

1. The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

A. Biblical Basis

Ephesians 6

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,

Ephesians 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

1 Peter 5

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

B. *Daimonizomai* – this is the Greek word that translates into oppressed or possessed.

This is the English translation of Demonized

The word possession in the biblical Times does not mean what possession means today. Today it carries the idea of 9/10 of the law is possession or it makes us think of full and complete ownership of something.

Biblical Historic times it is defined which is more easily described as a sliding scale or varying degree of the enemies influence upon a person's life

C. Demonic influence is not just evident in extreme violence or gross sin

2. The Strategy of Satan

A. Satan looks for an access point in our lives. (foothold)

– Sin opens the door to encountering demonic activity

B. Satan's best strategy is deception.

2 Corinthians 11

14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise

themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Satan wants to deceive people into fearing him more than God.

John 8:44 calls him the father of lies.

The mind is the battlefield – Satan wants to gain control of thought process.

If Satan can deceive you into thinking that he has more power and authority than you, you will live like he does.

C. Satan will use the stronghold of flesh patterns against us.

2 Corinthians 10

3 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. 4 On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Proverbs 23:7 so as a man thinks so shall he become.

3. The Believers Authority Spiritual Authority is not a tug of war on a horizontal plane, it is a vertical chain of command.

A. Jesus Defeated and disarmed the enemy with His Death and Resurrection

Colossians 2

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Ephesians 1

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Jesus Declares all authority has been given to him when he is giving the great commission.

B. Jesus confers this authority to us.

Luke 10

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” 18 And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

C. We have no spiritual authority apart from our identity and position in Christ

Luke 9:1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,

Mark 16:17

These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.

Believers have both the authority because of our position with Christ and to the power to do God's will if we walk by the spirit.

Understand and believe your authority

Ephesians 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

4. The Walk of Freedom

Take authority and pray in Jesus name and in the power of His blood that was shed on the cross and His resurrection. You tell the enemy to leave.

A. Counterfeit versus Real

Identify and renounce anywhere you may have given Satan a foothold Worship God as he shifts your countenance to what is real- Worship is a warfare weapon.

B. Deception versus Truth

Expose what the enemy wants you to conceal.

Exposing lies to the light breaks their power.

Proverbs 28

13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper but he who confesses and renounces them will find compassion.

Expose the attack on your mind, in your life, or sin that has occurred.

Take every thought captive.

Freedom from spiritual bondage is a truth encounter.

Demons scatter when Truth is brought forth and dismantles the plan of the enemy.

Affirm the truth of who you are in Christ.

Psalms 32

2 How blessed is the man in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Read the Word of Truth C.

Bitterness versus forgiveness.

Bitterness will destroy you.

We are called to be merciful. God is our example. - Luke 6:36

Forgive others as we have been forgiven - Ephesians 4: 31-32

Forgiveness is not forgetting.
Forgiveness is a choice – you are deciding to do this.

Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin.

D. Rebellion versus Submission.

Rebellion is when we choose our own way. We want to make ourselves our own authority disregarding those God put over our lives.

We are to both pray for and submit to those in authority over us.

We need to deny ourselves of self-rule rebelling against God

E. Pride versus Humility.

Pride comes before the fall - James 4:6
Humility is confidence properly placed in God.

Do not put any confidence in the flesh -
Philippians 3:3

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5-6

F. Bondage versus Freedom.

You can walk in freedom.

God will not allow you to be tempted beyond
what you are able to. He will provide a way of
escape - I Corinthians 10:13

Submit to God, resist the Devil and he will flee
from you. - James 4:7

Put on the armor of God - Ephesians 6

Trust other believers and let yourself be
accountable to them - James 5:16

Pray in the spirit

Ephesians 6

18 Pray in the Spirit at all Times and on every
occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your
prayers for all believers everywhere.

Resolving Sexual Sin

We are not to use our bodies as instruments of unrighteousness - Romans 6:12-13

Sexual immorality is not only a sin against God but also a sin against your body. - I Corinthians 6:18-19

If we sexually join our bodies to another person outside the context of marriage we become one flesh with that person creating a spiritual bond that leads to spiritual bondage. - 1 Corinthians 6:16

G. Curses versus Blessing

Exodus 20

4 You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand

generations on those who love me and obey my commands.