

WORLD TRUMPET MISSION – PRAYER TEACHINGS

SERIES – COMBAT IN THE HEAVENLIES

“AN INTRODUCTION”

- **What is spiritual warfare?**
- **What is the purpose of the full armour of God?**
- **How and why should we wear the full armour of God daily?**
- **Who qualifies to contend with the kingdom of darkness?**
- **Why do we have to use the Name of Jesus in warfare?**
- **What is the purpose of angels in spiritual warfare?**
- **How do we acquire legal authority to contend with the kingdom of darkness?**
- **What type of warfare can I carry out and what authority do I have as an individual, in a family, in a church?**
- **How important is UNITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST in spiritual warfare?**
- **How do I begin to pray and carry out spiritual warfare?**

In this series of 10 lessons, we will be learning a few aspects of spiritual warfare and believe that they will answer a number of questions that Christians desiring to have successful spiritual lives ask. We shall answer these questions in greater detail in the lessons. However this introduction serves to give a simple understanding of what we are getting into.

Our main text will be from Ephesians 6:¹⁰⁻¹⁸. As we read Ephesians we must realise that before we can enter into real combat with the kingdom of darkness, we must ensure that we are ‘*strong in the Lord and in the power of His might*’.

How do we do this?

No Christian can hope to enter spiritual warfare without being strong in the Lord. We can only achieve this by learning first to rest in the victorious position of Christ, and understand and apply the values of the full armour of God.

When we allow His Holy Spirit to dwell in us then we shall operate in the power of His might. After that, we shall be able to STAND against the kingdom of darkness.

What is the victorious position of Jesus Christ? Paul prayed that the Ephesians would understand the position of Christ:

Ephesians 1²⁰⁻²³

Which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

What is our position in Jesus Christ? Ephesians 2⁶

'And hath raised us up together and hath made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus'

From this position, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we must then engage in spiritual warfare.

If all things are under Jesus Christ's feet, how come there is still so much demonic activity?

The Bible says in Psalms 24¹ *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof*. This is true, and we have seen that Jesus is seated above all powers and rulers but we do not yet see ALL things subject to Him. There are still hosts of wicked spirits in the heavenly places, dark evil powers behind this world, rulers occupying territory that is rightly Jesus Christ's.

How are we justified in occupying territory that seems the enemy's and hold it for the kingdom of God?

Through spiritual warfare.

What is our license to carry out spiritual warfare?

The **Name** of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one legal ground upon which we can go into combat with the kingdom of darkness. The earth is now provisionally the Lord Jesus Christ's, however; we must bring this into physical reality. Our license to contend with the kingdom of darkness is THE NAME of the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Mark 16:15-18*)

Proverbs 18¹⁰

'The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it and are saved'

Philippians 2⁹⁻¹¹

'Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father'

Who qualifies to carry out spiritual warfare in the Name of Jesus?

God has committed to work through the people called by His name, when they, as described in the first paragraph, understand and walk in their position and STAND on the glorified name of Jesus Christ in warfare. God looks at His Son in glory, and when He sees us seated in Him, then His Son's name and authority can be entrusted to us on earth and thus we qualify to engage in spiritual warfare. (*Ephesians 2:6*)

Why should I be involved in spiritual warfare when Jesus Christ has already won the victory?

We are overcomers in Christ Jesus who has already won the victory (*Romans 8:37*). Moreover, the warfare that Christ waged for us was offensive, contending with the devil to the depths of hell itself where He led captivity captive (*Ephesians 4⁸⁻⁹*, *Hebrew 2¹⁴⁻¹⁵*, *Rev 11⁸*) – meaning that He conquered the conqueror, satan, and took the keys of hell and death and all authority over the earth. Our part is to maintain sustained victory over the kingdom of darkness in spiritual warfare.

If we are standing on the Name of Jesus Christ, what is the purpose of the full armour of God?

Satan is constantly on the offensive trying to shake us off our position through battling our minds. His main objective is not to get us to sin but simply to make it easy for us to do so by getting us off the ground of perfect triumph on which the Lord has brought us. Through the avenue of the mind or of the heart, through our intellect, reasoning, or feelings, he assaults our rest in Christ and our walk in the Spirit. But for every point of his attack, defensive armour is provided.

What is the place of praise & worship in spiritual warfare?

Praise builds our faith. No matter what the circumstances we are in, Jesus Christ has already won the victory. We must maintain the victory of Jesus Christ and always remember to interweave spiritual warfare with praise to Him for the position He has received, and our victorious position in Him. (*Psalm 149*)

Therefore we hope that as you read these teachings;

- Your faith in God for transformation of your life, your family, church, community and nation will increase.
- You shall come out of the position of passivity with regard to spiritual warfare in your life.
- You shall become more effective in spiritual warfare over your life, your family, church, community and nation.
- You shall begin to see the importance of unity of the Body of Christ and join together with others to contend with the kingdom of Darkness in your area.
- You shall teach others what you have learnt and applied.

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