

WORLD TRUMPET MISSION – PRAYER TEACHINGS

7 – COMBAT IN THE HEAVENLIES Spiritual Warfare (1)

It is not easy to come for prayer. As I have been telling you, the devil can endure a sermon. He can let you go and evangelize. He can let you prophesy. You can be an apostle in many nations but if you start to pray effectively, and in righteousness, that is where the trouble begins. Many in church hold big positions and big names, they have big work to do in the ministry; however, the devil will not fight with you because you are busy doing the work of God and not contending with the kingdom of darkness.

The moment you start to pray and touch the things of the kingdom of darkness, one of the things that will show you are in your position; is trouble. Whenever you see that, don't just step back, don't quit. It shows that you have started to take your legal ground in the kingdom of God. The devil cannot fight you unless you are doing something against his kingdom. We are in constant combat.

In a war there are many battles. You may say "I have been passing through many hard situations, the enemy has been fighting me". Maybe you prayed and got a breakthrough. That was one battle in the war. In your Christian walk you will come against attack of the enemy but God has not destined you for any defeat in your life. You are always the winner; one who overcomes the enemy. One thing you have to keep in your mind, whatever circumstances may come your way, ask yourself, "Do I have my personal fellowship and relationship with God?"

Prayer is the way we come into partnership with God so that we can declare His will here on earth as in heaven. We become workers together with Him. It is not easy because there is another kingdom contending with the kingdom of God. The devil will not go without a fight. The moment you say, "I am going to pray," you have declared war.

The moment you start to pray the devil will start to attack immediately. He will not wait till you put on the full armor of God in order to attack you, so don't be afraid of what you are going through. It shows you are doing something against the enemy. The devil is losing something, so he has to fight back.

The bible says we are not contending with flesh and blood but with rulers, with powers in high places, principalities, and authorities. There are different ruling spirits in the kingdom of the enemy. There are demon gods who rule over the family, others over a village, others over a city, and others over a location, or province and the nations etc. You must know where your legal authority over those powers stops. There are areas of spiritual warfare where you cannot go into in your own authority on a personal basis.

2 Corinthian 10³⁻⁶

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 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. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete

The weapons we fight are not carnal. They are mighty through God to pull down strongholds. There are different weapons. The body of Christ is not just full of members, but an army. I see ministers God is raising up in this nation to take the gospel to all part of it so that when you are out there you will know how to deal with different demons gods in areas.

Before you can do spiritual warfare, you must first deal with your life. You have no authority unless you first have your personal relationship with God. It is not automatic that every Christian will engage in spiritual warfare. We start by telling you to repent, over generational curses, bondages, unforgiveness, woundedness bitterness etc because these bind you, so that you cannot contend with the kingdom of the devil when these things still have a claim in your life. We have to break every chain through repentance and the blood of Jesus. There we are setting ourselves free so that the anointing for warfare may come and rest in our life.

Before Jesus could enter into ministry and spiritual warfare, He went to the wilderness. He did not take Himself. The Spirit of God led Him to the wilderness for 40 days and nights. Doing what? Creating that personal relationship with the Father before ministry and contending with the kingdom of darkness in the spiritual realm.

On coming out of the wilderness, the first word that came from His mouth was "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Because He has anointed Me to preach the good news, set captives free, to open prison doors, to declare the year of God's favor." Why? He had legal ground to work from. He had prepared his heart. He had come as a son of man therefore He was showing us what to do first, before we can go on in ministry and spiritual warfare. Our personal devotion before God is very essential before God.

Seek God. There are things in your life you will only begin to notice through fasting and prayer and humbling yourself before God to search you. Areas like generational bondages, personal character traits that may be so much a part of you that you don't notice how they bind you. There may be habits, which you have conformed to because of the world system around you and you don't realize it does not please God because it is so much a part of your life, etc. If you don't deal with your life, you will get the backlashes from the enemy. He will ask you "Where did you get legal ground to attack me when you have this and that covenant, or generational curse from me?" Then he strikes you.

Don't just come against any principality or power where you don't have authority. Let me give you this hint- on your personal basis, you can come against spirits that are connected to your life. You have the authority to wage spiritual warfare over your personal life against spirits that come through your clan, tribe etc. For instance, you find you are ever angry or have another character trait you cannot explain. That is a spirit you have to come against. After repentance over it, calling the blood of Jesus to cleanse you, after denouncing all covenants and curses attached to it in any way, then you can come against the spirit of anger, lust, etc certain things that come your way. You have legal ground on that. Then after that you ensure that you destroy anything that feeds into that spirit. For instance, if you have a sexually lustful spirit, do not feed it

You can come against spirits that come over your family, together with your family at your altar. There may be spirits coming from your spouse's family lineage. You have no legal ground there because you are not of the bloodline. You can only do legal warfare over your own family lineage. However there is a way which you can wage warfare concerning your spouse's family bondage.

We cannot come against the spirit that rules over the city as one church. We can only come against the spirit that rules over our community. Beyond our village we cannot come against other areas because we have no legal ground. If we want break through we can only do it in our village and then raise up other churches to pray for a wider coverage and greater level of authority. If the other churches don't pray like your church, then your church will be in trouble.

For example, this is Town X. Prayer for any community starts with repentance. We repent on behalf of Town X. We repent of all curses, incantations that people made over the city, of the name of that city and the power that is behind it, and then repent of the blood sacrifices they made in any way that defiled the land.

After that, we cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus, and then we contend with those spirits. God will give us breakthrough. If we are actively prayerful and other churches are not in prayer, there will be communication with the spirit realm. The demons call other spirits and they say "there are people trying to pray, come and help". If the heightened prayer does not go to other churches, within few months, this one church will be hit because other churches are not praying. We are in danger. Devils will come attacking and attacking. As we receive this message we must share with others around and begin to pray like Jesus asked "Pray for more laborers. The harvest is ripe but laborers are few." We need to pray that God will raise a greater desire in people to intercede for the community and the city and nation.

On personal basis don't come against the spirits that rule over town, city, village etc. Brothers and sister even if you are too spiritual, you don't have a legal ground there. Maybe your work will be destroyed; maybe some things in your family will be destroyed because you are touching a place where you have no authority. That is why God is calling for unity in His body. When you are united with your family it is very easy to demolish the demons coming against your family. If it is a village or

community, it is very easy, if different families in the church come together and we pray against the spiritual ruler over the area, and in a short time you will begin to see changes taking place.

When many churches join together, those people from other churches, come with the ministerial anointing from their churches and your church has ministerial anointing. When people come from different corners, they come with their anointing, and with that corporate anointing; we are ready to touch higher powers whereby only one church cannot touch.

It is more powerful to have 5 people from five different churches praying together over their area than to have 500 people from one church praying over the area. Those from different churches have different ministerial anointing and therefore have a greater authority over the size of area they are ministering rather than all people coming with one type of ministerial anointing. That is why God is calling for unity. If you can just get people, especially leaders and pastors and they come from the other parts of your community or city, even two churches and then from another community in the city maybe some leaders from three churches, and join up with you, even if you are not many in number, but come from different ministry coverings and different anointing, we can overcome this spirit over your community or city.

Brothers and sisters, always be in unity. Please do not give up coming together from time to time. I want to tell you, don't give up and God bless you, because you are helping each other to get more legal ground, you are helping in the spiritual realm. You are helping to get a bigger area to pray. You may think "I am weak and don't know to pray" but your presence helps to make a very big aspect in authority over a bigger area. So don't give up.

Remember that as you go back alone in your family; don't come against the spirit over your community. Don't come against a spirit ruling a bigger area. One thing you can do, even to any level is only repentance. You can repent on behalf of your life, your family, your village, the city, the nations on behalf of Africa America, wherever you like. You can repent and intercede to any level, but with spiritual warfare don't go beyond your authority. That is why God is calling intercessors to come.

Do you know, if you repent, even if you have not engaged in spiritual warfare, the devil is already on the run? Why? By repentance maybe for your nation, you are removing the legal ground from where the devil has been working. Repentance is a powerful weapon. Don't just say "I wanted to come against the spirit ruling over our nation. If I am denied will never pray because I am a person of spiritual warfare." Even if you don't engage in spiritual warfare for the big nations, if you just repent and repent from your heart, the demons will quit and go away because you are removing their legal ground. As you repent continue to call upon the blood of Jesus.

The bible says in proverbs 18:10 – the name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it and they are safe. Why do we do these things like cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus and hiding in the name of the Lord? Its because we have not learnt much about spiritual warfare. We will talk about every armor Paul is talking about in Ephesians 6. How can we put on every weapon? The truth, shield of faith, shoes for preaching the gospel; you need to learn these things. Before you can learn them, you will be covering yourself in the blood and under the name of Jesus so that you continue with spiritual warfare.

What has brought change back in our country, is as we come to pray for our area, we get only one demon god at a time and come against it. We repent on behalf of that, then we exhaust it. We cut the covenants and then we demolish it and send it in spiritual wilderness. Then we will repent over all covenants and sacrifices that have made the spirit secure in this place. The spirit cannot rule over an area unless it has a covenant with the people.

We will repent of the all blood of goats and sheep that were sacrificed. I don't want to discourage you but do you now that in most countries, it is moslems that are given legal authority to slaughter animals? All meat is written "halal". They first speak word of their covenant before slaughtering animals. These are covenant bonds being strengthened.. If you are non-moslem and you slaughter that animal they say it is not halal – not fit to be eaten or sold in public. They sacrifice and that is why Islam is gaining ground in Africa and other nations. Do not forget to pray for your meat before you eat it.

First repent. Don't be afraid to have spiritual warfare because we have legal ground. First repent on behalf of your family, your life, call upon the blood of Jesus to cover you.

When repenting identificationally, don't just say "God forgive them" but "God forgive us. Our forefathers and we agreed to bring the spirit. We are standing in the gap as intercessors asking for forgiveness for whatever this spirit is doing to destroy this nation". Call upon the blood of Jesus to cleanse all sin.

Call upon the blood of Jesus to cover their minds so that the devil will not corrupt their minds against Jesus.

You may say that "my spouse is not saved and I am saved." How can I gain legal ground on behalf of my unsaved spouse and come against spirits that are ruling against our family?

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