

SPIRITUAL WARFARE - III

"Weapons of Warfare"

II Cor. 10:4-5

Eph. 6:13-18

I. LAST WEEK STUDIED WHO THE ENEMY TARGETS ARE.

- A. Works of flesh - dealt with through crucifixion of the flesh.
- B. Demonic activity - dealt with through deliverance.
- C. Higher level activity - dealt with through warfare.
- D. **FOUR AREAS OF HIGH WARFARE** - Principalities, Powers, Rulers of darkness, Spiritual wickedness in high places.

II. THIS WEEK, HOW DO WE DO SPIRITUAL WARFARE or SOME PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

- A. Should not go into battle until count the cost.
- B. Must be prepared--Put on whole armour of God.
- C. Choose your battles - Understand that if the battle is not ours, but the Lord's, we must hold our peace and let God fight our battles.
 - 1. II Chr. 20:15 - "...Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."
 - 2. Verse 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; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you."
 - 3. Letting go, and letting God.
 - 4. Faith to believe that God is going before us.
- D. Choosing the right weapons.

III. OUR WEAPONS OF WARFARE

- A. Weapons not carnal but mighty -
 - 1. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God*
 - 2. *To the pulling down of strong holds;*
 - 3. *Casting down imaginations,*
 - 4. *And every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,*
 - 5. *And bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ..."*
 - 6. Perhaps greatest battle takes place on battleground of our mind.
- B. What are some of our weapons?
 - 1. The name of the Lord.
 - a. You uncircumcised Philistine.
 - b. Recognized that Goliath was not in covenant with God.
 - c. You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord God of Israel.
 - d. Jehosaphat's remembrance of God's covenant with Solomon. - II Chr.20:9 - *"If when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help."*
 - 2. The Spirit of the Lord
 - a. Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit

- b. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...
- c. The anointing destroys every yoke of bondage.
- 3. The Word of God (Putting on the whole armour of God...the Sword of the Spirit).
- 4. Prayer (Praying always with all prayer and supplications in the Spirit)

IV. PRAYER AS A WEAPON OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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

V. 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

VI. 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."

VII. DEVOTION

- A. Praise
 - 1. Send Judah first
 - 2. Jehosophat
- B. 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.
 - 3. God inhabits the praises - here God is, problems have to leave
 - 4. Praising Him for the victory

VIII. INTERCESSORY

- A. Supplications for those in authority
 - 1. Lift up hands that hang down
 - 2. Satan hath desired to sift thee as wheat, but I have

prayed for you

B. Pray for those who are in authority

1. If we don't pray for our government, we get the government we deserve.
2. If we don't pray for our church, we get the church we deserve.