

Taking the Offense Against Satan - Lord, Is It Warfare - Lesson 11

Preparing for Battle	Sword of the Spirit - The Word of God
<p>Eph 4:1-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to walk worthy - humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance in love, preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace - Seven essentials of unity - one body, Spirit, hope of your calling, Lord, faith, baptism, God over all <p>Eph 6:10-20</p> <p>Put On - in prayer (praying back Scripture)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belt of truth - I believe Your Word and will stand in Your truth, let Your truth hold everything in my life in its proper place - Breastplate of Righteousness - I have been made righteous through the blood of Jesus Christ, my sins have been forgiven and there is no condemnation in You - Shoes of Peace - let me walk in peace with You and my brethren and take the message of peace to the world. <p>Taking Up - in prayer - stand firm - hold your position - no fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank God that He chose you before the world was created - Eph 1 - pray your position - Helmet of Salvation - protect my mind and help me to Phil 4:8 my thoughts - take them captive in Christ - Shield of Faith - protect me from the fiery darts of the evil one by using Your word to combat Satan's lies - Sword of the Spirit (& your walkie-talkie) - Help me to wield my sword effectively as I encounter evil in this world (Jn 15:7) 	<p>Sword is offensive and defensive</p> <p>“Word” = is rhema and not logos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logos = #G3056 - expression of thought; doctrine; Word of God - Jesus Christ - God incarnate - His word, thought, teaching come to earth - Rhema = #G4487 - that which is spoken - not the whole Bible but that which the Spirit brings to our remembrance in the time of need (Jn 14:26) <p>“Sword” - short sword - requires skill (II Tim 3:16-17 - adequate = #G739 - perfect, complete, fitted, special aptitude for given uses)</p> <p>Jesus encounters Satan and his demons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lk 4:1-13 - Jesus is tempted - He used specific Scripture for a particular conflict - Lk 4:34 - the demons understood who Jesus is and His power over them - Jn 12:31 - Satan will be cast out (Rev) - Col 1:13 - He has the power to rescue us from Satan and transfer us to His kingdom - Col 2:15 - disarmed the rulers and authorities - He 2:14 - Jesus, through His death - rendered Satan powerless (I Jn 3:8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confronting the enemy and setting captives free was an important part of Jesus' ministry - Demons knew and recognized Jesus and His power - We are to occupy the territory until He returns

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Jesus' Ministry	How He Ministers to Us
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lk 3:21-22 - Jesus was baptized - Lk 3:23 - He began his ministry at about 30 - Lk 4:1-13 - temptation in the wilderness - Lk 4:16-21 - came to the synagogue and read Is 61:1-2 - Preach the gospel to the poor - Proclaim release to the captives - Recover sight to the blind - Set free those who were oppressed - Proclaim the favorable year of the Lord <p>Today this has been fulfilled (21)</p> <p>Mt 12:22-45 (Lk 11:14-26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus heals the blind, mute, demon possessed man - The crowd wonders who He is - The Pharisees completely reject who He is (unpardonable sin) - Our Words reveal our character (33-37) - Last state will be worse than the first - the evil will be multiplied upon them 	<p>Eph 3:14-21 - Paul's prayer for us That God grants to us according to the riches of His glory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthened with the power of the Holy Spirit in the inner man - Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - Rooted and grounded in love - Comprehend the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge - Filled up with all the fulness of God <p>Power is essential in warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need greater power than the enemy (I Jn 4:4) - greater is He . . . - Eph 1:16-2:10 - position in Christ - seated above all rulers, powers, authority in the heavenly places - Acts 1:8 - great commission - go take His word to the world <p>Authority goes with power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus had God's absolute authority and power while on earth - Mt 4:10 - He came to serve God - Lk 4:31-37 - had power and authority over demons - Mk 9:17-29 - there is power and authority in prayer - Lk 13:10-17 - Jesus healed on the Sabbath to free someone from bondage - Lk 22:31 - Satan has only the power allowed by Jesus - Jn 19:10-11 - There is no authority but that which has been given by God

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God's Power In Us	Take Up the Sword
<p>God has given us His power and authority at the time of salvation - we can overcome the evil one - the victory is ours!</p> <p>Lk 9:1-2; 10:1-20 - As Jesus sent people out, they saw the power of God manifested through them so that people could see the mighty deeds of God</p> <p>Mt 16:15-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus builds His church on the confession of who He is - The gates of Hades (the strength and power of Satan) shall not overcome His church - WE ARE THE CHURCH - we don't need to fear the enemy - Given the key of the kingdom of heaven - symbol of authority - given to all who confess - Binding and loosening - proclaiming God's will be done <p>John 14:10-14 - Jesus never acted independently of God - we have the same Spirit, the same authority, the same power when we walk under His control - we're here to carry out the Lord's work on earth (Mt 28:18-20)</p>	<p>James 4:7-8</p> <p><u>Submit to the Lord</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - align yourself under His authority - Imperative - command - need to obey - Passive - God is there and ready to exercise His authority - We are commanded to receive His authority <p><u>Resist the devil and he will flee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aorist imperative - urgent command - Active - you need to take a stand - He will flee - is future tense - you take a stand, then he will flee - Rev 12:11; I Jn 4:4 <p><u>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you</u> - remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAITH - in the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus (Mt 11:22-24; 18:18-20) - CONFIDENCE in the power of His blood (Rev 12:11) - COURAGE to claim and use our authority is resisting evil (Lk 10:19) - Stand - the battle is God's - TRUST - in the power of the Holy Spirit to break the oppression (Acts 10:38) <p><u>Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REAFFIRM - pray, praise, repent, ask for God's wisdom (Ja 1:5-6), discernment (I Jn 2:20, 27), Holy Spirit take control - REALIZE - your position in Christ (Eph 2:6) - RELY - on the sufficiency of Jesus' name (Phil 2:9-11), power of His blood (Col 1:13-20) - REMOVE - the ground of oppression in your life - moral compromise, deception, exploiting - REDIRECT - your thoughts to Christ - unshakable faith

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Take Up What Has Been Given	Devoting Ourselves to Him - Power of Prayer