

Lesson 9

Spiritual Warfare

INTRODUCTION:

Purposes of study:

- To understand the scriptural basis of spiritual warfare
- To discover the methods and strategy of our enemy
- To learn how as a soldier we prepare for war
- To discover our weapons and how to use them

LESSON OUTLINE

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 - B. Man given dominion over the earth

- II. THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORY
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 - C. Ruler of this world shall be cast out
 - D. The Victory
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 - B. Evil is Bound in our life as we obey Him
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I. INTRODUCTION: HISTORY OF THE WARFARE

A. *In The Beginning - By Creation all Belonged to God*

Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

B. *Man Given dominion Over The Earth*

Genesis 1:28

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Psalms 8:6

Psalms 115:16

C. *The Enemy Defeats and Captures Man and his Domain*

1. To exalt his **THRONE**: to have authority, dominion and be worshipped.

Lucifer cast out

Isaiah 14:12-17

- **Brings his rebellion to the earth.**

Genesis 3 Man Deceived - He and his kingdom fell to the enemy and came under his authority and the power of sin.

- **God Declares War Gen 3:15 Rom 3:23; 5:12; 6:16; 6:23**

Genesis 3:15

*15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."*

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:16

Romans 5:12

Romans 6:23

- “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”
1 John 5:19
 - “Ruler of this world.” **John 12:31, 14:30 16:11**
2. To Extend the Kingdom of Darkness. To OCCUPY and CONTROL as much **TERRITORY** as he possibly can.
- Luke 4:5-6**

II. THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORY

A. Emptied Himself

Stepped down from His throne.

Philippians 2:6-7

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

B. Satan is the ruler of the kingdoms of this world

Luke 4:5-6

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

C. Ruler of this world shall be cast out

John 12:31

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

D. The Victory

Colossians 2:13-15

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

E. Jesus' death might render POWERLESS him who had the power of death.

Hebrews 2:14

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

1. Jesus bound the Strong man - How ?

Matthew 12:28-29

*"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can anyone **enter** the strong man's house and **carry off his property**, unless he first **binds** the strong {man} and then he will plunder his house." (NAS)*

2. Jesus carried off his redeemed property- plundered satan's house.
3. I Will Build My Church

Matthew 16:18

"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The VICTORY of the CROSS established THE POWER of the Kingdom of God over the POWER of the Kingdom of Darkness.

III. THE SITUATION TODAY

Hebrews 10:12-13 Hebrews 2:8

A. Exalted and given ALL POWER

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

B. We do not yet see all things subjected to Him

Hebrews 1:3; 2:8

Hebrews 2:8

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

C. WAITING . . . UNTIL . . .

Hebrews 10:12-13

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

D. The Kingdoms are still AT WAR - The Battle Rages

A Battle For: Power - Authority - People

E. The Church

- His victory over the powers of evil and its application in the world, is now in the hands of the church.

1 Corinthians 15:57

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Given us the victory!

Ephesians 3:10 *"to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known **BY THE CHURCH** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places" (NKJ)*

- His aggression / hatred against satan must now be expressed through us!!!

Proverbs 8:13 *"The fear of the LORD is to **HATE EVIL**; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate." (NAS)*

F. Diagnostic Questions:

1. Does my life express the hatred God has for the devil?
2. Does my life express an absolute hatred of sin, and a love and commitment to righteousness and God's ways?
3. Do I compromise for the sake of peace?
4. Do I seek my approval and acceptance from others, rather than the Lord, by accepting the ways of the world?
5. Is my greatest ambition and desire to be pleasing to Jesus at all costs?
6. Am I constantly available and obedient as a good soldier?
7. When I see the multitudes do I feel compassion for them because satan is destroying them?
8. Do I express righteous anger when I see the house of the Lord turned from a place of healing to a place of profit?
9. Do I grieve over the compromises His people make?

Romans 12:9 *"Let love be without hypocrisy. abhor what is evil; cling to what is good."*

Romans 12:21 *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."(NAS)*

IV. THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY OR METHOD

Ecclesiastes 9:14-18 (NAS)

"There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it, and constructed large siegeworks against it. But there was found in it a poor wise man and he delivered the city by his wisdom. Yet no one remembered that poor man. So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded. The words of the wise heard in quietness are {better} than the shouting of a ruler among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good."

One of the most important issues in warfare is to know and understand your enemy.

A. To HINDER the LIFE and MINISTRY of Believers

1. Stop **progress** of ministry **1 Thessalonians 2:18**
2. **Temptations** **Luke 4:1-13; James 1:13-16**

 John 14:30 " ...the prince of this world...has no hold on Me."
3. **Sickness** **Luke 13:10-17 (vs. 11, 16)**
4. **Persecutions** **2 Corinthians 11:23-27**
5. Hinders **Prayer** **Daniel 10:2-6, 12, 20-21**
6. Cause you to become **Cold, Uncaring, Lazy, Complacent** **Matthew 24:12 Ezekiel 9:4
Revelation 3:15-19**
7. Blinds **Minds** **2 Corinthians 4:4**
8. Steals The **Word** **Matthew 13:19**
9. To Kill, Steal and **Destroy**
 - a) Demon prevented speech. **Luke 11:14**
 - b) Demon prevented sight & speech. **Matthew 12:22**
 - c) Suicidal **Mark 9:22**
 - d) Infirm for 38 years **John 5:5, 14**

Psalm 97:10 "You who love the LORD, **HATE EVIL!** He preserves the souls of His saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked." (NKJ)

B. Establish STRONGHOLDS - TERRITORY or Area under his control

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

1. **Personal** strongholds

The Way We Think - Believe Satan begins by trying to **influence** us, establish a **pattern** and then slowly **control** this area and from here, **expand** his kingdom.

2 Corinthians 10:5-6

a) **Worldly** Values

(i) **Matthew 16:21-23** **Luke 16:14-15**

(ii) **Mark 4:18-19** **1 John 2:14-17**

(iii) **James 4:4**

b) **Pride**

(i) **James 4:5-10** **Isaiah 2:10-17**

c) **Unforgiveness**

(i) **2 Corinthians 2:10-11** **Hebrews 12:15**

(ii) **Matthew 7:1** **Matthew 18:21-35**

d) **Anger, Lying, Stealing, Bad Words, Slander, Bitterness, Jealousy and Selfish Ambition :**

(i) **Ephesians 4:25-32**

(ii) **James 3:1-16; 4:11-12**

e) Lusts of the **Flesh** **Galatians 5:19**

f) **Doubt** **Genesis 3:1 Luke 4:1-13**
James 1:6-8

g) Perverting the **Truth** **2 Timothy 2:24-26**
2 Corinthians 11:3

h) **Doctrines** of demons **1 Timothy 4:1**

1 Timothy 3:7 *"And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (NAS)*

2 Timothy 2:26 *"and they may come to their senses {and escape} from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." (NAS)*

2. **Family** strongholds

The sins of the fathers that produce iniquities or weaknesses toward certain types of sin in the succeeding generations.

a) **Genesis 4:23-24** As Cain killed, so did his grandsons.

Genesis 4:23-24
23 Then Lamech said to his wives:
"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!
For I have killed a man for wounding me,
Even a young man for hurting me.
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

b) Abraham lied about his wife. **Genesis 12:13;20:2**

Isaac lied about his wife. **Genesis 26:7**

c) **Evil Religions and Idol Worship:** **Leviticus 20:5**

d) **Greed - Love of Money - Corruption**

Eli and his evil sons: **1 Samuel 2:29; 3:13** (KJV)

1 Samuel 3:13 *"For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."*

e) **Immorality**

Lot and his daughters: **Genesis 19:30, 32** (KJV)

“And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. (32) Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

3. **City, tribe, people or national** strongholds

When a people as a group give themselves to a **demonic doctrine** or particular sins, this gives satan the legal right to occupy their **territory**.

The **territory** God gave them, they give to satan as they obey him in sin

Acts 17:26 Deuteronomy 32:8

- a) Adam lost his domain to satan.
- b) Ephesus' god is "Diana" the goddess of sorcery and divination.

Thus the **territory** (city, tribe or nation) like a person, can also be controlled and have an identifying evil spirituality.

- c) Each city is addressed as having responsibility for its actions.

Matthew 11:20-24

- d) The **spiritual foundation** on which a city or nation is built is very important.

Hebrews 11:10

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10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

4. **Social** strongholds

Oppression over a city by social injustice, racism, poverty and crime.

Satan particularly seems to be empowered when the sin involves:

- a) The shedding of **blood** **Genesis 4:10-12**

Psalm 106:35-38 *“sacrificed sons and daughters to demons.”*

Hebrews 12:24 *“and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than {the blood} of Abel.”* (NAS)

The blood of Abel cried out for judgment. The blood of Jesus cries out for forgiveness.

b) **Sexual perversion**

Severe Judgment

Genesis 18:20; 19:4-9

Severe Judgment

Romans 1:23-32 vs.27

5. **Ideological strongholds**

These are potentially able to affect whole cultures. The devil looks for leaders of people who will serve him and he in turn gives them power.

a) **“Prince of Tyre”** in the heavenlies and the king of Tyre on earth.
Ezekiel 28:2, 12

b) **“Prince of Persia”** and the king of Persia. **Daniel 10:20.**

Isaiah 24:21 *“So it will happen in that day, that the LORD will punish the host of heaven, on high, and the kings of the earth, on earth.”*(NAS)

6. **Demonic religious strongholds**

Deut 18:9-14

1 Cor 10:20-21

2 Cor 6:14-7:1

Established by a people rejecting the revelation of God and worshipping or serving evil spirits to ease their situation and to satisfy their spiritual needs.

2 Corinthians 11:14 *“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”* (NAS)

These demon rulers maintain their power over the centuries by:

Religious festivals, ceremonials and pilgrimages. The spiritual power released during these activities has been testified to by many; increased oppression, persecutions, demonic signs and wonders.

a) They are reaffirmation’s of the choices and pacts made by their forefathers and ancestors and extend the devil’s legal rights to rule over specific peoples and places today.

- b) These festivals, ceremonies and pilgrimages are called "TRADITIONS." Traditions sustain territorial dynasties.
- c) Witchcraft, satanism and New Age religions which invite spirit guides to operate. They empower territorial spirits by spells, curses, rituals and fetishes.

7. Church strongholds

Galatians 5:20 **Proverbs 6:19**

Sectarian Beliefs: (Sect - a group of people within a larger group having views different from those of the rest of the group.)

- a) **Division** among churches
- b) **Pride** in doctrine and beliefs
- c) Idolatry of **denominations** or particular belief systems that produce isolation from the rest of the Body.
- d) **Division** between the church (us) and the city (them).

V. OUR WARFARE

A. *First - Bind the Strong Man*

Matthew 12:28-29

"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. "Or how can anyone enter the STRONG MAN'S house and carry off his property, unless he first BINDS the strong {man} And then he will plunder his house." (NAS)

The ADVANCEMENT of the Kingdom of God is associated with "CASTING OUT DEMONS."

- **"Strong One"** - The evil spirit or spirits that occupy and control the house.
- **"Strong man's House"** or **"Stronghold"** or **"Territory"** is the person, family, group, people, nation or geographical territory in which the evil spirit or spirits are entrenched and occupy.
- **Binding and Loosing**

Matthew 16:19 "And whatever **you shall bind** on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever **you shall loose** on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 12:29 "**FIRST Bind the Strong One**"

Matthew 18:18 "Truly I say to you, whatever **YOU SHALL BIND** on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever **YOU LOOSE** on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (NAS)

- **TO BIND**

To bind, tie, to fasten

- a) to bind, to fasten with chains, to throw into chains
- b) metaphorically: -
 - (i) to bind, to put under obligation, used of the law, duty etc.
 - (ii) to forbid, to prohibit, to declare to be illicit

- **TO LOOSE**

To loose any person (or thing) tied or fastened.

To loose one bound, that is, to unbind, release from bonds, to set free

- a) to discharge from prison, to let go
- b) to do away with, to deprive of authority, by precept or act
- c) to declare unlawful

B. EVIL is BOUND in our LIFE AS WE: Obey Him

1. **SURRENDER** to the "Captain of the Hosts of the Lord" **Josh 5:13-15**
2. **CANNOT FIGHT** your enemy with SIN in the camp. **Josh 6:2; 7:11-13**

Deuteronomy 8:1, 2

"Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

(New Addition)

- a) Verse 1: **Obedience** is essential:
 - (i) for life
 - (i) to possess the land
 - b) Verse 2: The Purpose of the Wilderness:
 - (i) To **HUMBLE** us. Our PRIDE MUST BE DEALT WITH.
 - (ii) To **TEST** us. To know what is in our heart
3. The Lord is first and foremost concerned about **CHARACTER**, virtue.

Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (New Addition)

- The Wilderness was a **PLACE OF DEATH** for an entire generation that continued to grumble, complain, grow bitter and did not learn to trust and obey the LORD. They always wanted to return to the familiarity of their old ways.
 - The Same Wilderness was a **PLACE OF LIFE** for an entire generation that was born and nurtured in all of its hardness. Knowing nothing but barrenness and difficulty they learned to trust and obey the LORD and were ready for change. They were ready to move on. They were ready to fight for the Promises of God.
4. It is **YOUR DECISION - YOUR RESPONSE** to difficulties that determines if it is a place of **LIFE or DEATH** for you.

Galatians 5:17
Romans 6

Luke 9:23

WIN this battle - Learn to obey.

Then I am Ready to cross the Jordan and begin to do spiritual warfare with Principalities and Powers and take back occupied land for the Kingdom of God.

Kingdom Of God ≈ Lordship ≈
Being Ruled Over / Governed.

5. **Obedience** places you under authority

Matthew 10:1, 7-8

Luke 10:17-20

"5 chase 100 and 100 chase 10,000"

Leviticus 26:1-13

- If We Do Not Obey Him He Cannot Save Us From The Enemy's Snares.

"Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not DO what I say?"

Luke 6:46-49

- *"Repent for the Kingdom is at hand"*
(**Mk 1:14-15**)

Repentance is to turn around - Change the Direction of your life.

Repentance is a decision to obey, a response of man's will.

- God's warfare against satan is carried on by his submissive people actively resisting satan by insisting at all costs: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

C. *Put on the full armor of God*

Ephesians 6:11-17

Protecting our mind (the Battleground) for moment by moment deliverance.

1. Gird your loins with truth **John 8:31-32; 14:6; Psalm 119:160**

Who He is: sovereign - power - authority - wisdom - love - grace
What He has done and will do.

Always speak the truth. A lie opens the door for defeat

Psalm 15:1-2; Ephesians 4:15, 24-27; Colossians 3:9
John 8:44 "... father ... he is a liar "; **Acts 5:1-5** Ananias & Sapphira

2. **Breastplate of righteousness** Protects the heart. **Proverbs 4:23**

- **FIRST:** Complete faith in His Righteousness.
Philippians 3:9
2 Corinthians 5:21
1 Thessalonians 5:8
- **THEN:** "Be ye holy" **Holy Living**
1 Peter 1:13-16 **Ephesians 4:24;**
1 Timothy 6:11;
1 John 2:29; 3:3,7,10

- Victorious living begins with a holy life.

"He has delivered us from the AUTHORITY OF DARKNESS."
To tolerate any darkness gives satan a LEGAL RIGHT

Luke 11:35-36 "Take heed that the light which is in you be not in darkness."

The devil can walk in any area of darkness. Wherever there is disobedience to the Word of God, there is spiritual darkness and the potential for demonic activity.

- Only someone who is **pure in heart** and **hates evil** can move freely and unmolested into enemy territory.

Psalms 97:10

*10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.*

Proverbs 8:13

*13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate.*

- Pride gave satan an open door. **Luke 22:23-24, 31-32**

A Fall. (**James 4:6-7**)

The Result: Humility **Acts 3:12b**

- Before we do warfare, we must realize - The AREAS we HIDE in DARKNESS are the areas of our future DEFEAT.

1 Peter 5:5-9

- Victory requires His presence. **Ex 33:14; Ps 15; 24:3-6**

Exodus 33:14

14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (New Addition)

- Satan cannot accuse and bring guilt to a clear conscience.

1 Timothy 1:5, 19; 3:9; 1 Peter 3:16,18,21

3. Feet ready with the **gospel of peace**

Ready and Willing to GO anywhere, anytime to preach. Mobility

Mark 16:15 "GO into all the world and preach the gospel"

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news (New Addition)

4. The **shield of faith**

- Defense: **Proverb 30:5; 2:7; Psalm 3:3; 28:7; Romans 10:17**

Trusting in God at the moment of attack to claim God's promise in the face of satan's lies and distortion.

- Offense: Use it to ADVANCE - to Go forward.
Hebrews 11:1, 33-34; Psalm 37:3,5; 1 John 5:4-5

5. The **helmet of salvation**

Protecting our mind (the Battleground) for moment by moment deliverance.

2 Corinthians 4:4 *"the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* (NAS)

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."* (NIV)

Protected everywhere except . . . The back.

- a) NEVER turn your back, NEVER quit, NEVER give up.
- b) Roman foot soldiers fought in close ranks, side by side, shields locked. Find your place in the body, in His army. Stand Together.

D. *Our divine weapons of warfare*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"For the weapons of our warfare are . . . mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

1 Corinthians 15:57 Given us the victory!

1. **Prayer** is the key

Unless they pray, he will not act. Why???

- God originally gave DOMINION of the Earth to MAN. This has never been revoked.

- a) **Genesis 1:28**
- b) **Psalm 115:16 8:4-8**
- c) **Hebrews 2:5-8**

- Heaven wills then waits: **Hebrews 10:13**

Hebrews 10:13

13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. (New Addition)

Waits For man to become:

Angry enough

Sick enough

Tired enough

Fed up enough to pray !!!

To agree with god ⇒ enough is enough

- To Stand in the Gap for Others ⇒ Found No One Who Cares Enough to cry out to god in prayer:

- a) "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done"

This is a plea for: HIS ORDAINED ORDER to appear as it has been hindered up to now. This Means:

For His Ordained Order Concerning PEOPLE

(i) Spiritually Healed **1 John 5 16**

(ii) Physically Healed **James 5:14-18**

(iii) People Delivered **Joel 2:17**

For His Ordained Order Concerning Our CITIES, NATIONS and TERRITORIES

(i) Pray for the Nations **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

(ii) Pray for the city **Jeremiah 29:7**

(iii) Pray for the People **2 Chronicles 7:14
Psalm 2:8; 111:6**

Find out what his will is in each situation. Pray it into being.

Isaiah 9:7 “... no end to the increase of His Kingdom”

Ephesians 6:18 Supplications prevail over the disorders of this world i.e. **James 5:14-16**

- b) To push back the darkness - Expand the kingdom of God

Establish Boundaries. **Num 33:50-55 Josh 1:3; 6:2**

Intercession Means: To take back property or rights another is falsely claiming to be his.

Joshua 19:11, 22, 26, 27, 34

Psalm 44:5 “Through Thee we will PUSH BACK our adversaries; through Thy name we will trample down those who rise up against us.” (NAS)

- c) Spare thy people O Lord, do not make Thine inheritance a reproach, why should the people say, Where is their God?
Joel 2:17

- d) To cry out to the lord to bare His holy arm.

(i) Man of War (New Addition) **Ex 15:3, 6, 12**

(ii) Is My hand shortened? (New Addition)
Isaiah 50:2; 51:9 52:10

- e) Prayer looses angels and binds demons

Angel’s responsibilities are to :

(i) Worship and serve the LORD **Hebrews 1:4, 6-7**

(ii) “Render service to those who will inherit salvation” **Hebrews 1:14**

Abraham prayed for Lot - Angels delivered him.
Genesis 19

Elisha surrounded by enemy forces. **2 Kings 6:17**

Daniel in the lions’ den. **2 Kings 6:17**

Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks. **Dan 10:2,13**

Hezekiah prayed, the angel struck 185,000 Assyrians.
Isaiah 37:21,36

Delivered the apostles from prison. **Acts 5:19; 12:5-10**

2. "The sword of the spirit which is the **Word** of God"
Ephesians 6:17

a) It is powerful

Hebrews 4:12 "... living and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword..."

Isaiah 55:11 "... shall not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire . . . "

Jeremiah 23:29 "... is not My Word like a fire declares the Lord and like a hammer . . . "

Revelation 1:16 "out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword"

1 Thessalonians 2:13 "The Word of God which performs it is work in you who believe."

Psalms 107:20 "He sent His Word and healed them."

Matthew 8:8 "Lord, just say the Word, and my servant will be healed."

His rhema Word comes through communion / prayer :
Ephesians 6:18

(i) I am ready to perform My word (New Addition)
Jeremiah 1:7-9, 12, 17

(ii) Elijah stop the rain (New Addition)
James 5:17 cf. 1 Kings 17:1; 18:1

b) The militant use of the sword

Forbidding Sickness

Forbidding evil spirits to exercise authority over the life of a person.

We must persevere in all of the principles of the Kingdom.
We must continue to DO them UNTIL we see the answer.

Example: **Matthew 7:1-11** **Luke 11:1-10; 18:1-7**
We must continue to bind (forbid) and LOOSE (permit) until that which we are declaring comes to pass.

Successful Evangelism for the growth of the church and advancement of the Kingdom of God is dependent upon spiritual warfare.

Evil is bound and healing is loosed in our life and the life of others as we use:

3. The name of **Jesus**

Philippians 2:9-11 **Acts 3:6; 15-16; 4:10; 9:34; 16:16-18**

1 Samuel 17:45 **Mark 16:17** **Romans 10:13**

1 Samuel 17:45

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. (New Addition)

2 Chronicles 14:11

Psalm 44:5

4. The power of **praise**

Psalm 22:3

"God inhabits the praises"

Exodus 15:10-11

"Awesome in praises"

Psalm 149

Isaiah 42:10-13

Psalm 8:2

Psalm 76:1-3

Judah = Praise

2 Chronicles 20:22

5. The power of **preaching**

Romans 1:15-16

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15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:17-24

6. The power of **testimony** - "being a witness"

Revelation 12:11

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11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (New Addition)

7. The power of **fasting** **Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14-15**

a) To Receive Power for Ministry **Luke 4:1-2, 14**

b) Personal Revelation **Luke 2:36-38**

c) Calling and Sending into Ministry **Acts 13:1-4**

d) Victory over the flesh **Psalm 35:13**

Galatians 5:17 strikes a powerful blow against the lusts of the flesh

e) Spiritual Warfare

Isaiah 58:6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

1 Samuel 7:3-10 removed gods, fasted, prayed, defeated the enemy

2 Chronicles 20

Matthew 17:14-21 "This kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting"

VI. PRACTICAL - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ask the Lord for spiritual discernment.

1. What is wrong with this place?
2. How did it get this way?
3. What can be done?
i.e. Joshua - each city taken differently.
4. Determine "legal entrances" that have allowed satan to establish strongholds.

What sin? These sins allow satan to control the "Gates of the City"

5. How To Discover Sins
 - a) Why was the city established?
 - b) How did the city get its name?
 - c) Who were the first people living in the area?
 - d) What happened to them?
 - e) Any corruption in government?
 - f) Any slogans or mottoes?
 - g) On what principles was the city established?
 - h) Any evidence of religious deception?
 - i) Physical disasters.
 - j) Study the music, culture, architecture, art.
6. The sin must be repented of cooperatively.
An intercessor stands in the gap for his city.
 - a) **Daniel 9:5**
 - b) **Nehemiah 1:7**

c) **Ezra 9:7**

We are ambassadors for our area - territory.

John 20:23 **2 Corinthians 5:20**

7. Attack the Stronghold in the Opposite / Godly fruit of the Spirit.

Romans 12: 21 "... overcome evil with good."

i.e. greed with giving
pride with humility

8. Timing is important **John 17:1**

a) Advance Teams Praying **Luke 10:1, 18-20**

b) " " Fasting

c) " " Using the Sword of the Spirit.

Binding / Loosing **Luke 11:20-22**

d) Leadership teach their people on Spiritual warfare

e) Weapons of our warfare are not carnal (New Addition)
2 Corinthians 10:4

9. The Use of the Sword of the Spirit

a) Pray for Protection over each person on team and family members.

Read **Psalm 91** Kneel and humble yourself. Acknowledge no power or authority in us, but all power and authority in His Name

b) Confessing and Remitting of sin on the people, governments, businesses, etc.

c) Local leader with strong anointing lead in the command of faith against the territorial spirits.

Bind them - Forbid them - Break their power. Command they stop, leave, depart. Loose - permit - release the opposite or Godly Spirit to fill the void.

Matthew 12:44-45

- d) Everyone standing together in Unity as ONE in AGREEMENT.

Declaration

Deuteronomy 32:8	The Lord Has Given You This Land! Just as He gave Israel Canaan. YOU MUST FIGHT FOR IT!
Psalms 2:8	Ask Him For It. This is Your Promised Land.
Numbers 13-14	Speak the Good Report!
Job 22:28	Declare It!
Mark 11:22-24	Whosoever you will SAY
Hebrews 10:23	Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
Romans 4:17	Calls into being that which does not exist. The walls of religiosity shall come down!!! The walls of salvation shall be raised up!!
Isaiah 60:18	The king of glory shall come in!!!

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