

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Pt.3: GOD'S ARMY, SATAN'S ARMY, PRAYER



This is a rendition of Arch angel Michael kicking satan out of heaven.

Isaiah 14:12-15 - How art thou fallen from heaven, O lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

satan rose up in pride and decided he didn't want to serve God anymore, instead he wanted to be God. He wanted to sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north. It is interesting to note that Jerusalem and God's temple were on the north side. satan's prideful rebellious act is what kicked off the spiritual war we are in. Once satan fell and took a third of the angels with him, **(Rev. 12:4)** then he went to work to get mankind to sin against God. Once Eve sinned, then Adam sinned and at that point the whole world was in a fallen sinful

state against God. Man chose to listen to the god of this world and not The One Who Created all things.



God has a kingdom and He has an army. Satan has a kingdom and he too has an army. We read about Satan's army last week in Ephesians 6:11-12. Satan's army consists of the principalities, and powers, the rulers of darkness in this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. These powers are the fallen angels which are the same as demons or evil spirits. They are impacting this world from the spirit realm, or the unseen world. These powers are over nations, cities, churches, homes, and individuals. Witches and all those who have not received Jesus as their Savior, Lord and King also serve in Satan's kingdom. Some people serve by default because they have not chosen to love, serve and obey Jesus but the rest serve him on purpose, they have willingly sought him out, like Hollywood, our world governments, professional sports, radio persona, all high level freemasons, illuminati etc. There is rank and a hierarchy in God's army, different levels of power. You see that in the holy angels, there are different types and levels and so it is with His ministers and children. It is the same with Satan's army. There are more powerful demons, mid level demons and weaker demons. The people that serve him willingly will give blood sacrifices and do vile evil things to gain more powerful demons to work with. All of this is in Scripture. Baal's prophets made

blood sacrifices to him and they cut themselves in worship of him and did all sorts of perversion. **(1 Kings 18:28)** Baal is satan. All through the Bible it talks of his worshippers sacrificing children to him. **(Lev.18:21, Jer.19:5, 2 Kings 11:5-8, 23:10, Acts 7:43)** This is still going on today it is just not as openly well known. I praise God for those that have talked about it and shared their testimonies so we could know these things. Let's take a look at satan's army fighting against God's army. God's holy angel Gabriel is speaking in this next verse:

Daniel 10:13 - But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

The last part of that verse is messed up and could be a Mandella Effect. It should say and I left him there with the king of Persia. These are spirit beings, holy angels and fallen angels fighting each other. The demon over Persia which is here referred to as a spirit prince of Persia tried to stop Gabriel from getting through with the answer to Daniel's prayer. So Archangel Michael came and fought so Gabriel could get through.

Psalms 91:11-12 - For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

This is a strong passage of Scripture, satan quoted this to Jesus when he was tempting Him in the wilderness. This passage of Scripture also applies to us as God's children. satan copies God in every way so if we know there are angels that protect and watch over us, then, for the sinner, you better believe satan has ruling evil spirits over them as well. This passage of Scripture shows us that there are ruling spirits over nations etc.

In part one I played a video example of false spiritual warfare. The kind of warfare that none of us should be engaged in because it is not Biblical. The Holy Spirit brought something to my attention about a few things that are being accomplished through the false teachings of spiritual warfare. The thing that stands out the most to me is that those who practice those teachings will be attacked by satan's kingdom. When you step out to fight against satan's kingdom and you don't know God's Word, satan will tear you up. Our example of that, was

the 7 sons of Sceva. **(Acts 19:11-20)** The next thing I'm going to discuss is a major part of spiritual warfare.

PRAYER

One big thing The Holy Spirit showed me was that by making decrees and declarations and believing it will happen or that it is done just because you spoke it out, this is cutting off your relationship with God. You are not turning to Him in prayer for your needs and petitions or for protection or provision. You are decreeing what you want and ignoring God Himself. You are not praying and that is when you talk with Him. You have cut the line of communication when you believe you have the power to speak and decree everything you want. To believe that you speak things into existence is a big false teaching and it comes from New Age and has made its way into the church. Prosperity preachers love to teach people they can have whatever they want just by speaking it out. God is the only One Who speaks things into existence, we don't. **(Romans 4:17)**

Another false teaching I heard one time was that when Jesus said "it is finished" on the cross **(John 19:30)**, it meant He had given us all that we need to live a Christian life and we need to stop asking for His help or for anything because He already did everything He was going to do, now it is up to us. This is utter nonsense. The devil loves it when people believe this stuff because they become powerless when they do not look to God for everything and communicate with Him daily and faithfully. We are to go to God in prayer with our needs, wants, petitions and prayers, worries and concerns and commune with Him every day. When Jesus said "it is finished," He was talking about fulfilling the law. The law was done and now grace had come through faith in Christ. **(Eph.2:8)**

Pastor Erustus said Pastor, you are right by people just concentrating on making these declarations only, it kills prayer in their lives hence no communion with God which leads to weak christians and their life bears no fruit to touch and attract the world around us to follow Christ.

satan and the demons hate prayer and fight it so hard. PRAYER IS POWERFUL. If we could just speak out what we want to happen, then there is no need for prayer, right? What an abominable lie from the pits of hell.

Let's revisit the passage of Scripture that I began with so that we can see an example of how powerful prayer is. This passage of Scripture is about a time when Daniel had been fasting and praying and God sent Gabriel with the answer.

Daniel 10:11-14 - And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

When you pray, the spirit realm is very aware and battles rage because of our prayers. The fallen angels were fighting against God's holy angels here. They were trying to stop the answer to Daniel's prayer from getting through. The prince of Persia is a spirit prince that rules over that nation. God's holy angels prevailed because we see the answer did get through although it took 21 days.

Just before I started this ministry I was close with a Pastor in Liberia who had a bad case of malaria and was unconscious in the hospital. While he was unconscious he was having a heavenly experience with Jesus. He is not sure if it was a vision or if he was there in spirit. But one thing he saw in the spirit realm was our prayers going up to God and they looked like smoke. He saw the air filled with demons waiting to bat the prayers down and stop them from reaching God. I asked him what prayers made it through and he said the prayers that have God's Word in them. It is very important to know God's Word in order to know Him and to pray in line with His will and to pray in such a way that your prayers will reach His throne. I shared that with Pastor Erustus and he said he bore witness with it and I do too.

Daniel was waiting on an answer to his prayer and we see what was happening in the spirit realm. Demons are assigned to do their best to tear your life down and destroy your relationship with God. You can withstand their attacks.

James 4:7-8 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

The way you have victory over the devil and demons is to be fully submitted to God, every part of your lives. Live righteous lives, praying daily, reading His Word daily, giving, fasting, praising and worshipping God, fellowshiping with the saints, serving in the church or God's Kingdom at large – these are the basic things Christians should be doing. Doing these things helps you to draw nearer to God so He will draw nearer to you. When you do these things faithfully and consistently you are submitting yourself to God and when you keep the doors closed to sin, then you can resist the devil and he and his demons will flee. You must be fully committed to God and not waver, the scripture mentioned to cleanse your hands and purify your hearts and the scripture used the words sinners and double minded. Double minded because they were divided between God and the world. You cannot expect to win spiritual battles if you are loving up on the world.

Pastor Erustus said – demons hate those who are prayerful. Demons have tried to kill him and they have tried to kill us here too but have said we are too prayerful. Pastor Erustus encouraged me saying - don't tire to pray. Recently they revealed our prayers affect the spiritual realm so much. Satan and demons hate so much those who pray and preach the truth.

CLOSING

The spiritual war that Satan started is still raging today. The Trinity and all the holy angels, the fallen angels and all of mankind are in this war. It is a war for souls.

The question put to each one of us is who will we serve?

Joshua 24:15 - And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

The angels had free will to decide who they would serve and we have to answer the same question. Who will you serve, Satan and the fallen angels or The Lord God Almighty Who is The I Am that I Am?

PRAYER