RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer



"Come follow Me"

Spiritual Warfare



THE REAL BATTLE



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The most crucial thing in any battle is first to understand what we are fighting. The Bible clearly states that what we are fighting is not flesh and blood but rather the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world. As long as we keep fighting flesh and blood —we lose!



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The first strategy of any war is to understand who and what you are fighting.

First, we are to know who our enemy really is:

> **Oxford Scholar, and former Atheist: C.S. Lewis wrote, *"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors…"***



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There are two opposing kingdoms –

1. The **Kingdom of God** the body of Believers, made alive in Christ through the cross, servicemen and women of God
2. The **Kingdom of Satan**, highly organized ancient kingdom of beings – persons without bodies who abide in the heavenly realms



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THE KEY & MOST IMPORTANT FACT

The **battle belongs to God**, and total victory over Satan was achieved when Jesus Christ died on the cross and then resurrected on the third day. The cross's triumph made a public spectacle of Satan totally disarming Him (Colossians 2:13-15).



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Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



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Christ has already defeated Satan totally and forever! The Enemy's strategy is lies and deception. And his best lie is that **one degree from the truth**.

Remember, we are dealing with the MASTER OF LIES.



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Our primary dilemma is that we **knowingly or unknowingly** open our lives to seductive deception, footholds, and **ultimately strongholds when we allow evil ideas, concepts, or decisions into our minds and hearts by FREE CHOICE**.

When we do this, the Enemy has a **legal right** to come into our lives and wreak havoc.



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Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:4,

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."



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For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as this world does. The weapons we fight are not of this world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Corinthians 10:3-5



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We demolish EVERY Argument,
Reasoning, Imagination and Pretention
that sets itself up against the knowledge
of God,



Corinthians 10:3-5

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And we take EVERY thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

Corinthians 10:3-5



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1. Notice our weapons are appropriate to the war
   A. Warfare is in the spiritual realm; therefore, the spiritual weapons are required
   B. We are dealing with fortresses (strongholds)



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2. The battleground –understand where the battle is taking place
   A. Every ***argument, pretension, imagination, speculations, reasonings and thought*** **set up against the knowledge of God**
   B. Each word refers to the realm of **the mind**



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2. The battleground –understand where the battle is taking place
   C. Battleground is in the realm of the mind
   D. Satan is waging war to capture the minds of the human race
      1) He is building strongholds and fortresses in their minds



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2. The battleground –understand where the battle is taking place
   E. It is our responsibility as servicemen (women) in Christ to assist in bringing freedom into the minds of men and women; and into the continued obedience of Jesus Christ



OVERCOMING



Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

OVERCOMING



I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

OVERCOMING

The World (system of belief)

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

OVERCOMING

The World (system of belief)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that has overcome the world –
OUR FAITH.

1 John 5:4

OVERCOMING

The Flesh (our carnal nature)

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Galatians 5:17

OVERCOMING

The Flesh (our carnal nature)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

OVERCOMING

The Devil (our adversary -Master of Lies)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

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The Devil (our adversary -Master of Lies)

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

OVERCOMING



GENESIS (The Beginning)

1. The sun is created
2. Satan is victorious
3. Sin enters the human race
4. People run and hide from God
5. People are cursed
6. Tears are shed, with sorrow for sin
7. The garden and earth are cursed
8. The fruit from the tree of life is not to be eaten
9. Paradise is lost
10. People are doomed to death

REVELATION (The End)

1. The sun will not be needed
2. Satan is defeated
3. Sin is banished
4. People are invited to live with God forever
5. The curse is removed
6. No more sin, no more tears or sorrow
7. God's city is glorified, the earth is made new
8. God's people may eat from the tree of life
9. Paradise is regained
10. Death is defeated, believers live forever with God

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