, a "servant" who "did not know his master's will" and sins is, nevertheless, "deserving" of and will "receive" punishment from His Lord

→ All sin has consequences, not only for us individually, but in all our relationships

(2) Trust, believe, have faith in God, His promises, power, protection, and presence

- **Isaiah 7:9** = *If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all*

- **1 Corinthians 16:13** = *stand firm in the faith*

- **1 Peter 5:8-9** = *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith*

- The most critical, strategic location of the spiritual fight/warfare is in our hearts over whether we will choose to believe God and His word or permit doubt God and believe Satan

- After knowledge of God's word, the most important, essential requirement in warfare is faith in God and His word because it is the "foundation" and "stronghold" of our victory in Christ

→ The most basic evidence and manifestation of not having faith but doubt and unbelief is fear

(3) Submit to God

- **James 4:7** = *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

- To "submit" means to place oneself under the authority and rule of another so as to do their will

- Wherever we are not submitted to God, we are in rebellion against Him, have aligned with the kingdom of Satan, opened ourselves to demonic power, and will not be able to overcome

→ **Ephesians 4:27** = *give no place to the devil*

The most basic, motivating reason we don't want to "submit" to God and obey Him is because we don't want to

- The "don't want to" is the evil, sinful desires that arise out of "the flesh," our fallen nature

- To follow the Lord Jesus, we must "crucify the flesh" and our evil desires

- **Luke 9:23** = *Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

- **Luke 14:27** = *Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*

- **Galatians 5:24** = *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

(4) Bring “every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”

- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** = *For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ*

The mind is the “organ” and “instrument” of discernment

- It is toward the mind that thoughts and ideas are directed and come which we can “receive”
 - They can then “penetrate” and “invade” our hearts to capture our will so we will choose to sin
 - Because of our fallen nature, our minds can be easily “deceived” and we will be “led astray”
 - **2 Corinthians 11:3** = *But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

In order to be able to discern “every thought” and what is of God and His will, our minds must be transformed according to the truth of the word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit to become like the Lord Jesus Christ

- **Romans 12:2** = *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** = *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

➔ To the degree we are transformed, we “bring every thought captive to obedience to Christ”

(5) Be on the alert and watchful

- **1 Peter 5:8** = *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

- Just as every soldier in the field of combat is serious-minded and alert to the actual threat of danger and harm from the enemy, so we are to be “sober-minded” about the threat of demons

➔ The most subtle ways to “break down” defenses and receive lies is (a) through unholy humor, any kind of media, especially (b) social media and (c) movies, through which we vicariously engage in the sin of people being portrayed, and (d) through the sound and words music

➔ To be “alert,” we must be “self-aware” in order know “what’s going on” with/in/around us

(6) Receive forgiveness for sin and cleansing from all defilement by the blood of Jesus

- Confess and repent of sin and specifically any known sin, and ask to be forgiven and cleansed

- **1 John 1:9** = *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

It is the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, by which we are forgiven and cleansed, that has defeated Satan, and by which we overcome Satan and demons

- **Colossians 2:14-15** = *by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

- **Revelation 12:11** = *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb*

(7) Repent of, separate from, and renounce known, confessed sin to be holy to the LORD

- **Acts 3:19** = *Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out*
- **2 Corinthians 6:17** = *Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you*
- **2 Corinthians 7:1,10** = *let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God... For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*
- Renouncing is especially important in regard to occult sins and practices
- Continuous, unrepented of sin is the legal “ground” demons have with and into us (Eph.4:27)

(8) Be filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit

- **Matthew 12:28** = *If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*
- **Luke 4:18** = *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives*
- **Ephesians 5:18** = *be filled with the Holy Spirit*
- It is by being filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit that we are made “*strong in the Lord and the strength/power of His might*” (Eph. 6:10)

(9) Know, understand, and exercise your authority in the Lord Jesus Christ over and against Satan and demons

- Our authority and power in Christ is based on the reality of what God did “*in Christ*” and of us being “*in Christ*”
- **Psalms 2:4-6** = *He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”*
- **Ephesians 1:18-23** = *know...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*
- **Ephesians 2:6** = *He raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*
- While we fight for our own personal victory, we fight from the victory Jesus has already won on the cross, through His resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and us being “*seated*”/enthroned in and with Him at the right hand of God the Father, the Almighty

(10) Put on the full armor of God

- **Ephesians 6:11-17** = *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the*

flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

→ The various pieces of the armor of God are specific areas where we are attacked:

- (a) “*truth*” vs. lies and deception, and the place to begin
- (b) “*righteousness*” vs. accusation and condemnation
- (c) “*shoes of the readiness of the gospel*” as the place to “stand,” live in peace, and be equipped to share the gospel vs. unpreparedness, fleeing in fear not sharing the gospel, and being “*moved away from the hope of the gospel*” (Col. 1:23)
- (d) “*faith*” vs. “*darts*” of lies that ignite “*flames*” of unbelief and sin in our hearts
- (e) “*salvation*” vs. fear of not being saved or “losing our salvation”
- (g) “*word of God*” vs. ignorance and failure to use the word as an offensive weapon

(11) Pray in the Holy Spirit

- **Ephesians 6:18** = *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

→ Prayer is not one of the pieces of the armor of God but the battle field/space where the war is waged and won

(12) Stand firm and resist the Satanic attacks from demons

- **Ephesians 6:11**- = *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

- **James 4:7** = *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

→ To “stand” firm and “resist” is a choice to be “*strong in the Lord and in the power of His might*” against the spiritual force(s) attacking, pressuring, and oppressing us to given in and sin

(13) Wage war against the evil spirit(s) with the word of God

- **Matthew 4:4, 7, 10** = *But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”*

- **Ephesians 6:17** = *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*

→ As Jesus personally quoted Scripture directly to Satan in the specific areas He was being attacked, we are to do the same to demons in the specific areas of sin they are attacking us

(14) Discern and identify the names of the specific evil spirits attacking you, and speak personally to them to leave

- **Matthew 4:10** = *Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan!*

- **Mark 5:9** = *Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”*

- **Mark 9:25** = *Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”*

- **Acts 16:18** = *Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.*

→ Command them in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to go to Jesus for Him to deal with

(15) Bind spirits that are attacking you and your areas of jurisdiction in Christ

- **Matthew 12:29, 43-45** = *How can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man?*
- **Matthew 16:19** = *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven*
- Areas of jurisdiction are the places you have authority, such as yourself, family, property
- The binding of spirits is a “*key of the kingdom*” to “open and close” “doors/access” by the exercise of jurisdictional authority and power given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His Church in order to restrict, restrain, prohibit, or prevent the activity, influence and control of a spirit.
- To receive a paper on deeper understanding of binding spirits, email billhyer@gmail.com

(16) “Break” and “remove” any and every form of a curse(s)

- A curse is any form of evil that is “*put on,*” “*comes upon,*” and “*overtakes*” us (Deut.28:15)
- It’s legal authority and power is “broken” in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Because curses are often “put upon” people by invoking the evil spirit three times, it is often important legally to break and renounce them three times, especially with family occult sins
- “In the name of Jesus Christ, I now rebuke, break, and loose myself and my family from any and all evil curses, fetishes, charms, vexes, hexes, spells, every jinx, all psychic powers, sorcery, bewitchments, enchantments, witchcraft, love potions, and psychic prayers that have been put upon me, back to ten generations on both sides of my family.”

(17) Cut Soul Ties

- When a person enters into intimate physical and/or emotional relationship, a spiritual “connection” or “joining” is created that is called a “soul tie”
- A “soul tie/joining” is created by God for depth of relationship and communication
- **Genesis 2:24** = *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*
- A soul tie can good and holy or sinful and unholy, a means of blessing or connection with evil
- **1 Samuel 18:1** = *the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.*
- **1 Corinthians 6:16-17** = *Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.*
- Unholy “soul ties,” whether from physical and/or emotional “tie,” must be “cut” so that a person’s soul does not remain “connected” to the other person(s) and thereby continue to defile and pollute them, their relationships, and especially their marriage relationship

(18) Worship, praise, and exalt God and the Name of the Lord Jesus in words and song

- **2 Chronicles 20:21-22** = *He appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, “Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.”²² And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against” the enemies “who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.*
- Worship in praise and thanksgiving with word and song makes the way for the presence and power of God to fill the spiritual atmosphere to “push out” the presence of the enemy
- **1 Cor. 15:57** = *Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*