

An Encounter with God Series

Spiritual Weapons

Part 2

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Psalm 16:5-6

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5 The Lord is my chosen *and* assigned portion, my cup;
You hold *and* maintain my lot.

6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yes, I
have a good heritage.

Psalm 16:5-6

God is our inheritance and supporter - we have an
acceptable and beautiful inheritance.

We live in the flesh but don't fight our battle in the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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3 For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh *and* using mere human weapons.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow *and* destruction of strongholds,

5 [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments *and* theories *and* reasonings and every proud *and* lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought *and* purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),

Ephesians 6:12

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against world forces of this darkness, against spiritual"

Vs.4

Our weapons are not fleshly or natural - wealth, learning, talents, bribery or such as natural men use. These are no use against the devil.

DIVINELY POWERFUL - All powerful - no limitations - greater than the Atomic bomb.

SATAN'S FORTRESSES (Strongholds) - Poverty, sickness, eternal death, confusion, strife, hate, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, divorce, etc.

DESTRUCTION - Completely annihilate so they no longer exist.

We win the battle - pull down the devil's banner of sickness and raise up the banner of health in the name of the Lord.

Vs.5a There are so many religious and lofty ideas and speculations of man that are contrary to the facts of the Gospel and they don't work. With God's weapons which do work, we show the imitation up.

Vs.5b Every thought of doubt or impure thought we arrest as prisoner so that it can't run around and cause any damage and rather bring it into line with Christ's teaching - MIND OF CHRIST.

IF OUR WEAPONS ARE SO MIGHTY - THEN WHAT ARE OUR WEAPONS?

1. The WORD OF GOD.

Eph.6:17 "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Rhema word of God."

Ephesians 6:17

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17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.

The word is the sword which the Spirit has furnished - as He knows best what will overcome the enemy. This is an offensive weapon used aggressively for "destruction"

Jer.23:29 "Is not my word like fire?" declares the Lord, and like a hammer which shatters a rock?" (Describe in words).

Jeremiah 23:29

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29 Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?

Hebrews 4:12

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12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the [a]breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing *and* sifting *and* analyzing *and* judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Heb.4:12 "The word of God is full of life and power and sharper than any two-edged sword".

2. THE NAME OF JESUS.

Psalms 9:10

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10 And they who know Your name [who have experience and acquaintance with Your mercy] will lean on *and* confidently put their trust in You, for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek (inquire of and for) You [on the authority of God's Word and the right of their necessity].

Ps.9:10 "Those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee".

Proverbs 18:10

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10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] righteous man [upright and in right standing with God] runs into it and is safe, high [above evil] *and* strong.

Prov.18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe".

Mark 16:17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed in My name".

Luke 10:17 "Seventy returned with joy, "Lord even the demons are subject to us in ..."

Jer.14:13,14 Here the word ASK is strictly a demand of something due.

Acts.2:21 "And it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 3:4-7 & 16 & 4:10 Account of the 40-year old lame man.

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under"

Phil.2:9-11 "Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name ..."

Philippians 2:9-11

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9 Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

10 That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess *and* acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The name represents the highest rank and order in God's kingdom and we have the power of attorney to use that name for anything on earth.

The name is such a powerful weapon because of the authority it represents.

3. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

1 John 1:7

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7 But if we [really] are living *and* walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus *Christ* His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin *and* guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].

1 Jn.1:7 " .. the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin".

Heb.9:12 The blood of Christ has secured our eternal redemption.

The ransom price has been paid securing our permanent deliverance.

Heb.10:19 We can boldly and confidently enter God's presence by the blood of Jesus.

Heb.13:20 The blood has sealed an eternal covenant between God and men.

In the Old Testament they applied the blood to the doorposts and the lintels and were protected from the angel of death who killed all firstborn in Egypt.

Moses would also dip a branch of hyssop in blood and sprinkled the people (Ex.24:8) signifying the covenant was in effect and they were entitled to all its benefits.
1 Pet.1:2 Not literally but by faith. It means we have God's protection and all the blessings of the covenant belong to us.

Knowing about your spiritual weapons and not being able to fire them is like having the safety switch on your rifle and being shot with the fiery darts of the enemy and wondering why you can't return the fire.

1. PRAYER. Eph.6:18 Praying the word is praying in the spirit.

General religious prayers may ease the conscience but don't work.

Illustrate both ways - Pray releasing your weapons against sickness.

2. CONFESSIOIN/TESTIMONY Rev.1:16 & 2:16 The sword must be in the mouth to work.

Mark 5:28 "If I just touch His garments, I shall get well".

3. PREACHING Mk.16:20 "and they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that....."

Rom.1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation .."

Preaching tradition, a social gospel or politics has no power.

Today we're firing the big guns to blow away every stronghold of satan.

4. PRAISE.

God wants the church to enter into a dimension of worship - so powerful that it will prepare the way of the Lord and be the power and source of evangelism.

On F.O.M. we've discovered that the thing which most impress people is sincere, heartfelt, anointed worship.

It is in our worship that God is enthroned and people will sense the reality of His presence (Ps.22:3) (Praise camp).

We have to choose to worship God and put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness and give God a sacrifice of praise.

Jonah 1:17 & 2:1. When Jonah sacrificed praise God delivered him.

Many churches sing sweet songs but there is no power in them.

Thank God for all the word choruses we have today but I believe God wants the church to learn more about releasing their weapons thru' praise (Psalms are saturated with praise to the Name. Ps.119 is to exult word.)

Blood - Protection - covenant. David needed to know he had a covenant with God when he faced Goliath. (1 Sam.17:36-37 & 45-47) (Luke 15:17-24)

Name - when I demand in the name He does it. Battle is the Lord's - victory is mine.

David knew when he faced Goliath in Name of the Lord that Goliath was fighting God.

Word - David had already cut the enemy in pieces before the battle had started.

All 4 launching pads have to do with the mouth.