

## Spiritual Warfare - “Launching Rockets” - 2

**II Cor. 10:3-4** - “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds).”

Last time we shared about “**prayer**” being a “launching rocket” for our “spiritual weapons”: the Word of God, the Name of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus. Today we want to look at another “launching rocket”; **PREACHING**.

Preach:

Webster’s New World Dictionary =Preach= to proclaim. To speak in public on religious matters; give a sermon. To urge or expound, as by preaching.

Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament= kerusso (kay-roos’-so)=to proclaim or herald; to proclaim after the manner of a herald; always with a suggestion of formality, gravity, and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed. To publish, proclaim openly: something which has been done. There are other Greek words for “preach” in the New Testament, but “kerusso” is the word used in the scripture references used today.

**II Tim. 4:2** - “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” The Lord tells us, through Paul, that we are to be ready to share the Word (preach), at every opportunity (instant in season, out of season). How do we get ready?

We need to be walking after the Holy Spirit, (living right), full of the Word of God, full of the power of God (the Holy Spirit), and in much prayer. Then we will be in position for God to use us.

**Acts 9:20-21**- tells us that Paul preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Paul was so full of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, that he went right into the “lions den”, so to speak. He amazed them, and then they turned against him to kill him, but God protected him.

**Rom. 10:13-15** -“ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 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!”

Now, I realize we can’t all have a pulpit ministry as a regular minister of the gospel, but we can all, who are “born again Christians”, be preachers (or proclaimers), of the Word, the Name and the Blood of Jesus.

Then after Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, He appeared to the eleven apostles as they sat at meat, “ and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen.” **Mk. 16:14**

Then we see Jesus giving what is known as “The Great Commission”.

**Mk.16:15-20** - “And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” Also, see **Matt, 28:18-20**. These were the last words Jesus said to His followers, so they must have been very important to Him and should be to us, also.

**II Cor. 4:3** - “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost”. Please read verses 3-6.

God is faithful! When we go in His Name, and on the authority of the Blood of Jesus, preaching His Word, He confirms it with signs following! We should expect this confirmation, when we do it His way. We should go in faith and expect miracles to follow.

God Bless you!