

Spiritual Warfare -“Launching Rockets”- 3

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).”

We have shared about “**prayer**” and “**preaching**” being “launching rockets” for our “spiritual weapons”: the Word of God, the Name of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus. Today we want to look at a third “launching rocket”; **TESTIMONY** (or testifying).

Rev. 12:11 - “And they overcame them by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

The Greek word used here for “testimony” is: marturias, which means witness. Testify - to bear witness; to profess publicly, as one’s belief.

Just before the above verse, we see in **Rev. 12:7-10**, there was war in Heaven and Michael and his angels fought against the devil and his wicked angels and cast them out of Heaven to the earth. This was spiritual warfare! Verse 10 says the devil accused the “brethren” before our God, day and night. God had them cast from Heaven to the earth. Satan is not bound yet. We still have spiritual warfare. **Eph. 6:12** - “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Please read vs. 10-18.

A witness relates what they’ve seen and heard. Witnessing is telling others what you have experienced personally. We are not all called to preach, as in a pulpit ministry, but we are all called to witness.-**Acts 1:8** - “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” We are to witness wherever we are. Jesus told His disciples in **Jn. 15:26-27**; “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” And now we, as disciples/followers of Christ must continue with His command to witness His gospel to others.

I Jn. 4:14-15- “And we have seen and do testify, (the Greek text says - “bear witness”) that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God.”

Some of us tend to be a bit timid when it comes to witnessing for the Lord Jesus.

This is a matter of being “self-conscious”. That word means exactly what it says: we are being conscious of self rather than Jesus. Let’s fix our minds on Him and forget about ourselves. It is Jesus Christ that we want to magnify and glorify, isn’t it? Don’t think about failing in your effort to witness. Just think about how awesome the Lord is and all that He has done for you. We need to share how God loved us so much that He gave His unique Son to bear our sin and suffer and die on that cruel cross, to be buried and arise again on the third day, to reconcile us back to God. We need to share that because of what the Lord Jesus did, we have everlasting life with Him and the Father in Heaven, that we have access to the presence of God, where we can forever worship Him and reign with Him. This is, of course, if we continue to walk after His Holy Spirit. So, I think you probably agree that we have much to witness about and we haven’t even talked about how the Lord walks with us, daily, protecting, providing, nurturing, supplying, loving, teaching, healing and communing with us. What a mighty, awesome God we serve!

Jn. 3:30 - “He must increase, but I must decrease”

Matt. 28:18-20 -“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Amen!

Next time we will look at another Powerful “launching rocket”!!

God Bless You!!!

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