

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Pt.4: SPIRITUAL GIANTS, UNTOUCHABLE, WORSHIP and PRAISE



King David fighting against Goliath. King David looks like the underdog here, looks like he's gonna lose for sure. What was his mindset?

1 Samuel 17:42-47 - And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, Whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands.

King David knew that God was with him and that was all he needed to be brave and courageous. The battle is the LORD'S. He won that fight and he did take Goliath's head off. King David did so much fighting in the natural realm and today we are fighting in the spirit realm. Goliath was a giant in the physical realm, we

also fight giants, spiritual giants. Let's let King David be an example to us in spiritual warfare. And let's remember that when we are in Christ, the battle is THE LORD'S.

Romans 8:31 - What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can* be against us?

That's a rhetorical question and the meaning is, that because God is for us no one can succeed against us.

UNTOUCHABLE

Spiritual warfare is real and we are not untouchable. Many people are deceived because they do not read and study God's Word. I have heard so called Christians say that Satan cannot touch us. That is someone who has a lack of knowledge of God's Word. I believe they are getting that idea from this next passage of Scripture:

Luke 10:19 – (Jesus is speaking here) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Jesus has given all those who belong to Him this same power. When Jesus said that nothing will harm us, remember nothing shall separate us from the love of God (**Romans 8:35-39**) and no matter what trials and tribulations we face and go through, all things work together for good to those that love God according to His purposes. (**Romans 8:28**). We have to interpret what Jesus said spiritually, spiritually when we keep the faith, nothing can separate us from God and whatever we go through will be for God's glory. We have been given power and authority over the kingdom of darkness but we must grow in the faith to understand this power and authority and to obey Christ so that we will not fail in our spiritual battles. God expects us to study His Word and grow up in the faith, to get off the milk and onto the meat. (**2 Tim.2:15, 1 Cor.3:2**)

The Bible tells us we are soldiers and that we are in a war. (**2 Tim.2:3**) In this war we are not untouchable. Look at Apostle Paul's life, he certainly was fought by Satan throughout his entire ministry. He was beaten with a whip 5 times receiving 39 stripes each time, he was stoned and left for dead and many more things. (**2 Cor.11:18-33, 12:7-10**) When Pastor Erustus does a major deliverance, Satan hits

back. Pastor usually gets very sick after a major deliverance. He has seen this pattern time and again and it is because of the ground that is being taken for God's Kingdom. It is the same with me when demons are speaking through people and you stand and speak God's Word even when they don't want to hear truth, I have had spiritual attacks for that very thing. Satan fights God's Word, he fights the truth. My whole family was under a major spiritual attack in 2022 when we all had COVID and Scott went into the hospital with it. I was so sick also as was Kennedy and the ministry was shut down, Kennedy and I were hit from behind. Our car was really messed up and if I had not had my foot on the brake we would have been pushed into oncoming traffic that was going around 55 miles an hour. I praise God He brought us through all of that and we are still standing. It was not long after that, that our first Youtube platform got taken down.

Pastor Erustus said, "Where God is, the devil always resists and opposes, that is why we undergo lots of attacks." Simply put, where God is the devil fights. Satan and his kingdom will never stop fighting God's children.

Don't believe these people who say the devil can't touch you. Now having said that, I will say this, if you are a true Christian, God will protect your life. Job is a powerful example of spiritual warfare. The devil certainly touched Job's life and took him down to the mat. However, God would not allow Satan to take his life.

(Job 2:1-6)

WORSHIP and PRAISE

During your time with God each day, be sure you praise and worship Him. Sing to Him, raise your hands in worship, humble yourself and kneel down before Him. This is very important in spiritual warfare. In this next passage of Scripture, King Jehoshaphat was being threatened by several kingdoms and war was at hand.

2 Chronicles 20:3, 15, 17, 20-22 – V. 3 - And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

V. 15 - And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

V. 17 - Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

V.20-22 - And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the Beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for His mercy *endureth* for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

This was a combination of fasting, praying and praising. They fasted and prayed and before they went out to battle King Jehoshaphat made sure to have the Levites there to praise God. Because they sought God in righteous and humbleness through fasting and prayer and worshiped Him before they did anything, God is The One Who fought for them.

Acts 16:25-28 - And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

God moved powerfully here in releasing Paul and Silas from prison. The jailer and those in his house were saved after Paul and Silas shared the good news of what Jesus had done for them. And Paul and Silas went free.

Think about King David, a man after God's own heart, **(1 Sam.13:14)** he wrote at least half of the Psalms. A psalm is a song. King David raised his hands in worship of God, **(Psalm 63:4)** and he sang to Him all the time. We could learn a lot from King David still today.

Psalm 100 - A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He *is* God: *it is* He *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting; and His truth *endureth* to all generations.

I memorized this Psalm with Kennedy when she was in kindergarten. I take the Bible to heart as we are supposed to do in order to learn and grow in the faith. Just as we sing in our church services in worship and praise of God, so we should do this in our personal lives in worship of God too. When I pray I always think of entering God's gates and I bring thanksgiving to Him, and then I think of entering His courts, approaching His throne and I lift up praise to Him. Always reverence God and humble yourself before Him. Sing to Him every day. In Scripture when battles were won they would sing songs to God. (**Deut.32:1-44, Judges 5:1-31, 2 Chro.5:12-14, 2 Chro.20:20-23**)



There were Levites whose only assignment in the Temple was to sing praise to God. Don't neglect to sing in worship to God.

Eph.5:19-20 – Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

This isn't a suggestion, this is something we are supposed to do. This is a vital part of our worship of God.

CLOSING

Rev.14:1-3 – And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

This is a new song of the redeemed in heaven, sung to glorify God.

When we get to heaven we aren't just going to float around on clouds singing to God all day. However, if you have a problem singing to Him and worshipping Him in that way, you better examine yourself because something is off with your Christian walk. Something is wrong with your salvation, you might not be saved.

Psalms 145:1-3 – David's *Psalms* of praise. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness *is* unsearchable.

The King of the whole nation of Israel set a great and powerful example of how to praise and worship God. He led the nation to serve God in righteousness while he was king.

If you don't sing to the Lord in your prayer and Bible reading time, or in your alone time with The Lord, then start. The angels sing to God and praise Him. Those who don't worship God in this way will not be in heaven because they do not have The Holy Spirit, they are not sealed by Him because if they were, then they would sing praises to God. He is worthy of all our praise. **(Rev.5:12-14)**

When satan was tempting and testing Jesus in the wilderness the last temptation was that he offered Jesus all the nations and kingdoms of the world if He would just bow down and worship him.

Matt.4:10 - Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

satan wants to take God's worship. Jesus made it clear that we are to worship God alone. It is a sin not to worship God. If you are not praising and worshiping God, He isn't fighting for you.

PRAYER