

# DEFEATING GIANTS IN THE EARTH



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## THE TARGET OF THE ENEMY

We all know that famous Bible story of David and Goliath. However, please do not be mistaken concerning this teaching. This is not another run-of-the-mill children's story. God does not want His people to be ignorant concerning satan's devices. Therefore, this is a necessary teaching intended to equip the Body of Christ who is the target of none other than satan himself, and all his demonic schemes and tactics.

There is a lot of controversy over the titles of these creatures which are presented in this teaching. For the sake of debate, we will keep it simple and just call them giants, however; recognizing, "*... that the law is spiritual...*" Romans 7:14 (NKJV) and that these giants are symbolic of principalities and powers of the enemy.

Through this teaching it is my prayer that you gain an awareness, and more insight into the principalities and powers that you are wrestling against and become, "*...strong in the Lord and in the power of His might...*" Ephesians 6:10 (KJV) to gain victory in every situation! I would like to suggest before reading this any further that you pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you into all truth, and then be ready to receive what He is revealing to you, and do not allow anyone or anything to, "*...quench the Spirit.*" 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV)

First and foremost, we must understand satan is attempting to cut off and destroy the ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM. From the time Abraham was called to be the father of many nations, the fight began.

### GOLIATH

*"And a champion went out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span [almost ten feet]. And he had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of mail, and the coat weighed 5,000 shekels of bronze. He had bronze shin armor on his legs and a bronze javelin across his shoulders. And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam; his spear's head weighed 600 shekels of iron. And a shield bearer went before him."* 1 Samuel 17:4-7 (AMPC)

We need not go into all the details concerning the size of Goliath. As most of us are already aware, he was obviously a giant with superhuman

abilities; however, a couple interesting facts to note here is the association with Goliath and the number six.

Interestingly enough, the number six is defined as having to do with man. Six, according to Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger, is defined as: the number of imperfection; **the number of MAN as destitute of God, without God, without Christ.** For example, the serpent was created on the sixth day. (Genesis 1:24-31)

Scripture indicates that Goliath's height was six cubits, and in addition to that his armor consisted of six pieces which included a bronze helmet, a coat of mail, bronze shin armor on his legs, a bronze javelin across his shoulders, a spear, and finally a shield.

Goliath obviously was God's enemy, and he symbolizes just one of the principalities that we still face today, as we will see later in this teaching. According to 2 Samuel 21:22, Goliath of Gath had four gargantuan sons.

### **ISHBI-BENOB**

*"Then Ishbi-benob, who was among the descendants of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, was girded with a new sword, and he intended to kill David."* 2 Samuel 21:16 (NASB)

This giant is the first of four mentioned that David and his men fought. Ishbi-benob was specifically targeting David, and his full intention was to kill him for we read, *"...and he (Ishbi-benob) intended to kill David"*. 2 Samuel 21:16 (NASB) David was of the royal seed of Abraham, thus he became a direct target of the enemy.

Something powerful to note is that this was much later in David's life. Some theologies of men believe that David was maybe in his sixties. However, it was obviously later in his years for chapter 23 begins with this, *"Now these be the last words of David..."* 2 Samuel 23:1 (KJV)

While Ishbi-benob is not mentioned anywhere else in God's Word, he is certainly worth the study for God does not want us ignorant. You see, though Ishbi-benob existed in a fleshly form, we understand by and through the Word of God that we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. We must understand that for David

and his men, this was ultimately a spiritual battle, not just one in the flesh.

### THE MEANING OF THE NAME ISHBI-BENOB

If you have studied God's Word much at all you understand that the meaning of a name is very significant. In fact, there were several people in which God changed their names for instance: Abraham, Sarah, Israel, and Paul. Therefore, let's examine the name Ishbi-benob and see what we find. Please note for the simplicity of this teaching, this is not an all-inclusive definition of the name Ishbi-benob. To get the true meaning of his name, we break it down in the Hebrew language.

The root-verb שוב (*shub*) of his name generally means to turn back or to return. *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'..."* Matthew 12:43-44 (NKJV)

The primary meaning of the root-verb ישב (*yashab*-pronounced yaw-shab) which is also associated with his name is quite lengthy however in short it is to sit down (specifically as judge. in ambush, in quiet); by implication, to dwell, to remain; to settle, to marry--(make to) abide(-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell(-ing), endure, establish, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit(-ant), make to keep (house), lurking, (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set(-tle), (down) sit(-down, still, -ting down, -ting (place) -uate), tarry. *"...And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."* Matthew 12:44-45 (NKJV) Do we see a connection here?

In Acts we see the multitudes were, *"...bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits..."* Acts 5:16 (NKJV) Thus another trait of Ishbi-benob which is comparable to unclean spirits. Take note of the meaning from above to haunt, which is comparable of tormenting.

Another part of the meaning of Ishbi-benob is the root verb שבה (*shaba*) which means to take captive. For an example of the usage of this word in the Bible we turn to 2 Chronicles. *"And they came up into Judah*

*and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons."* 2 Chronicles 21:17 (NKJV) We see that this city was invaded and all of its possessions, including the people, (with the exception of one son) were literally taken captive.

This verb is comparable to when a military regiment would take a land by force, and all that remained in the land they would in fact take also for their possession. This was not limited to houses, or buildings but also the men, women, children, cattle, and wealth of the defeated party. This is precisely what unclean spirits do. When an evil spirit enters a person their whole life is possessed by this demonic spirit. This includes their mind, emotions, physical body, finances, and most importantly their spirit. *"For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed..."* Acts 8:7 (NKJV) See these unclean spirits had taken their hosts captive.

*"And when He [Jesus] had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones."* Mark 5:2-5 (NKJV) This man was possessed by Legion meaning many unclean spirits. They were so powerful that this man could not be restrained at all. He desperately needed to be set free. Freedom was his destiny as far as Jesus was concerned. Jesus commanded the demons to leave this man and they, *"...begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea."* Mark 5:12-13 (NKJV) These demons then possessed the power to enter and kill a whole herd of swine! They overtook and possessed them wholly causing them to kill themselves! Yet another vindicated comparison.

*“...a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV)*

However, this military term *shaba* comes in a positive form as well in the New Testament to illustrate the redemptive mission of Jesus as He proclaimed liberty to the captives (Luke 4:18, quoting Isaiah 61:1). What is even better is that this power has been given to us as well! Praise God! *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

### **ISHBI-BENOB’S FUTURE**

*“But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him [David], and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “You shall not go out again with us to battle, so that you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel.” 2 Samuel 21:17 (NASB) Remember, David was not a youth anymore. Not that God would not have given him supernatural strength, but he sent others to be united with him, to fight this spiritual battle with him! God was raising them up to know their power, and authority as well!*

### **SAPH AND/OR SIPPAI**

*“Now it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants of the giant.” 2 Samuel 21:18 (NASB)*

While the name Saph also is not mentioned anywhere else in God’s Word, except for 1 Samuel, he is certainly worth the study for God does not want us ignorant concerning satan’s devices.

### **THE MEANING OF THE NAME SAPH**

The name Saph is the same as the noun **שַׁף** (*sap*), which means threshold or outer border, and was also the word used for a kind of fire beacon on this outer border.

*“Now it came about after this, that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the*

descendants of the giants, and they were subdued.” 1 Chronicles 20:4 (NASB)

While many bible scholars may insist that Saph, and Sippai were the same giant, we find no definite evidence to say this, or that Gezer and Gob were the same place either. If there were more giants than the famous Goliath, then why must one reduce them to only four more?

According to the Chronicles, Sippai was slain by Sibbecai the Hushathite at Gezer (1 Chronicles 20:4). However, book of Samuel tells of a similar encounter but calls this giant Saph and places his demise at the battle of Gob (2 Samuel 21:18). The name Sippai, is the name Saph with a final (*yod*), which denotes the outer extreme of a house, or its door’s threshold.

You see, both Saph, and Sippai had names referring to boundaries or borders, and the entrance or exterior of a home. Something to note is that this too is a characteristic of an unclean spirit, remember? They know their boundaries, and they cannot go anywhere else unless they have been given permission to do so from one in authority. “So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” And at once Jesus gave them permission...” Mark 5:12-13 (NKJV) Remember from above the demons were commanded by Jesus to leave their original host, but they had to have permission from Jesus (the Son of God) to enter the swine. All unclean spirits are under the power and authority of the ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM!

### THE NAMELESS GIANT

“And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; he also was a descendant of the giants. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan son of Shimei, brother of David, slew him.” 2 Samuel 21:20-21 (AMPC)

This giant, who remains without a name, is said to have six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot. Again, notice this giant is marked by the number six the number of imperfections.

“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,” Philippians 2:9 (NKJV)



Is it not strange that this giant would not have been given a name? Is this not a direct fear tactic in which the enemy might attempt to put a false seed into the hearts and minds of God's people that possibly a giant without a name could not be defeated? Maybe it might cause one to think, "well if it be God's will, I will be free from \_\_\_\_." How many people do you know have some ongoing problems and the doctors just cannot diagnose it? Therefore, no one knows what it is. It is possible it just might be something spiritual.

Oh, but we must not stop reading in Philippians. To continue in Philippians 2 it says, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11 (NKJV)

Name or no name we have the victory, over all demons through the name of Jesus. "He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions." Psalm 107:20 (NKJV) Well, who is the WORD? "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) Case closed satan, you lose again!

### **GOLIATH JR?**

*"There was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam."* 2 Samuel 21:19 (NASB)

Yes, this was yet another giant named Goliath. Very interesting there were two that we know of named Goliath, for the number two, according to the book Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger, indicates division.

The name Goliath comes from the verb גלה (*gala*), meaning to expose, lay bare, or remove. Here are three scriptures in which the word *gala* is used in God's Word, which give us great revelation to this giant we all have faced.

*"The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts."* Proverbs 17:14 (NKJV)

*"A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment."* Proverbs 18:1 (NKJV)

“It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.” Proverbs 20:3 (NKJV)

Just as the Word of God exposes, sifts, analyzes, and judges the very thoughts and purposes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12), satan too has his own plans to expose darkness, if it were possible. He desires for the sons of God to say things they should not and get out of their love walk and step into unforgiveness and bitterness so that he may get an advantage over on them. Goliath is all about bringing division.

If we have any darkness in our lives satan desires to use any tactic he can to expose it to others so that they may condemn us, or that we may condemn ourselves.

Remember Goliath of Gath, (the giant David killed), when approached by David was full of strife, quarrelsome, and arrogant. He was looking to reveal or uncover any darkness in David by David’s response. He was surely raging against all wise judgement. He was looking to also make David out to be a fool by being contentious. David just took care of business, His Father’s business!

David did not mess around with him, or argue with him, he only told him how it was going to be, then he destroyed him.

When these situations arise, we must *“...avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.”* 2 Timothy 2:23 (NKJV)

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 (NKJV)

### **PROOF OF OTHER GIANTS IN THE BIBLE**

*“...Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the [gigantic] Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length and four cubits its breadth, using the cubit of a man [the forearm to the end of the middle finger].”* Deuteronomy 3:11 (AMPC) Ok, just to make things a bit clear here a bedstead was like a couch. There are still many discrepancies concerning the actual size of a cubit, but most studies estimate it was somewhere between 17-25 inches. That means his couch was somewhere between

13-19 feet long and 6-8 feet wide! That is quite a couch for a regular sized person to have. Thus, makes sense that he came from a remnant of giants.

*“...All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.” Deuteronomy 3:13 (NKJV)*

Do we recall what the report of the faithless spies was to the Israelites concerning what they witnessed in the land of Canaan? *“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” Numbers 13:33 (NKJV)*

*“(The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.” Deuteronomy 2:10-11 (NKJV)*

God told Moses, *“And when you come near the people of Ammon, do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.” “(That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the Lord destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place,” Deuteronomy 2:19-21 (NKJV)*

God Himself declared, *“Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.” Amos 2:9 (KJV)*

These are not all the places’ giants are mentioned in God’s Word, so I challenge you to study this further for yourself.

### **WAR BROKEN OUT AGAIN**

In going back and looking at these scriptures we may find it interesting that over and over it is noted that, “there was war again”. You see, once Abraham was called and chosen the fight was on. The enemy has been

trying to destroy the ROYAL SEED from that moment! Nothing has changed in our day.

You see for David, and all the ROYAL SEED of ABRAHAM (i.e., the remnant), the battle only begins with a lion, and a bear. Spiritual warfare never ends for the believer; however, we are to overcome for we are born of God! *“For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.”* 1 John 5:4 (AMPC)

### **UNCLEAN SPIRITS KNOW THE SEED OF ABRAHAM-THEIR TARGET: THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*“And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him [Jesus], fell down before Him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.””* Mark 3:11 (NKJV)

Remember what happened when the *“...itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.”?* Acts 19:13 (NKJV) Here is what the evil spirit said, *“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”* Acts 19:15 (NKJV) Then that evil spirit overtook them, for they did not possess the power and authority to do what they were attempting to do.

The people declared in Luke, *“...For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.”* Luke 4:36 (NKJV)

People were also amazed in Mark as they said, *“...What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He [Jesus] commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”* Mark 1:27 (NKJV) They had never seen this kind of authority in the religious realms before!

*“[Sending Out the Twelve] And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.”* Mark 6:7 (NKJV)

The same power from on high given to the twelve and the seventy has been also given unto us! Praise God, in the name of Jesus!

*“But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem*

*and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.”*  
Acts 1:8 (AMPC)

This is obviously not a teaching on the baptism of the Holy Spirit; however, if you have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I encourage you to pursue receiving it so that you may have more power to fight. Should you have questions, please reach out to us.

### **WHERE ARE THE UNDEFEATED SOLDIERS OF TODAY?**

Where are the David's of today? Where are the Abishai's of today? Where are the Sibbecai's of today? Where are the Elhanan's of today?

For we are, “...more than conquerors through Him who loved us...” Romans 8:37 (NKJV) The phrase here more than conquerors in the Greek is the explosive word: *hupernikaō* (pronounced hoop-er-nik-ah'-o) which means to vanquish beyond, i.e. gain a decisive victory: --more than conquer, to gain a surpassing victory! This indicates that we, as the children of God and the Royal Seed of Abraham, are beyond victorious. We are super-victorious!

### **WE FIGHT WITH HIS STRATEGIES THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*“Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight—”* Psalm 144:1 (AMPC)  
It is God who teaches us, and prepares us for war every day.

First and foremost, we must recognize the enemy. *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood...”* Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) No, we are not warring against an angry neighbor, or a pesky brother or sister-in-law, or even a member of the church. This war is against the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience. You know, the same spirit that used to work in us. *“in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of*

*the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”*  
Ephesians 2:2-3 (NKJV)

We cannot expect to fight spirits in our flesh. No, a spiritual warfare must be fought with spirit. God’s Word declares, *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.”* 2 Corinthians 10:3 (NKJV)  
To effectively fight demonic spirits, we MUST fight them in the Holy Spirit.

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”* 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV).

Our weapons of warfare are not carnal, but **MIGHTY** through God to the pulling down of strongholds. What are the strongholds we need to pull down, and get rid of? They are strongholds that the enemy has put in our minds. The devil is not all present and all knowing, but he can put strongholds in our mind that will last the rest of our life **if we do not deal with them**. Therefore, we must **RENEW** our minds with the Word of God and be transformed by His Word.

When we begin to read God's Word we will gain revelations of who we really are! We are what the Word of God says we are. When His Word says, we are sons of God, we are! When His Word says He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm, He has! It is this way because God said it is. Our lives are programed by what we say.

### **THE FULL ARMOR**

The next reinforcements make up the *panoplia* of God. *Panoplia* is a Greek word which referred to the full suit of armor worn by "hoplites," who were heavily armed infantry soldiers of ancient Greece.

The armor consists of seven pieces altogether which, according to Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger, is the number of spiritual perfections. Three of which are for quality or ability and include the girdle, the breastplate, and the shoes. Two are weapons of defense which are the shield, and the helmet. Finally, two are for offense the sword, and the spear.

This spiritual armor is designed for spiritual battle and is effective, “...for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (NKJV)

What is so amazing about this armor is like everything else in the spiritual realm it cannot be seen with the natural eye but, is more powerful than anything that can be seen in the natural.

We may not have all the answers yet, but if we are allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit then we are in the will of God, no matter how we feel in the natural, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight”*. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

Now let’s look, in detail, at the weaponry, and armor of an overcoming soldier in the army of God, according to the Word of God.

### **THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS/INTEGRITY**

The first powerful piece of armor we will discuss is the breastplate of righteousness/integrity. *“Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,”* Ephesians 6:14 (AMPC)

As Jesus is, so are we in this world. Jesus, as our example wore righteousness in His warfare also:

*“And righteousness shall be the girdle of His waist...”* Isaiah 11:5 (AMPC)

*“For [the Lord] put on righteousness as a breastplate or coat of mail...”* Isaiah 59:17 (AMPC)

To wear the breastplate of righteousness/integrity we must practice righteousness which is being a doer of God’s Word.

*“...He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.”* 1 John 3:7 (NKJV)

## WE ARE SURE FOOTED, AND PREPARED

Next on the checklist is, “...*having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the [firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.*” Ephesians 6:15 (AMPC)

“...*As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings! [How welcome is the coming of those who preach the good news of His good things!]*” Romans 10:15 (AMPC) We stand in advancement of the good news and assist others also in warfare as we engage in it ourselves.

“*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*” 1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

## SHIELD OF FAITH

Then we must, “*Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].*” Ephesians 6:16 (AMPC)

Flaming missiles? See back then they would light arrows on fire and shoot them, hence they were called flaming missiles. Meditate on this, we can quench ALL flaming missiles that the enemy shoots at us!

This shield is none other than Christ Himself, the Word of God. “...*the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...*” John 1:14 (NKJV) “...*the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield...*” Genesis 15:1 (NKJV) “...*His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*” Psalm 91:4 (NKJV) We cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word, and this is how we obtain the shield to quench the fiery darts of the enemy for, “...*faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

## HELMET OF SALVATION

“*And take the helmet of salvation...*” Ephesians 6:17 (KJV)



This too was something that our Master Jesus wore in His battles as an example to us. “...*And a helmet of salvation on His head...*” Isaiah 59:17 (NKJV)

This word salvation here is *soteria*, which is Greek and #4991 in the Strong’s concordance. In short, *soteria* means we have perfect health, we are saved from poverty, we experience a preserved life, deliverance from everything, and we live in safety. When we received Christ into our lives, we received *soteria*! We wear this as a helmet just as Jesus did when He passed through the angry crowds who were seeking to kill Him. A very beneficial part of our armor!

*“But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NKJV)

### **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

*“...and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.”* Ephesians 6:17 (AMPC)

If we are doing anything for God, we are constantly in warfare therefore it is necessary that we become accustomed to living only by God’s Word, not by the doctors, lawyers, judges, governments, or any other word of man UNLESS they are speaking God’s Word.

### **IT IS WRITTEN...**

*“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”* Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

*“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”* Luke 4:4 (KJV)

What did Jesus say to the devil? IT IS WRITTEN! Satan asked Jesus if He was hungry. Of course, He was, He had been fasting! The idea is, that the devil will hit you at your weakest moment. If you study this all the way through the Word of God, that is where he always hit people, at their weakest moment. He will hit you at your weakest moment too. However, this is a great indicator to tell you where your weaknesses are. It is as if to say, “you better strengthen up, your armor is getting thin here. You better get some scriptures in here and figure out what is happening”.

That is how we can discern the enemy. You see, we can use his strategies against him as well.

*“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed”* (Believe what? The Word of God.) *“and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak,”* 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)  
We use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Therefore, Paul would say in Romans 10:8 (KJV), *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;”* That is what he is talking about, the sword of the Spirit. The only way to fight, in warfare, is to use God’s Word.

**EVERYONE IS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE; HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DEFEATED ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE IN WARFARE.**

*“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* John 10:10 (KJV) This is why Jesus, (the incarnate Word of God) came, so that through Him we could be free from the enemy!

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”* Hosea 4:6 (KJV) God does not want his people in ignorance by rejecting the truth He has freely given us. People can be in ignorance. What will you choose? Will you choose to know, and use your SWORD?

*“If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”* Isaiah 8:20 (NKJV)

Remember we began this teaching referring to David’s warfare. His prayer to God was, *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.”* Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)

We must be cautious in battle to speak the Words of God **only**. *“...those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.”* Matthew 15:18 (NKJV)

Also, we must ensure our mindset is always on Him, and things above. *“You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You,*

*Because he trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)*

The sword of the Spirit is a very critical part of the armor for, “...the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 (AMPC)

We would never buy a gun for protection, and not learn how to use it, and believe that we will just know how to use it when we need to. No way! We must take the time to gain every bit of knowledge we can, so when the enemy comes in, we can use our weapon to raise up a standard against him! **God’s Word is the most powerful weapon we will ever use!** It is better than a double-barreled shotgun any day!

#### **GOD IS WAITING FOR US TO SPEAK HIS WORD, SO HE CAN FULFILL IT**

*“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)*

We are all in spiritual warfare. As long as we are vessels of the Holy Spirit we will always be in warfare. God knew this, and that is why He gave us the ultimate, effective weapon, full of *dunamis* (power), and *exousia* (authority)! This power is His Word!

Just as the scripture says above, there is not one Word from God that will ever return void, but it accomplishes and prospers according to the pleasing of God! *“For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.” Luke 1:37 (AMPC)*

Here is what God told Jeremiah, “...*You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.*” Jeremiah 1:12 (NASB) See, God is just watching to see who will use this weapon, so He will be able to perform what His Word says! You would not get a weapon in the natural and not use it if your family was in danger, correct? Well in this spiritual

realm there are many things happening that would amaze us if we could see them all. The thing is that we can see them all when we press in!

The enemy is the most successful in attacking us in our weaknesses; however, when we find scriptures to hold on to, and confess in our areas of weakness then we will become stronger, and we have all the power needed to overcome every attack of the enemy.

In God's Word we will find scriptures for peace, love, forgiveness, sleep, anxiety, loneliness, depression, safety, prosperity in every realm, health, and all in between! Whatever issue we are experiencing a weakness in, we can find scripture in God's Word to edify ourselves by speaking it, and it (the Word) will make us strong! What did God tell Paul? *"...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..."* 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV) Paul received this revelation and passed it to us. It is through God's Word we are strong because He is watching over His Word to perform it when we use it!

### **WE DO NOT RUN JUST TO RUN- WE RUN TO WIN, TO GET THE PRIZE**

With each trial we gain more power in Christ, preparing us for the next one. **It is at what may seem to be our weakest point that we in fact are the strongest!** *"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."* 1 Corinthians 9:24 (KJV)

*"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."* 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB) Do we see that in our weakness the mighty power of Christ dwells in us so that we are strong in His strength?

We know in the natural that the darkest hour is just before dawn. If we are doing anything for God, then it is true that we are in a spiritual battle of some sort. Let us be reminded no matter how long it has been, no matter how dark it seems, no matter how we feel in the flesh; the very power or *dunamis* of Christ is being perfected in us! Paul then goes on to say, *"Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB)

We are certainly running in this race to obtain the prize. To run in a race, we must have the endurance to do so, or we will fail. *“...we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.”* 2 Thessalonians 1:4 (NASB)

We can see the trials and spiritual warfare for what they are, our perfection. James gives us sound wisdom as he declares it this way, *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”* James 1:2-3 (NASB)

Let’s put it this way, when a fire is ignited, if it is only a small fire a wind can come along and put it out very quickly. However, if that fire can grow just a tad more when it encounters the wind it only makes that fire even bigger and more powerful! Praise God, in the name of Jesus!

If we persevere, we too will obtain a story like Joseph, who said to his brothers, *“...you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”* Genesis 50:20 (NASB)

*“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”* James 1:12 (NASB)

May we be reminded that all who are successful in spiritual warfare are left behind many times, however; it is those who are approved in what they have pursued that will receive the crown of life that has been promised. Therefore, rejoice today, and endure like you have never endured before!

### ENDURANCE IN BATTLE

*“And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake, but he who perseveres and **endures** to the end will be saved [from spiritual disease and death in the world to come].”* Matthew 10:22 (AMPC)

The word **endures** in this scripture is **hupomenó** which is to remain behind when others have gone; also, to keep one’s ground or hold out. When one is rooted and grounded in the Word of God, there is a significant amount of spiritual warfare in which they must endure. That

would be why Luke wrote this in Acts. *“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.”* Acts 14:22 (KJV)  
Endurance is key in the success of spiritual warfare. *“But he who **endures to the end shall be saved.**”* Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)

We see this strong characteristic in Paul in the book of Timothy. *“Therefore I [am ready to] persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure everything for the sake of the elect [God’s chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory.”* 2 Timothy 2:10 (AMPC)

The warfare that Paul was enduring was in fact in perseverance for the sake of the elect! Endurance does not just mean putting up with difficulties and accepting them. No, we were never called to accept them, therefore we must fight! Rather than accept them, we confidently rise and challenge each difficulty with the Word of God! We are wise to never tempt God, however when we face situations where we are persecuted for the sake of God’s Word, we can confidently pursue knowing that God is backing us! We stand our ground, we refuse to back down, even if we are alone!

### **PERSISTENCE IN BATTLE**

*“Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.”* Romans 16:12 (NASB)

Another key in obtaining success in spiritual warfare is persistence. You may think it is strange to use the above scripture for spiritual warfare, however, please notice a couple things here. The first two people mentioned did work for the Lord; however, Persis (root of persistence) was beloved, and worked hard in the Lord! Remarkably interesting!

Spiritual warfare requires hard work, and a zeal to be persistent and pursue the enemy. For an example, we look to David again. *“I **pursued my enemies and overtook them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed.** I smote them so that they were not able to rise; they fell wounded under my feet. For You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me and caused to bow down those who rose up against me.”* Psalm 18:37-39 (AMPC)

Once David engaged in this battle, he had no intention of stopping until his enemies were completely consumed. Verse thirty-nine tells us it was God that gave him the strength to do so. God caused all those who rose against David to be subdued, and bow down; however, God backed David and worked with him because he was persistent.

God does not just want our enemies to cease, no God has given us the strength to destroy all their works through praying in the Holy Spirit and using His Word. Remember the Word is our Sword. It is the **S-WORD OF THE SPIRIT**. Once you begin in a spiritual battle you must have an overcoming mindset, for when the battle is over one of the contenders will be defeated. Defeat; however, is not for a believer.

We search diligently, we pursue, we track, we demolish, we overtake, we tear down, and we are more than conquerors over all works of the enemy as we are diligent in praying in the Holy Spirit and using the Word of God. It is up to us! *“He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies.”* Psalm 105:24 (NKJV)

### **WISDOM IN WARFARE**

*“You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.”* Psalm 119:98 (NKJV)

God gives us wisdom through His Word, and the Holy Spirit working together. Praying in tongues and praying the Word of God will bring in His perfect will. As we continue to pray the Word of God and pray in the Holy Spirit, we will begin to see every hidden agenda of darkness to come to light! Things will manifest for what they truly are.

*“For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come out into the open.”* Luke 8:17 (AMPC) God wants us to know what our enemies are planning, so that we may effectively strategize against them. *“...we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.”* 2 Corinthians 2:11 (AMPC)

God’s wisdom is hidden for the righteous; the ones who will search for it. *“He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him); He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,”* Proverbs 2:7 (AMPC)

We are reminded of what Jesus said, “...I give unto **you** power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt **you**.” Luke 10:19 (KJV) This was said unto the elect. We have all power over every demonic strategy. By and through the Word of God we render them helpless, ineffective, and inactive.

As children of God we possess wisdom, power and authority through the Word, and the Holy Spirit to destroy all works of darkness. We operate in His wisdom, with His heart, and with His strength!

*“Blessed be the Lord, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;”* Psalm 144:1 (NASB)

### SEPARATION IS NECESSARY

*“All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.”* Matthew 25:32 (NKJV)

Separation is absolutely necessary for successful spiritual warfare. As His Word says, there is a separation going on. A separation of the goats from the sheep, the wheat from the tares, the unbelievers from the believers! Yes, it happens still in the churches, just as Paul experienced here in Acts, right after many were filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. *“And he went into the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, persuading and arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God. But when some became more and more stubborn (hardened and unbelieving), discrediting and reviling and speaking evil of the Way [of the Lord] before the congregation, he separated himself from them, taking the disciples with him, and went on holding daily discussions...”* Acts 19:8-9 (AMPC) Please note that Paul continued preaching.

We are under fire right now as this separation is going on. It is in churches, families, schools, businesses, and everywhere! However, this is only a reminder that we must continue to fervently pray the Word of God, pray in the Holy Spirit, and not give up, (or give in) for when this happens, we are surely blessed! *“Blessed (happy—with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition—and to be*



envied) are **you** when people despise (hate) you, and when they exclude and excommunicate you [as disreputable] and revile and denounce you and defame and cast out and spurn your name as evil (wicked) on account of the Son of Man.” Luke 6:22 (AMPC)

Consider the description of our brother Paul, “...a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) **set apart** to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of and from God,” Romans 1:1 (AMPC)

“Yes, truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey...” Isaiah 59:15 (AMPC) In Jesus name, we too have been set apart, and chosen to be an end time warrior for God, standing in the gap, and making up the hedge! When all have forsaken you for His name, press in, for God is with you!

## **WE LOVE WHAT HE LOVES AND HATE WHAT HE HATES**

*“Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.”* Psalm 119:104 (NKJV)

A sure-fire way for a believer to remain zealous in spiritual warfare is to develop a stubborn hatred towards any spirit that is not of God. We come to completely detest all spiritual works of darkness as our minds are renewed by and through the Word of God. We simply will not tolerate any unclean spirits in and around us, and we continue to pray and believe for all others who are battling these same unclean spirits. These spirits are not welcome among such a body of believers!

*“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”* 1 John 4:1 (NKJV) We have developed a revelation of this scripture, and we know there are many spirits operating under false five-fold ministries leading His sheep astray. God hates that, therefore we do also.

*“...Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit...”* Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) Since this is a spiritual warfare, we must remember that we cannot fight this in the flesh, but it must be fought in the spirit! It is by and through the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit that we have a righteous indignation

to stand up for and defend what is true according to God's rightly divided Word and continue to fight daily.

As believers we have a responsibility to be aggressive, not passive when it comes to the things of God. As we read the Word of God, we should always pray and ask God to open the eyes of our understanding to see what He loves, and what He hates. Then, we should be ready to stand diligently in defense of what He has taught us with all that we have!

"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire." Revelation 17:16 (NASB)

### **WE ARE STRONG IN HIM, SO WE PREPARE FOR WAR**

We declare, "... **Prepare for war!** Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; **Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'**" Joel 3:9-10 (NKJV)

*"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]."* Philippians 4:13 (AMPC)

### **LIKE JESUS, WE MUST BE ABOUT OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS**

*"...Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places [of idolatrous worship]"* Ezekiel 6:3 (AMPC)

If you study high places all through the Old Testament you will find many times this is where false worship existed. In association with high places in the Old Testament you will find incense, strange gods/images/idols, altars, places of sacrifice, burnt offerings, etc. In addition, we also find that God was always commanding His people to destroy these high places with their deceptive worship. God has not changed, and He is still speaking to His people today. As we read His Word it is as if He is saying, "go up to all these high places, and destroy the devil's kingdom, for you have all you need child; you have Me and My Word".

Let us not forget where the devil took Jesus upon one of his temptations; he took him to a high place. *"Again, the devil took Him up*

on a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory (the splendor, magnificence, preeminence, and excellence) of them. And he said to Him, *These things, all taken together, I will give You, if You will prostrate Yourself before me and do homage and worship me.*” Matthew 4:8-9 (AMPC) Satan could not have had the power to give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus, unless he owned them himself.

Remember satan is, “...*the god of this world...*” 2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV) and he is, “...*the is prince of the power of the air...*” Ephesians 2:2 (KJV) correct?

However, we also must remember that God is still higher than these high places for in Micah we read, “*For behold, the Lord is coming out of His place; He **will come down And tread on the high places of the earth.***” Micah 1:3 (NKJV) Come on; He comes down from His place to tread upon the high places.

God is all about destroying all false gods, false worship, and all manner of demonic activity in the devil’s kingdom. He desires for us to use His power and go forth unto the high places and take care of His business!

## **WE STAND OUR GROUND IN THE HEAVENLY REALM...ABOVE ALL**

“*For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, And makes the morning darkness, **Who treads the high places of the earth**—The Lord God of hosts is His name.*” Amos 4:13 (NKJV)

As we see, God treads on all the high places of the earth. Then, as if that were not enough, we must understand that we too can be with God in His high place. “...*The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand and share My throne. Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.*” Acts 2:34-35 (AMPC) Stay with me here, you see God raised Jesus, “...*from the dead and seated Him at His 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 age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet...*” Ephesians 1:20-22 (NKJV) Then God, “...*made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been*

*saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” Ephesians 2:5-6 (NKJV)*

*“Marvel not [do not be surprised, astonished] at My telling you, You must all be born anew (from above).” John 3:7 (AMPC) You see born again in this scripture means born from above. In the KJV it reads born again. When we truly become born again, then we are from above, just as Jesus is.*

*“He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.” John 3:31 (NKJV)*

Since we are above all these high places, what does that mean? It means that the enemy, and all his demonic forces, are certainly UNDER OUR FEET! Praise God!

*“...the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet...” Romans 16:20 (AMPC) How could satan be crushed under our feet, if we were not also higher than the high places in his realm? This is of a truth, satan is crushed under our feet; it is our destiny as being doers of God’s Word!*

### **WE STAND CONFIDENTLY UPON THE NECKS OF OUR ENEMIES**

*“He maketh my feet like hinds’ feet, and setteth me upon my high places.” Psalm 18:33 (KJV)*

As we know this scripture is a repeat from 2 Samuel 22:34, and Habakkuk 3:19. We can confess this as we engage in spiritual warfare daily.

Look at this powerful example we have in Joshua when his army caught their enemies, the kings. *“When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came near and put their feet on their necks.”* Then what did Joshua say to them as they were standing with their feet on the necks of their enemies? *“...Do not fear or be dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies with whom you fight.”* Joshua 10:24-25 (NASB)

*“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”* Genesis 1:27 (NKJV) See, we are created in God’s image, therefore we have His strength and we not only tread upon all high places, but He has given us the necks of our enemies! We possess His power and authority to place our feet on the necks of our enemies, who are in fact His enemies, for the sake of His Word! *“You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.”* Psalm 18:40 (NKJV)

*“...thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”* Deuteronomy 33:29 (KJV) When are we going to see our enemies are liars, and God’s Word is TRUE?

God has enabled us to be beyond victory, in battling with demonic powers. *“You (this means YOU) shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.”* Psalm 91:13 (AMPC)

*“There shall no man be able to stand before you; the Lord your God shall lay the fear and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread...”* Deuteronomy 11:25 (AMPC) No man, no spirit, no demonic force at all shall be able to stand before us, for they will fall.

## **SADDLE UP AND RIDE**

*“[Sing praises] to Him Who rides upon the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice.”* Psalm 68:33 (AMPC)

Praise Him, praise Him, the one who rides upon the heavens! Praise Him who is above all, who has provided a place for us to ride with Him... ABOVE ALL!

*“So the Lord alone led him; there was no foreign god with Him. He made Israel ride on the high places of the earth...”* Deuteronomy 32:12-13 (AMPC) This is the spiritual Israel. This is the remnant!

*“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.”* Ephesians 6:12 (KJV) We learn from

Ephesians 6:12 it is the high places where spiritual wickedness is fought, for the enemy is attempting to raise himself to a place in which he has no authority or dominion. A place that is reserved for God, and His elect!

Remember we are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, our High Priest. Where exactly is Jesus? *“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;*” Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV) He is higher than the heavens! We too are with Him, higher than the heavens.

This is not something that is just intended for a carnal after-death experience. No, the saints are with Him, I mean come on, how could we wrestle not against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places...if we were not already in these high places? We are surely riding upon these high places!

*“Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”* Isaiah 58:14 (KJV) This scripture is for us, if we will receive it. God is surely enabling us to ride upon the high places, so saddle up my friend!

### **IN HIS PRESENCE WE ARE NEVER SHAKEN, NEVER CAST DOWN, AND NEVER DESTROYED**

*“...I saw the Lord constantly before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken or overthrown or cast down [from my secure and happy state].”* Acts 2:25 (AMPC)

This again was David’s confession. How many of us have this confession today? Are we constantly aware of the Lord’s presence before us? Are we beyond persuaded that we will not be shaken, overthrown, or cast down from our secure, and happy state in Christ?

Since God has, *“...raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”* Ephesians 2:6 (NASB) then, He is most certainly with us. We declare, *“My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.”* Psalms 62:5-6 (NASB)

We will not be shaken. We will not be cast down. We will not be destroyed. *“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”* 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (NKJV) The key to our success is that we are born again from above, by and through the Word of God, and that Word is being manifested in our bodies, no matter what situation we face.

We must remember the reason Jesus was made manifest in the first place. *“...The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].”* 1 John 3:8 (AMPC) The moment we truly receive in our hearts what Jesus did, then any and all works the devil attempts to perform in our lives becomes undone. For there is NOTHING the enemy can do that cannot be undone through the Word of God.

Finally, we must remember the truth concerning who will be cast down and cast out! *“...the huge dragon was cast down and out—that age-old serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer (deceiver) of all humanity the world over; he was forced out and down to the earth, and his angels were flung out along with him.”* Revelation 12:9 (AMPC)

## **WE ARE THE OVERCOMING ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM**

*“And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed], then you are Abraham’s offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise.”* Galatians 3:29 (AMPC)

Yeah, it’s ok go put on your dancing shoes, and get your praise on, no matter how dark it may look. For we **KNOW** without a shadow of a doubt that we belong to Christ, so therefore we are entitled to all the promises made unto Abraham’s seed! Let’s look at God’s Word and see some of the guarantees available to us, shall we?

God swore to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel as He said, *“...I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it*

forever.” Exodus 32:13 (NKJV) We are not alone, for it is God’s will that we are multiplied as the stars of heaven, and what do stars do? Oh yeah, they shine bright! Not only are we shining bright, but we are surely possessing all the land that God spoke of, and we shall inherit it FOREVER! FOREVER IS FOREVER!

Something else that we must not too quickly forget that God promised to Abraham was, “... your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,” Genesis 22:17 (AMPC) We are possessing the gate of God’s enemies, and His enemies are our enemies. “*For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*” Romans 4:13 (NKJV) Only by faith can we join Abraham in being heirs of the world.

“*Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*” Psalm 2:8 (NKJV) Are we expecting to receive the nations for our inheritance? Are we forgetting, “*Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.*”? Matthew 5:5 (NKJV) Come on; we are the meek! His Kingdom is coming in and through His people on earth as it is in heaven, and this is our inheritance! We must go and possess the land!

“*That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God’s children.*” Romans 8:21 (AMPC)

## **FINAL TRUTHS AND WORDS OF WISDOM CONCERNING WARFARE**

“*When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.*” Deuteronomy 20:1 (NKJV) Our warfare is spiritual so “...we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV) Also, “...we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) Not only do we walk by faith, we run by faith, and we fight by faith!



*"No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."* 2 Timothy 1:4 (NKJV)

What does this mean? As we engage in warfare daily, we must not become entangled with the *"...cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things..."* For upon these having entrance into our lives they begin to, *"...choke the word, and it [God's Word] becomes unfruitful."* Mark 4:19 (NKJV) When the Word of God has no place in us, then we have no fight in us against spiritual confederacies.

How do we truly please Him who has enlisted us a soldier in His army? We remain full of faith for, *"...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

The only way to receive faith is by, *"...by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

*"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, [this also applies to us] according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience..."* 1 Timothy 1:18-19 (NKJV)

To wage a good warfare and fight the good fight we must have a strategy. A soldier of God will use God's Word as his strategy, not only being a hearer of the Word of God but a doer also. *"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."* James 1:23-24 (NKJV) A true soldier always remembers what he looks like, for he was created, *"...in the image of God."* Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)

For if we reject having faith and a good conscience, we will be like those who, *"...have suffered shipwreck,"* 1 Timothy 1:19 (NKJV)

No, this shall be our confession in the end, *"I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7 (AMPC)

We know in trials we are blessed when we press in and do not back down. *“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”* James 1:12 (NASB)

Hence our destiny lies in wait for us. *“He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.”* Revelation 3:21 (AMPC)

For now, we continue to, *“Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.”* 1 Timothy 6:12 (AMPC)

Every believer is qualified to defeat the giants in their earthen vessels for; *“...we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.”* 2 Corinthians 4:7 (AMPC)

## EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC PRAYERS

*"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

James 5:16 (KJV)

Father in the name of Jesus, go with us to fight for us against every demonic attack of the enemy, and save us. Deuteronomy 20:4

Father in the name of Jesus, we declare that when the enemy comes in, the Spirit of the Lord arises like a rushing stream and puts him to flight! Isaiah 59:19

Father, in the name of Jesus, hear our voice, and preserve and guard our lives from all fears and terrors of the enemy. Hide us from any secret counsels, and all conspiracies of the wicked; from the insurrection and scheming of the workers of iniquity: Who use their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, which are like bitter, and venomous words. Psalms 64:1-3

Father in Jesus name, your Word says, we have an anointing from you, and You abide in us, therefore it is not necessary that we be taught by anyone else; for we trust that Your anointing teaches us concerning all things (even how to fight), and Your teachings are true. 1 John 2:27

Father in Jesus name, we ask that You give us Your wisdom to fight this battle the way You would have us to. James 1:5

Father in Jesus name, arise, and cause Your enemies to be scattered, And let those also who hate You flee. Psalm 68:1

Father in Jesus name, since we fear You, we know the angel of the Lord encamps around us. Psalm 34:7

Father in Jesus name, let Your high praise be in our mouths, and a two-edged sword in our hands to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; even to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment—For this is our honor as Your saints! Psalms 149:6-9

## OPERATIVE WARFARE CONFESSIONS

***“For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.” Romans 10:10 (AMPC)***

In Jesus name we declare that the Lamb will destroy all enemies who make war with Him, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings! Revelation 17:14

In Jesus name we declare, we have been given power and authority over serpent’s scorpions and all powers of the enemy, and nothing at all can harm us. Luke 10:19

In Jesus name we declare, as we speak Your Word Father it will go forth like a fire and consume everything that cannot endure. As we continue to speak Your Word it is like a hammer breaking all rocks even those of the strongest determination! Jeremiah 23:29

In Jesus name we declare, we are hidden from the scourge of all tongues! Job 5:21

In Jesus name we declare God has blessed us, and no one can reverse it! Numbers 23:20

In Jesus name we declare that there is not a weapon designed against us that shall thrive, and every tongue which increases against us in judgment we are condemning, for this is our inheritance as servants of the Lord! Isaiah 54:17

In Jesus name we declare, we are of God, and we have already overcome every strategy of all antichrist spirits because the power residing in us is far greater than any power of the antichrist. 1 John 4:4

In Jesus name we declare, we are not defeated by evil, but we defeat evil with good! Romans 12:21

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*“Finally, brethren, pray for us,  
that the Word of the Lord  
may have free course,  
and be glorified, even as it is with you.”*

*2 Thessalonians 3:1*

*“So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed”*

*Acts 19:20*

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