

SPIRITUAL WARFARE
AND
HOW TO PRAY OVER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
YOUR CITY, AND YOUR NATION
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INTRODUCTION

GOD’s Word, the Bible, is very clear when instructing us that we who love and follow the LORD JESUS CHRIST, are in a war. Not a war involving human armies and weapons, but a spiritual war. A spiritual war where our enemy is not only the Devil himself, but also his demons (fallen angels), principalities, and all those who do his evil work here on earth.

The Scriptures declare...

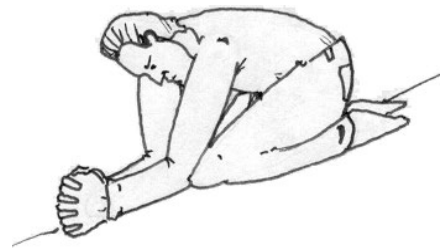
“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of HIS might. Put on the whole armor of GOD that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rules of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:10-12

In this Resource, we will not spend time or space in the study of “...*the whole armor of GOD...*”, and all that that involves. You as the reader of this Teaching may order our Resource entitled: “**Our Spiritual Warfare With Satan And His Evil Forces**” for a much more detailed handling of this very important subject.

Rather, the purpose of this study is to bring the light of GOD’s Truth to shine upon how we as soldiers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, can do battle against our before-mentioned enemy, specifically in the realm of, “**Spiritual Warfare And How To Pray Over Your Neighborhood, Your City, And Your Nation.**”

Our prayer is that this Resource will help...

- **Bring a greater glory to the LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- **Push back and defeat Satan and his evil forces in your neighborhood, city and nation**
- **Thus bring a fresh and powerful working of GOD’s HOLY SPIRIT in the hearts and lives of the precious souls that live and move within your neighborhood, your city, and your nation**



“And the LORD shall deliver (us) from every evil work, and will preserve (us) unto HIS heavenly Kingdom: to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” II Timothy 4:18

I. The Need For Spiritual Warfare And Prayer Over Your Neighborhood, Your City, And Your Nation

A. The Need Presented From The Bible, GOD's Holy Word

1) In the tenth chapter of the Book of Daniel, we find a clear example of how the evil and demonic realm of Satan, seeks to influence and control an entire geographical area. There we read...



Daniel The Prophet

“In the third year of Cyrus King of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. But I heard the sound of his words, and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. He said to me, O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you put your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your GOD, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the (spirit) prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days, then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Then he said, Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia, so I am going forth, and behold, the (spirit) prince of Greece is about to come.” Daniel 10:1, 9-13, 20

Within this passage above, we are introduced to “...*the (spirit) prince of the kingdom of Persia...*” We learn that this evil spirit-being is very strong and powerful, because he is able to do battle for 3 weeks with one of GOD's righteous messengers (i.e.-angels), over and above that geographical area of the world (i.e.-“*the kingdom of Persia*”). Apparently, this evil spirit-being (i.e.-demon), did not want the prophet Daniel to receive this very special message from the LORD HIMSELF. It is only after a much stronger, righteous angel, “...*Michael, one of the chief princes...*” comes and overpowers this demon, that the original righteous angel can finally deliver his message to Daniel from GOD! This righteous angel-messenger then shares with Daniel that he must continue his ongoing struggle with, “...*the (evil spirit) prince of Persia...*” and besides, he now expects, “...*the (evil spirit) prince of Greece...*” to come and oppose him as well!

This portion of Scripture from Daniel, is a graphic illustration of what the Apostle Paul is teaching in Ephesians 6:12...



The Apostle Paul Preaching

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rules of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Notice from this Scripture, that ultimately, our spiritual warfare is “...not against flesh and blood...”, that is, human beings, but against three levels of demonic forces.

Lets define and examine each one in more detail, and in reverse order they are given in our text...

* “...*spiritual wickedness in high places*...”

These “*high places*” speak of the heavenlies. That is, our atmosphere where we live and the birds fly and, so called “outer space”. This is where the myriad of galaxies are situated that GOD has created.

* “...*the rulers of the darkness of this world*...”

These “*rulers*” speak of evil spirit-beings (i.e.-demons), that have power and authority in and over the wicked parts of our earth.

This reality is supported by the Scripture that gives us the LORD’s Commission to the Apostle Paul in Acts 26:18a...

“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and the power of Satan unto GOD, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...”

* “...*principalities and powers*...”

Bill Gothard, in his publication entitled: “Life Purpose-Volume 2”, describes this level in the following way...

“A **municipality** is an area of land over which there is governmental jurisdiction. A **principality** is an evil spirit-ruler over an area of land. There are “**principalities**” over nations, cities, and districts.”

Mr. Gothard proceeds to explain that...

“As we overpower these “*principalities*”, there is freedom for the Gospel to reach the people and to bring a marvelous turning to GOD. If, on the other hand, we fail to deal with these “*principalities*” effectively, the Gospel is hindered and people in that jurisdiction coldly reject it.”

- 2) In Jude 1:9, we discover another example of spiritual warfare between righteous and evil spirit-beings over and above us...

“Yet Michael the arch angel, when contending with the Devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The LORD rebuke thee.”

The literal idea in the original language, gives us a picture of Michael, one of the LORD’s righteous angels, “arguing” with “...*the Devil...*” himself “...*about the body of Moses...*”

B. The Need Presented From Christian Ministry And Experience

- 1) A powerful example is given to us through the CHRISTians in South Korea...

Following the Korean Conflict, CHRISTians in South Korea built bleachers facing the Northern border. Early each morning, hundreds of thousands of CHRISTians filled the bleachers and prayed that GOD would protect their borders from the threat of Communist attack from the North.

In their prayers they also came against the principalities over South Korea. GOD heard their prayers, and as a result, millions of South Koreans have responded to the Gospel. When CHRISTian leaders from South Korea took the Gospel to other countries, they did not have the same reception or results.

However, when groups from other countries came to South Korea, the Koreans suddenly became open to the Gospel and responded to the message of salvation.



The Border Of North & South Korea

- 2) Another illustration comes to us from Cordoba, Argentina...

During the 1978 world soccer finals in Cordoba, Argentina, two hundred CHRISTian young people attempted to witness to the crowds. As they fanned out through the people and tried to witness and distribute tracts, they were ignored and rejected. People tossed the tracts aside.

During a time of prayer, the young people discerned that the demonic principality over that region was pride. The people were very sophisticated, fashion-conscious, and materialistic.

The CHRISTians determined that the only way to deal with this principality was to conquer it through humility. As they believed GOD was directing them to do, they went to a major shopping mall, scattered themselves among the people, and fell on their faces before the LORD in full view of those who passed by.

Immediately there was a change of attitude among the people. Large crowds gathered around the students to watch and listen. Men, women and children asked the missionaries to autograph the tracts which they now gladly received. People in the mall dropped to their knees, repented of their sins, and received CHRIST as their SAVIOR. The leader of the group observed, “The intimidation of the enemy was broken along with our own pride.”

3) A final example to illustrate this truth is given to us from Grand Rapids, Michigan...

There is a section in this city called, “The Heartside Neighborhood.” When “The Inner-city Church Planting Mission” first began ministering in this area in the 1980’s, the specific sins that were prevalent in this part of the city were...



The “Heartside” Neighborhood
Of Grand Rapids

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| *Immorality (especially prostitution) | *Drunkenness |
| *Illegal drug abuse | *Mental Confusion |
| *Bitterness | *Murder |
| *Apathy | *Violence |
| *Blasphemy | *Profanity |
| *Hopelessness | *Anger |
| *Hatred | *Slothfulness |
| *Discouragement amongst CHRISTians that would lead to “Burnout” | |

If you were someone who was spiritually wise and sensitive to this reality, as you approached and moved within this area, you could sense the heavy, dark presence and oppression of these specific, evil principalities and powers. Then as you departed the neighborhood, you could latterly “feel the relief” from that before-mentioned heaviness and darkness!

To illustrate how the enemy can have this influence in a specific building, there was once a hotel within this same part of Grand Rapids, where upon entering, you were immediately confronted with the same over whelming, evil presence. The same specific sins noted above, were similarly being committed regularly by the residents and visitors of this hotel.

II. The Need For Knowing And Understanding How The Enemy Is Working Your Neighborhood, Your City, And Your Nation

Already in this study, we have learned much about how our enemy is active over and within our neighborhoods, our cities, and our nations. Also, as noted earlier in our study, you can order The I.C.P.M. Resource entitled: “**Our Spiritual Warfare With Satan And His Evil Forces**”, for a much more detailed handling of this subject. Within this Resource you will learn such truths as...

- “The History Of Satan And His Evil Forces”
- “The Names And Titles Of Satan And His Evil Forces”
- “How We Are To Fight Satan And His Evil Forces And Have Victory”
- “What Is The Future Of Satan And His Evil Forces?”

Yet it would be profitable at this point in our study, to highlight the portion of the above Resource entitled: “**How Does Satan And His Evil Forces Work?**” The following material is based on the Scripture that instructs us, “...*we are not* (to be) *ignorant of* (their) *plans.*”

II Corinthians 2:11b

A. They Work Through A Chain Of Command

In Revelation 9:1-11, the Apostle John describes for us a future incident where demons are released from “...*the bottomless pit...*” (v.2), to bring great “*torment*” (v.5), to the inhabitants of earth. It is then in verse eleven that John says...

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.”

The fact that these demons “...*had a king over them...*”, tells us of an evil hierarchy within their kingdom, where some demons have more authority than others. In relationship to this study, this would include higher-ranking demons over greater expanses of territory and lower-ranking demons over lesser amounts.

B. They Work Through Human Beings

1. Through the wicked

When JESUS once rebuked the Jewish religious leaders of HIS day, HE said to them...

“Ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.” John 8:44a

If we are to be effective in our struggle against Satan and his evil forces, we must never forget that many times they work through the unbeliever. Biblical illustrations of this would be...

- Cain (see Genesis 4:8)
- Balaam (see Numbers 22-24)
- Herod (see Mathew 2:16)
- Judas (see Luke 22:3-6)

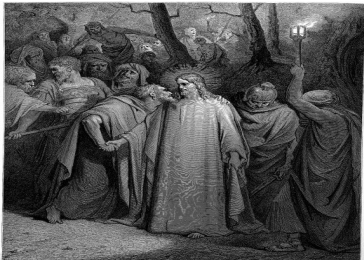


More contemporary illustrations would be...

Cain Killing Abel

- Present evil rulers
- Illegal drug “pushers”
- Rapists
- Many “religious” leaders (i.e. – cults)
Many false religions were started by the founders of these religions being visited by so called “angels”. Mohammad (Islam); Joseph Smith (Mormons). If indeed a being did visit them, it was a demon, not a righteous angel from God (See II Corinthians 11:14b-15)
- Alcohol makers and sellers
- Pornographers

Scripture clearly teaches that Satan and his demons desire to indwell human beings. It would seem that when they are able to accomplish this, they can do their most effective destruction. Following are several illustrations from Scripture that prove this...



Judas Betraying CHRIST

a.) *“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest...”*(i.e. – possession of a human being). Matthew 12:43

b.) *“And (JESUS and HIS disciples), came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when (JESUS) was come out of the ship, immediately there met HIM out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit...”*

Mark 5:1-2

c.) *“Then entered Satan into Judas sur-named Iscariot being of the number of the twelve.”* Luke 22:3

d.) *“And it came to pass, as we (i.e.- Paul and Luke), went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of a divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by sooth-sayings, the same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, ‘These men are the servants of the MOST HIGH GOD, which show unto us the way of salvation.’”* Acts 16:16-17

2. Through The CHRISTian

Just as Satan and his evil forces are able to work through the wicked, so they are able to work through the CHRISTian. Although they cannot indwell the CHRISTian, (See II Corinthians 6:14-16), Scripture clearly teaches that they can influence us for evil through our fellow believer.

“From that time forth began JESUS to show unto HIS disciples, how that HE must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took HIM, and began to rebuke HIM, saying, be it far from THEE, LORD, this shall not be unto THEE. But HE turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind ME, Satan, thou art an offense unto ME, for thou savorest not the things that be of GOD, but those that be of men.” Matthew 16:21-23

C. They Work Through Deception

“When (Satan) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it.” John 8:44c

Deception is perhaps Satan’s greatest means of warfare against us. As the Scripture above asserts, *“...he is a liar...”*, and the source of all lies! Indeed, deception was how he was successful in getting the first human beings to sin (See Genesis 3:1-7), and he has been using the same tactic ever since.

When speaking of the judgment of Satan and his evil forces in the end, Scripture records...



The Judgment Of Satan

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world, he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:9

Notice from this Scripture that we are all guilty of falling prey to Satan’s deceptive ways. Whether it be through more obvious means of such evils as illegal drug abuse, drunkenness, and sexual immorality, or, through his more subtle ways of lying, cheating and stealing.

Satan and his evil angels are so deceptive, Scripture tells us that they can even make themselves appear to us as GOD’s righteous angels...

“...for Satan himself transformeth himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing of his ministers also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.” II Corinthians 11:14b-15

D. They Work Through Spiritual Blindness

“But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of CHRIST, WHO is the image of GOD, should shine unto them.” II Corinthians 4:3-4

This Scripture is speaking about those that are without CHRIST of course. According to this Scripture, Satan’s desire is to keep the unsaved “lost”. He accomplishes this by blinding their minds to “...the glorious Gospel of CHRIST...”, which is the only means by which they can be delivered from the condemnation and judgment of their sins.

JESUS HIMSELF gives us further insight into how Satan is successful in this. When explaining the parable of the sower in Mark chapter 4, HE explains what HE meant by the seed which, “...fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.” In verse 15 HE says...

“And these are they by the way side, where the Word is sown, but when they have heard, Satan comes right away, taking away the Word that was sown in their hearts.”



JESUS Preaching

E. They Work Through Surrendered Ground

“Neither give place to the Devil.” Ephesians 4:27

“place” (Greek: topos) = ground

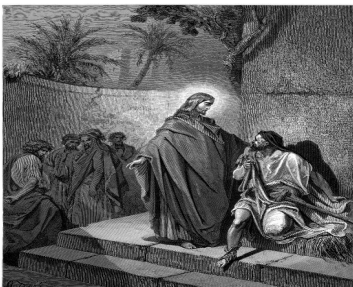
According to this Scripture, Satan seeks to acquire “ground” in our lives. That is, he seeks to take more and more control over our soul (i.e.- mind, will and emotions). This happens as we surrender “ground” through persistent sins in our lives. From that surrendered ground, Satan “attacks” us in our mind, will and emotions.

One sin that Satan uses to gain ground in our lives is bitterness [i.e.- unforgiveness] (See II Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:26, 31-32). Using bitterness as an example, the following diagram with explanations helps us to understand how Satan works in this way...

- According to Ephesians 4:26-32, we surrender an area of our souls to Satan when we are bitter toward someone. Satan then has the legal right to construct a stronghold of his property.
- A stronghold is a way of thinking that is contrary to GOD’s will. From his stronghold, Satan torments us with fear, anger, worry, and other destructive emotions.
- GOD tells us in Scripture that HE will turn us over to the tormentors if we do not forgive our offenders (See Matthew 18:34). If we try to fight the tormentors, Satan simply retreats to his stronghold and waits for another opportunity to attack. (Note: The above diagram and explanations are from pp.2-3 *Weapons Of Truth Series* Institute Of Basic Life Principles)

F. They Work Through Inflicting Physical Ailments

Certainly not all physical maladies are a result of Satan and his evil forces. Many are from the LORD HIMSELF (See Exodus 4:11). However, it is very evident from the testimony of Scripture, that Satan and his evil forces are very successful in using this tactic against both CHRISTian and non-CHRISTian alike. Following are several means in which they employ this weapon...



JESUS Healing The Lunatic

1. They can inflict dumbness

“As they went out, behold, they brought to (JESUS) a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake...” Matthew 9:32-33a (See also Matthew 12:22; Mark 9:17)

2. They can inflict blindness

“Then was brought unto (JESUS) one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb, and HE healed him, in so much that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.” Matthew 12:22

3. They can inflict destructive behavior

“And they brought (a possessed boy) unto (JESUS), and when he saw HIM, straight away the spirit tare him, and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And (JESUS) asked his father, how long is it ago since this came unto HIM? And he said, of a child. And oft-times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him...” Mark 9:20-22 (See also Mark 5:5; Luke 6:18; 9:39)

4. They can inflict infirmities

“And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And (JESUS said), ought not this woman...whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” Luke 13:11, 16 (See also II Corinthians 12:7)

5. They can inflict death

“...(the Devil) was a murder from the beginning...” John 8:44b

G. They Work Through Cursed Articles In Our Possession

“What say I then? That the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to GOD, and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.” I Corinthians 10:19-20

Here the Apostle Paul warns us about *“idols”* used in the worship of *“devils”*. According to Paul, to be associated in any way with these *“idols”*, is to *“...have fellowship with devils”*

There are of course millions of these *“idols”* around the world today, and they are becoming more and more prevalent in America. However, we should be alert to the fact that Satan and his evil forces also work through articles *“indirectly”* associated with this demon worship! Following are some examples...

- Evil music
- Horoscope books and magazines
- “Toys” and “Games” (i.e.-ouiji boards, tarot cards, cabbage patch dolls, etc.)
- Eastern “religious” books
- Occult comic books and novels
- Hypnotic tapes



Cursed Items Must Be
Cleansed From Our Lives And Homes

III. The Need For Discerning The General And Specific Principalities And Powers That Are Over Your Neighborhood, Your City, And Your Nation

A. General Principalities And Powers

What is meant by “General Principalities And Powers” here, is those “Principalities and Powers” that are common and prevalent in every neighborhood, city and nation in the world. Listed below are several of these...

- *Pride
- *Unbelief
- *Anxiety
- *Fear
- *Selfishness
- *Spiritual Blindness
- *Hard-heartedness
- *Hopelessness

B. Specific Principalities And Powers

By “Specific Principalities And Powers”, the emphasis is concerning those “Principalities And Powers” that are more unique to that particular neighborhood, city and nation. Following are several examples...



- 1) Over the country of Haiti: Witchcraft
- 2) Over the country of Saudi Arabia: Islam
- 3) Over parts of the nation of India: Classism
- 4) Over parts of the city of Detroit in the country of The United States: Violence
- 5) Over parts of the city of Paris in the Nation of France: Immorality

Remember two illustrations given earlier in our study...

- a.) During the 1978 world soccer finals in Cordoba, Argentina, two hundred CHRISTian young people attempted to witness to the crowds. As they fanned out through the people and tried to witness and distribute tracts, they were ignored and rejected. People tossed the tracts aside. During a time of prayer, the young people discerned that the demonic principality over that region was pride. The people were very sophisticated, fashion-conscious and materialistic.
- b.) That section of the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan (here in the United States), called, “The Heartside Neighborhood”. As “The Inner-city Church Planting Mission” began to minister in this area in the 1980’s, some of the specific and unique “...principalities (and) powers...” that were discerned as being prevalent were...

- *Immorality (especially prostitution)
- *Drunkenness
- *Illegal drug abuse
- *Mental Confusion
- *Violence
- *Profanity
- *Hopelessness
- *Bitterness

There may be others that we do not know of yet, but following are 50 evil “principalities”, both general and specific, that we have identified over the years, and are praying for the LORD to rebuke and defeat within the cities and countries of the world...

- *Pride/Selfishness
- *Unbelief/Spiritual Blindness
- *Hard-heartedness
- *Addiction (alcohol/illegal drugs)
- *Doubt
- *Rebellion/Disrespect of Authority
- *Violence
- *Hopelessness
- *Blasphemy/Profanity
- *Religiosity/False Religions/Idols/Witchcraft/Animism
- *Discouragement that leads to burnout
- *Covetousness/Theft/Materialism
- *Resistance from CHRISTians to share the gospel
- *Ancestor worship, esp. in South Africa & Zambia
- *Racism/Classism (esp. in India)/Sexism/Humanism
- *Immorality/Lust/Sodomy/Immodesty
- *Apathy/Slothfulness/Complacency
- *Mental Confusion
- *Bitterness/Anger
- *Murder/Hatred
- *Depression
- *Fatigue
- *Strife/Division/Disunity
- *Anxiety/Fear
- *Deception/Lying
- *Evil Music



If you, your local church, or mission organization are truly serious about engaging in this type of spiritual warfare, you must seek the LORD through sincere times of prayer (sometimes accompanied with fasting! [See Matthew 17:14-21]), crying-out to HIM to reveal what specific and unique “...principalities (and) powers...” might be over your neighborhood, your city and your nation!

IV. The Need For Knowing How To Engage In Spiritual Warfare And To Pray Over Your Neighborhood, Your City, And Your Nation

A. The Spiritual Aspect – Warfare Prayer

- 1) Holy Scripture gives us clear direction and insight as to how we are to engage in this type of warfare prayer, based on the Words of the Apostle Paul found in II Corinthians 4:3-4...

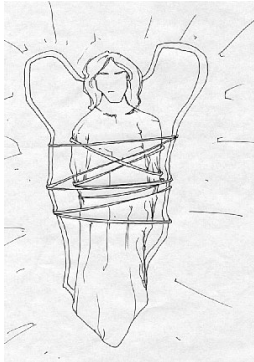
“But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of CHRIST, who is the image of GOD, should shine unto them.”

Because of this truth presented above, that, “...*the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...*”, we can cry-out in prayer as the LORD instructed us in Acts 26:18...

“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto GOD, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

2) GOD’s Word also instructs us in other places concerning other important aspects of the type of warfare prayer...

a) We Must Pray That Satan And His Evil Forces Will Be Bound



The “Binding” Of
Satan Renders Him
Powerless

“Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s house (i.e.- your neighborhood, your city, your nation), and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house” (i.e.- your neighborhood, your city, your nation)

As we have learned in this study, much of the world is under Satan’s power. He is the “*strong man*” that is in control. As we live in this world and engage in this spiritual warfare, we need the LORD to “...*bind the strong man...*”, so in a sense we can take over his kingdom (i.e.- his “house”), and “...*spoil his goods...*”.

b) We Must Pray In The Name Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in My (JESUS) Name, that will I do, that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON. If ye shall ask anything in MY (JESUS) Name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14

In the Scripture above, JESUS gives us this wonderful promise of receiving anything we ask if it is done in HIS “Name”. Surely the LORD wants us to have victory over Satan and his evil forces, thus we can be assured that HE will give us this victory as we pray for it in HIS “Name”!

Following are two Biblical illustrations of the power of JESUS’ Name in giving victory over Satan and his evil forces...

“And the seventy (disciples) returned again with joy, saying, LORD, even the devils are subject unto us through THY Name. And (JESUS) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” Luke 10:17-18

“And it came to pass , as we (Paul and Silas) went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her master much gain by soothsaying. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are servants of the MOST HIGH GOD, which show unto us the way of salvation. And this she did many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the Name of JESUS CHRIST to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” Acts 16:16-18

c) We Must Pray Through The Blood Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST



The Crucifixion Of JESUS CHRIST

“And they (the saints) overcome him (the Devil) by the blood of the LAMB...” Revelation 12:11a

Satan and his evil forces hate the blood of CHRIST, for it was HIS blood shed at Calvary that defeated them once and for all, and eternally stripped them of their spiritual power. This is why we claim the blood of CHRIST in our spiritual warfare, Satan and his evil forces must flee in retreat and defeat!

d) We Must Pray That The HOLY SPIRIT Will Now Be Sent By GOD The FATHER To Do HIS Powerful Work

1) Convicting the CHRISTians in that particular area to repent from known sins and live more GODly lives

“Elect according to the foreknowledge of GOD the FATHER, through sanctification of the SPIRIT, unto obedience...” I Peter 1:2a

2) Convicting the non-CHRISTians in that particular area to see their lost condition and their need of CHRIST and HIS salvation

“And when HE (the HOLY SPIRIT) is come, HE will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement...” John 16:8

B. The Practical Aspect - Physical Position

1) Finding A High Place Overlooking Your Neighborhood, Your City, Your Nation

There seems to be something advantageous about being able to engage in this type of warfare prayer when overlooking your neighborhood, your city, and even your nation if possible.

Whether it be a tall building, a high hill, or even a mountain, when warfare prayer can be made overlooking a particular area, there is a special spiritual power that seems to accompany this visual!

2) Finding A Special Place Within Your Neighborhood, Your City, Your Nation

Whether you and your fellow-laborers can find a “high place” to pray over a particular area or not, many CHRISTians, churches, and mission organizations have found it very fruitful to engage in this type of warfare prayer “on the streets” as it were.

Many CHRISTians have regularly participated in “prayer-walking” around their neighborhood or city, or, directly in front of certain businesses, government facilities, or residences, and have witnessed GOD working in miraculous ways!



A Street In Tecate - Mexico

We here in our hometown of Grand Rapids, have seen many individuals coming to CHRIST for eternal salvation, and evil businesses (such as pornography stores, taverns, houses of prostitution) closed down, because of these “prayer-walkers”! On the other hand, we have witnessed honest and legitimate businesses prosper because of our prayers.

Remember the two powerful results from this type of warfare prayer given earlier in our study...

a) From Cordoba Argentina...

During the 1978 World soccer finals in Cordoba, Argentina, two hundred CHRISTian young people attempted to witness to the crowds. As they fanned out through the people and tried to witness and distribute tracts, they were ignored and rejected. People tossed the tracts aside.

During a time of prayer, the young people discerned that the demonic principality over that region was pride. The people were very sophisticated, fashion-conscious, and materialistic.

The CHRISTians determined that the only way to deal with this principality was to conquer it through humility. As they believed GOD was directing them to do, they went to a major shopping mall, scattered themselves among the people, and fell on their faces before the LORD in full view of those who passed by.

Immediately there was a change of attitude among the people. Large crowds gathered around the students to watch and listen.

Men, women, and children asked the missionaries to autograph the tracts which they now gladly received. People in the mall dropped to their knees repented of their sins, and received CHRIST as their SAVIOR.

The leader of the group observed, “the intimidation of the enemy was broken along with our own pride.”

b) From South Korea...

Following the Korean Conflict, CHRISTians in South Korea built bleachers facing the Northern border. Early each morning, hundreds of thousands of CHRISTians filled the bleachers and prayed that GOD would protect their borders from the threat of Communist attack from the North.

In their prayers they also came against the principalities over South Korea. GOD heard their prayers, and as a result, millions of South Koreans have responded to the Gospel. When CHRISTian leaders from South Korea took the Gospel to other countries, they did not have the same reception or results.

However, when groups from other countries came to South Korea, the Koreans suddenly became open to the Gospel and many were saved!

CONCLUSION

We trust that this Resource has indeed brought to light how we as soldiers and followers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, can be more effective in our spiritual warfare against Satan and all of his evil hosts.

Our prayer is that this Resource will be used to assist you in carrying out your part in this warfare-prayer, and thus witnessing the powerful experience of seeing your spiritual enemies pushed back and defeated in your neighborhood, your city, and your nation!

As our Great and Mighty GOD accomplishes this through your intercessions, may you then see a fresh and powerful working of GOD's HOLY SPIRIT in the hearts and lives of the precious souls that live and move within your neighborhood, your city, and your nation!

Finally, as an immediate and eternal result of your choosing to engage in this spiritual warfare, may you indeed be used to bring a greater glory to our LORD JESUS CHRIST...in your neighborhood...in your city...and in your nation!



“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, LORD, even the devils are subject unto us through THY Name. And HE said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” Luke 10:17-18

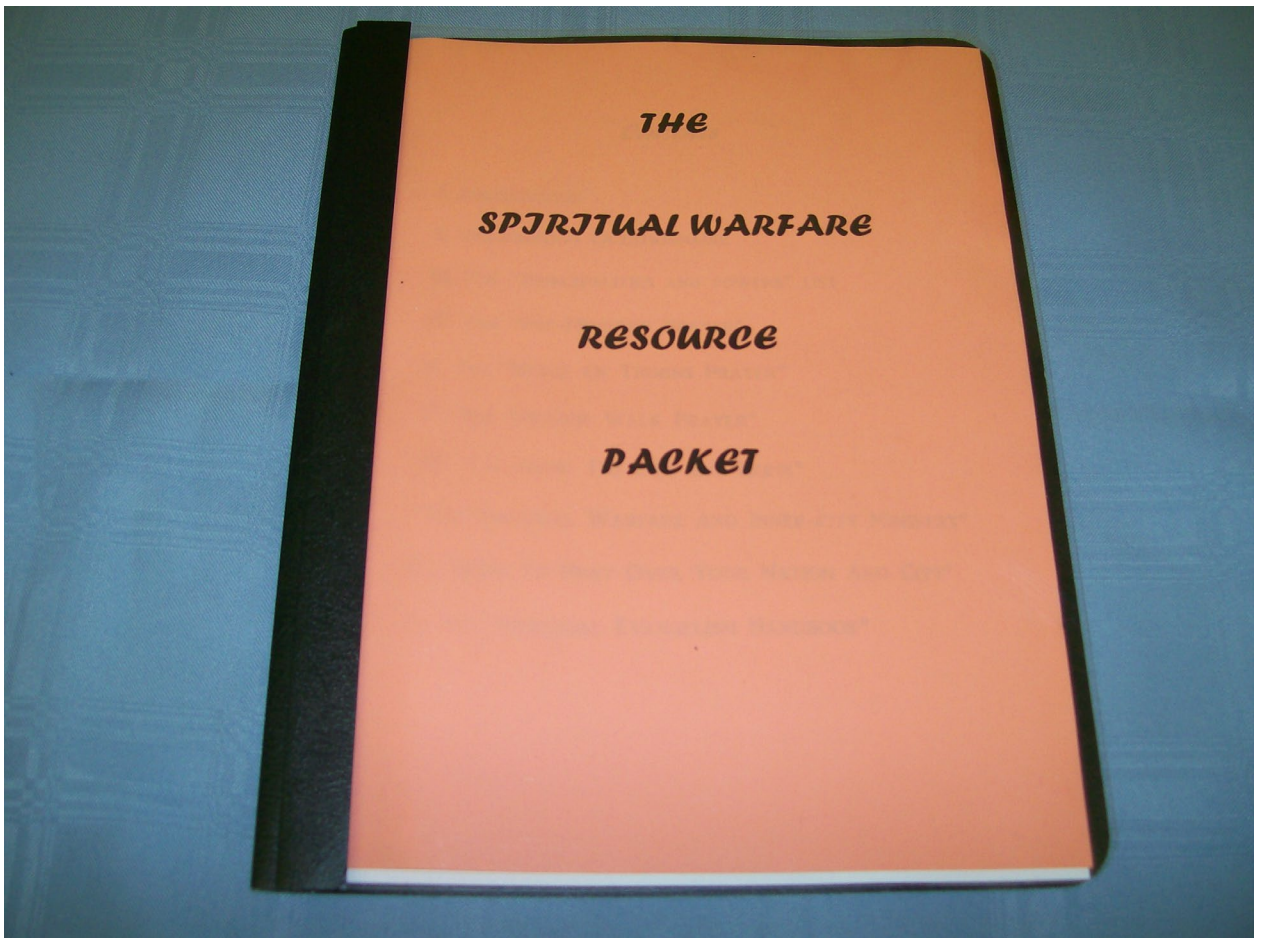
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- “Prayer Walk Preparation And Ministry”
- “The Pre-Ministry Prayer”
- “The Hedge Of Thorns Prayer”
- “Spiritual Warfare And Inner-City Ministry”
- “The Importance Of Cleansing Our Lives And Our Homes”
- “The Personal Evangelism Handbook”

At this time, we have “The Packet” in English (with accompanying CD’s), Spanish, and Haitian Creole, with more translations soon to be available.

If you, your church, or your mission organization would desire the entire “Packet”, or, just individual Teachings from within “The Packet” (free of charge!), please contact us through any one of the different means given on the back of this publication.



Note: To view an actual time of “Spiritual Warfare Prayer”, please click on the following I.C.P.M. Youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCzSUMzEPDs>