

SPIRITUAL WARFARE - IV

"Praise--a Form of Prayer-- As a Weapon of Spiritual Warfare"

I. PRAYER AS A WEAPON OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- A. Produces spiritual power.
- B. Overcomes works of darkness.
- C. Deals with cause, not effect.

II. THREE MAJOR TYPES OF PRAYER (Luke 11:9) *"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."*

- A. Ask - petition
- B. Seek - devotional
- C. Knock - Intercessory

III. PRAYER AS PETITION (Asking to receive something from God)

- A. Ask in faith.
- B. Abide in relationship with Christ - John 15:7 - *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."*
- C. Motivated properly - James 4:3
 - 1. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."
- D. Ask according to will of God - I John 5:14-15
 - 1. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."
 - 2. "And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

IV. PRAYER AS DEVOTION

- A. Communion and Fellowship with God - "I didn't come here to ask you for anything...I just came to talk with you Lord."
 - 1. God created us for fellowship.
 - 2. God's desire to communion with us. "I'll come in and sup with you."
 - 3. Praise to Him for who He is; not for what He'll do for us.
- B. Praise precedes the glory - *"It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God."* (II Chr. 5:13-14).
- C. Praise as warfare.
 - 1. Send Judah first (Judah means praise.
 - 2. Jehosophat.
- D. How does praise do warfare?
 - 1. Honoring the Lord for who He is--recognizing He is the King of kings,

Lord of lords; there is no other.

2. Reminds Satan that Jesus has triumphed over him in battle--he is a defeated foe.

V. THE SONG OF MOSES

A. Rev. 15:3 - "*And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name: for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*"

B. Exodus 15:1-19 - "*Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying,*

1. *I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*
2. *The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: for his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest for thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of palestine. Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, o Lord, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, o Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea."*

C. And Miriam took a timbrel in her hand.

1. All the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.
2. And Miriam answered the, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
3. God inhabits the praises - here God is, problems have to leave
4. Praising Him for the victory.
 - a. David danced before the Lord with all his might.
 - b. Michal despised him in her heart.
 - c. David - "I will be more vile than thus..."