

## 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"> <li>- How to walk worthy - humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance in love, preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace</li> <li>- Seven essentials of unity - one body, Spirit, hope of your calling, Lord, faith, baptism, God over all</li> </ul> <p>Eph 6:10-20</p> <p>Put On - in prayer (praying back Scripture)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Shoes of Peace - let me walk in peace with You and my brethren and take the message of peace to the world.</li> </ul> <p>Taking Up - in prayer - stand firm - hold your position - no fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank God that He chose you before the world was created</li> <li>- Eph 1 - pray your position</li> <li>- Helmet of Salvation - protect my mind and help me to Phil 4:8 my thoughts - take them captive in Christ</li> <li>- Shield of Faith - protect me from the fiery darts of the evil one by using Your word to combat Satan's lies</li> <li>- Sword of the Spirit (&amp; your walkie-talkie) - Help me to wield my sword effectively as I encounter evil in this world (Jn 15:7)</li> </ul>	<p>Sword is offensive and defensive</p> <p>“Word” = is rhema and not logos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Logos = #G3056 - expression of thought; doctrine; Word of God - Jesus Christ - God incarnate - His word, thought, teaching come to earth</li> <li>- 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)</li> </ul> <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"> <li>- Lk 4:1-13 - Jesus is tempted - He used specific Scripture for a particular conflict</li> <li>- Lk 4:34 - the demons understood who Jesus is and His power over them</li> <li>- Jn 12:31 - Satan will be cast out (Rev)</li> <li>- Col 1:13 - He has the power to rescue us from Satan and transfer us to His kingdom</li> <li>- Col 2:15 - disarmed the rulers and authorities</li> <li>- He 2:14 - Jesus, through His death - rendered Satan powerless (I Jn 3:8)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confronting the enemy and setting captives free was an important part of Jesus' ministry</li> <li>- Demons knew and recognized Jesus and His power</li> <li>- We are to occupy the territory until He returns</li> </ul>

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

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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"> <li>- Jesus builds His church on the confession of who He is</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Given the key of the kingdom of heaven - symbol of authority - given to all who confess</li> <li>- Binding and loosening - proclaiming God's will be done</li> </ul> <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><b><u>Submit to the Lord</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- align yourself under His authority</li> <li>- Imperative - command - need to obey</li> <li>- Passive - God is there and ready to exercise His authority</li> <li>- We are commanded to receive His authority</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Resist the devil and he will flee</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- aorist imperative - urgent command</li> <li>- Active - you need to take a stand</li> <li>- He will flee - is future tense - you take a stand, then he will flee</li> <li>- Rev 12:11; I Jn 4:4</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you</u></b> - remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FAITH - in the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus (Mt 11:22-24; 18:18-20)</li> <li>- CONFIDENCE in the power of His blood (Rev 12:11)</li> <li>- COURAGE to claim and use our authority is resisting evil (Lk 10:19) - Stand - the battle is God's</li> <li>- TRUST - in the power of the Holy Spirit to break the oppression (Acts 10:38)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- REAFFIRM - pray, praise, repent, ask for God's wisdom (Ja 1:5-6), discernment (I Jn 2:20, 27), Holy Spirit take control</li> <li>- REALIZE - your position in Christ (Eph 2:6)</li> <li>- RELY - on the sufficiency of Jesus' name (Phil 2:9-11), power of His blood (Col 1:13-20)</li> <li>- REMOVE - the ground of oppression in your life - moral compromise, deception, exploiting</li> <li>- REDIRECT - your thoughts to Christ - unshakable faith</li> </ul>

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Take Up What Has Been Given	Devoting Ourselves to Him - Power of Prayer
<p>When Satan . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- attacks the veracity of God's Word - put on the belt of truth</li> <li>- Would lead you into temptation, remind you of your sins that were confessed - put on the breastplate of righteousness</li> <li>- Would bring disharmony or enmity between you and others - put on the shoes of peace</li> <li>- Would cause you to doubt or fear - take up the shield of faith</li> <li>- Would cause you to doubt your salvation and move from your confidence in your position in Christ - take up the helmet of salvation</li> </ul> <p>Pick up your sword - get your orders from above and attack</p> <p>Remember you are fighting a battle that He has already won</p> <p>Station yourself, stand, and see what the Lord has done and is doing in your life</p>	<p>Acts 6:4 - devote yourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word</p> <p>Eph 6:18-20 - Spiritual warfare ends with the importance of prayer - being alert - speaking boldly</p> <p><b><u>Defensively</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pray at all times in the Spirit - guidance - alert - petition for all the saints</li> <li>- Being alert - habitual action - great sensitivity to the Holy Spirit - stay awake, watchful, vigilant</li> <li>- Perseverance - consistency - Lk 11:5-11</li> <li>- According to God's will - Lk 22:40-46</li> <li>- Pray that we know and understand the truth that Satan wants to keep us blinded to - Eph 1, 3</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Offensively</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phil 1:19 - deliverance comes through prayer and provision of the Spirit - supportive prayer turns a "loss" into stepping stones for the furtherance of the gospel</li> <li>- Mt 12:29 - victory can be hastened and casualties lessened by infiltrating the enemy's territory</li> <li>- Satan is a defeated foe already</li> <li>- Our children live in an environment that is permeated by the powers of darkness - Child Abuse in the Classroom</li> </ul> <p>Arm yourselves - be a valiant warrior - Ps 18:30-39</p>