



Title: The Dynamics of Spiritual Warfare

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Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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.”

Text: 2 Cor. 10:4

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds”

INTRODUCTION

- There is a war going
- It's a spiritual warfare and not a physical one
- It's a warfare between good and evil,
- Life and death
- History and destiny
- This warfare predates our existence here on earth and it's still raging on
- The place of Prayer is a major battleground or channel for the believer



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4 KEY ASSIGNMENT OF PRAYER:

1. For growth and spiritual transformation
 - a. Luke 9:29

Text: Luke 9:29

“And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.”

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2. For making petitions and obtaining request
 - a. Phil. 4:6
 - b. Mark 11:24

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3. For Spiritual legislation - I prophesied as I was commanded ...
 - a. Ezekiel 37

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4. For warfare and prophetic intercession
 - a. Luke 22:31

Text: Luke 22:31

“Peter, Satan has desired to sift you like wheat but I have prayed for you”



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THIS YOU MUST KNOW:

- Successfully engaging in spiritual warfare is knowledge dependent.
- There are things we must KNOW and UNDERSTAND if we must prevail in spiritual warfare.
- Where we are in life part time is a testament to what we have come to know and understood.
- If we desire a certain level in life but haven't quite attained it yet; it is a revelation of a certain knowledge we are yet to understand and master.

Text: Hosea 4:6

"My people suffer for the lack of knowledge"

Text: John 8:32

"And ye shall know the truth...."

SHOW ME A SOLDIER AT WAR Who does not know:

- The enemy he is fighting,
- The strategy and tactics of his battalion
- How to use his weapons
- And what his position in the battlefield is

AND I WILL SHOW YOU:

- A casualty of war inevitably.
- A disaster waiting to happen



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We must KNOW and UNDERSTAND else we will suffer defeat all wise.

1. Know your enemy

- a. understanding the schemes and tactics of your enemy
 - i. The devil isn't your friend, nor your confidant.
 - ii. He is called a murderer, a thief, the accuser of the brethren, the deceiver. He is the father of all lies. He is called Abaddon - The Destroyer.

Text: John 10:10

"The Devil cometh not but to steal, kill and destroy..."

Text: 1 Peter 5:8-9

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."

2. Know who you are in Christ

- a. understanding your rights and privileges
 - i. We must know ourselves in light of who Christ is.

Text: Psalm 49:20

"Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish."



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- What has God said in scripture concerning you.
 - What are the promises and blessings provided for you in the Bible
 - Ephesians 1:3 - Who had blessed us with all...
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Text: 1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

Text: 2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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- The basis for the believers’ confidence is what God has said and what is written concerning you.
 - You must back up your believes and actions with scriptures (what is written and what God has said).
 - **Romans 8:28...All things works out for the good...**

3. Know your battle position

- a. understanding your positional advantage
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Text: Ephesians 2:4-7

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”

? Our sitting (Authority) position:

Text: vs 6

“And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us [a]joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).”

□ Christ's Position:

Text: Ephesians 1:19-21

“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:”

Text: Psalms 82:5-7

“They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.”



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❖ OUR ONENESS WITH WITH CHRIST IS KEY 🔑

➤ Ephesians 6:17... But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

YOUR WEAPONS OF WARFARE

1. The Knowledge of your God

a. His Character, His Ways and His Power).

Text: Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

Text: Daniel 11:32

“But they that do know their God shall be strong...”

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- There is an advantage to knowing God.

Text: Ephesians 1:15-19:

“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,”



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- John 17:3..This is eternal life that they may know you..
 - 2 Timothy 1:12:...For I know whom I have believed...
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His Character:

- The pieces of a character or attributes of any man reveals his personality and person.
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Text: Isaiah 40:28-30

“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall”

Text: Psalms 145:8-20:

“The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them



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their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.”

- Psalms 103:1-5
- Exodus 33:18-19

The Character of God talks about who He is.

His Ways:

- The ways of God talks about how He operates.
- When you know how God acts, you will automatically know how He does not act.

Text: Psalms 25:4-5

“Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”

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- There are things God will never do such as manipulating the will of man etc.
 - The knowledge of His ways helps to live and function within the limits of His will.
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His Power:

Text: Psalms 63:1-2

“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.”

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- **Not just to know His character nor his ways but now to see HIS POWER.**

Text: Matthew 22:29

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

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- **Without the power of God we will walk in constant error or ultimately live a defeated life.**

Text: Ephesians 1:18-21

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come”

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- **Acts 4:33**



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- There's no weakness for the believe who knows the power of God.
 - It is the reevaluation of God's power that brings us into an unquestionable dominion
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Text: Psalms 66:3

"Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee."

- Power is the ability to cause or force change.
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2. The Name of Jesus

Text: Proverbs 18:10

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Text: Mark 16:17-18

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

- They could and we too can do all the above in His NAME.
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Text: John 14:13-14 (Declares):



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“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”

- **Phil. 2:9-11 —Name above all names.**
 - **Jesus gave us His name as a weapon before He left earth.**
 - **Acts 3:6... Peter helps a lame man in HIS NAME**
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3. The Word of God

Text: Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

- **John 1:1-5, 14,16**
 - **Hebrews 1:3...Says He upholds all things by the WORD of His power.**
 - **In Matthew 4, Jesus overcame the tricks of the devil using His WORD**
 - **Have you found where it was written concerning you like Jesus did in Luke 4 and in the Messianic prophecy in Isaiah 61?**
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Text: Hebrews 10:7

"Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God"

- **IT IS WRITTEN...is greater than I have prayed...**
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4. The Blood of Jesus

- **Rev. 12:11**...We overcome by the blood of the Lamb.
 - **Exodus 12:13** — When I see the blood 🩸 I will pass over you.
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Text: Colossians 2:14-15...

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

- **This He did by His Blood** 🩸
 - **Hebrews 12:24**—The blood speaks better things than the blood of Abel.
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5. The Act of Speaking:

- Speaking is a vital component of prayer and spiritual warfare
 - All of creation speaks one way or another
 - Speaking is how rules, orders, judgements are made, and enforced.
 - Speaking carries a creative force as displayed by God in the creation account. **Genesis 1.....YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL, They are not bound by time.**
 - A closed mouth is a closed destiny.
 - Even God did not keep quiet ...**WE TOO CAN NOT.**
 - **BECAUSE** Silence is complicit –It can signal Acceptance or indictment.
 - What you SAY...largely affect your destiny and can chart a course for your life rightly or wrongly. **(in a time of arrest, The woman with the issue of blood)**
 - Transfer of Authorities can be +conferred through speaking. **(Adam, Eve and the Serpent in the Garden of Eden, Jesus in **Matthew 26:63.**)**
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Text: Mark 11:23-24

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”



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Numbers 14:28

“ Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you”

- **2 Cor. 4:13....** We also believe and therefore **SPEAK**
- **Gen. 1:3....**And God said...
- **Ezekiel 37:7-10....** Ezekiel prophesied as he was commanded.

According to Ephesians putting on the whole armour of God is a conscientiousness in our mind which is manifested in our speaking with understanding.

FINAL WORD

Text: 1 Samuel 17:45-47:

“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.”



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- This victory was gotten on the basis of the revelatory knowledge of all the above by David.
- A generation of power is also a generation of glory.
- You cannot see His glory if you don't see His power.
- David understands the dynamics of Spiritual Warfare.
- Much like the three Hebrew boys (Shedrack, Meshack and Abednigo); there's something David knew about God; His character, His Ways and His Power.
- Not only that, David had a revelation of using the name of the Lord.
- He understood the authenticity and potency of God's word.
- David had a sound knowledge and revelation of the act and power of speaking and He used it very well against Goliath.
- No wonder he experienced the demonstration of the power of God in his life and won several battles and victories in his lifetime.

Everything that is born of God overcomes the world 🌍 and this is it that over cometh the world 🌍 even our faith

...1 John 5:4
