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I Need A Word

The Weapons OF Our Warfare

Study notes and devotional scriptures



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The Weapons Of Our Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Warfare = The World

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind

The Flesh

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh

The Devil

James 4:7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The purpose of the war is

Pulling down of strongholds = A fortress, strong defense,

We as believers are to demolish the systems of the world, conquer the lust of the flesh and drive out every evil force.

BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD – Through the grace of GOD

The Weapons of our warfare

(1) The Word of God

(A) Give me a Rhema = Revealed Word

Instant and present word spoken
from God



Preaching speaks Rhema

Romans 10: **15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

word = Transliteration: rhéma

Definition: a word, by implication a matter

Usage: a thing spoken, a word or saying of any kind, as command, report, promise,

(B) Give me a Logos = Written word or permanent word

Jesus is the permanent word of God. His plan has been constant throughout eternity

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A promise from the scriptures = A word in your spirit

2 Corinthians 1: **18** But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." **19** For the Son of

God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas ^c and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” 20For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. 21Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Jesus is the Word (Logos),
Jesus is the promise (Rhema)
Jesus is the fulfilment

(2) The Armour of God



The Armor of God – Each piece has a purpose and is designed for our protection and covering.

Eph. 6:11-17 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, in addition to

all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

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| Belt of truth | = Truth needs to hold You together and be the core of who you are |
| Breastplate of righteousness | = Protect your heart from the damage of sin and the issues of life. |
| Shoes of the gospel of peace | = walk in the path of peace and righteousness |
| Shield of faith | = Defend you from every attack |
| helmet of salvation | = To protect your thought life |
| Sword of the Spirit | = The Word of God Demolishes stronghold |

God has equipped you for victory every day of your life.

The Armor of God is not a religious exercise to be done daily but an ongoing revelation that is to be lived in daily.

A knowing in your spirit.

(3) The Power of Prayer



Eph. 6:18 “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

Prayer changes the situation

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. 27The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

Prayed caused

- ❖ Foundations to be shaken
- ❖ Doors to be opened
- ❖ And Chains to fall off

Prayer is not a duty it’s a privilege

James 5:16 “...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”

Prayer changes circumstances

Heaven interacts with Earth through prayer

(4) Praying in Tongues



1 Corinthians 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue ^a does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. **3**But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. **4**Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

The Apostle Paul said, 1 Cor 14:2-3

‘Anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.’

mysteries = musterion = secret

When we pray in the Spirit using the gift of tongues, we are praying heaven’s secrets

—things that haven’t been revealed in the earth realm yet

God hides mysteries for us not from us.

Tongues gives us an unfair advantage of the devil.

Romans 8: 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27**And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

Paul prayed and sang in tongues

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. **15** So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

(5) The Power of The Holy Spirit

God fills us with strength, wisdom, and discernment through His own Spirit to stay strong in the battle.



Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The Holy Spirit gives Power

Act 1:8

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| The Holy Spirit is your helper | John 14:16 |
| The Holy Spirit is your intercessor | Romans 8:26 |
| The Holy Spirit equips you | 1 Corinthians 12:4 |

(6) The Blood of the lamb and the Word of Our Testimony



Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death

- ❖ We are overcomers in this life because He has overcome.
- ❖ Our lives are hidden in Christ with God.
- ❖ No demon or darkness can ever separate us from the love of God

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Victory of the cross was complete

Hebrews 10: [23](#) Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Profession = Testimony, confession or declaration

The things we say line up with the victory of the cross.

(7) The Power of Praise



Praise invites God's Presence.

Jehoshaphat miraculously defeat the enemy,
because of the people's obedience to praise Him.

2 Chron. 20:22 **As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated**

Praise is not the feel good factor of the service

Praise is a weapon

- ❖ Praise Confuses the enemy
- ❖ Praise tares down walls
- ❖ Praise loosens chains
- ❖ Praise opens doors
- ❖ Praise encourages the believer
- ❖ Praise brings His presence

Psa. 22:3 **He inhabits the praises of His people.**

Bible Verses about God's Word

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Bible Verses about the armour of God

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;



Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Bible Verses about prayer

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful

Bible Verses about praying in Tongues



Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied

Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Bible verses about the Holy Spirit



Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Acts 4:31 When they finished praying, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim God's message with boldness.

Jude 1:20 But you, my friends, keep on building yourselves up on your most sacred faith. Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit

Bible Verses about the Blood and our testimony



Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus

Revelations 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

1 John 1:2-3 This life was revealed to us, and we have seen it and testify about it. We declare to you this eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you so that you, too, can have fellowship with us. Now this fellowship of ours is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus, the Messiah

Bible verses about Praise

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.



Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him

Psalm 35:28 And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness And Your praise all day long.