

The Weapons of Our Warfare (continued)

Last week we began to discuss the “primary weapons” God has given us to equip us for spiritual warfare. We talked about how important it is to know and understand the written “word of God”; the Bible. God’s Word is alive and sharp and more powerful than any two-edged sword.-**Heb. 4:12**

II Corinthians 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;)”

This week we want to discuss another very powerful “spiritual weapon”; the “name of Jesus”. The very last thing that Jesus did before He was received up into heaven, according to **Mark 16: 15-20**, was to give us His “power of attorney” to use His name.

In verses 17 and 18 Jesus said: “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.”

Jesus thus gave us, the believers, the authority to use His name in every situation. You will notice in vs. 20, they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following! When believers go in the Name of Jesus and preach the word, He confirms His word with signs following.

In Matt. 28: 18-19 Jesus said all power was given unto Him. ALL power! That includes power over sin, Satan, sickness, disease, poverty, depression, oppression, death, whatever. Jesus made sure He did not leave us powerless, He gave us the authority to go in His Name! (He first told us to be filled with the Holy Spirit).

In **Ephesians 1:17-19** Paul prays that the eyes of our spirits be enlightened to the things of God! We must understand the authority we have in the Name of Jesus. And not only the authority, but the responsibility we have in using His Name. We do not use His name indiscriminately, as in “name it and claim it”.

It is so important to use not only the NAME of Jesus, but the WORD and the BLOOD in our praise and worship. Many years ago as a young Christian, I used to sing “specials” in church. I always loved to sing and play my guitar, so it was only natural for me, after I became a Christian, to sing “specials” in church. My Pastor at that time, who also played guitar and sang, told me one time that if a song didn’t refer to the blood of Jesus, it wasn’t worth singing. This really kept me focused in on keeping my songs centered on the Lord. And as I grew in the Lord, I came to understand how important it was to stay focused on God in our praise and worship.

Praise and worship are powerful “launching rockets” for these “spiritual weapons”. As we sing about the Word, the Name and the Blood of Jesus, the magnitude of His love and His power seeps deep into our spirits, and builds our faith in these areas, (faith comes by hearing the Word of God), and we are reminded of the awesomeness of God and that we are the army of the Lord and then prepare to enter spiritual warfare against Satan and his hosts. He can not stand against the Name, the Word and the Blood of Jesus.

Phil. 2: 9-11 says: “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” This covers just about every creature, doesn’t it?
ALL things will bow to the name of Jesus! HE IS LORD!!!

We see also when the seventy, who had been appointed and sent out by the Lord, returned, they said: "even the devils are subject to us through Thy name". **Lk. 10:17**. Please read Lk. 10:17-20.

Col. 3:17 tells us that whatsoever we do in word or deed, we're to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

Acts 2:38 says we're to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12 tells us: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved".

In **Acts 4:10** we are told that it was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth that the lame man was healed.

In **Acts 16:18** we see Paul casting out a demon in the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said He will do whatever we ask in His name. **Jn. 14: 13-14** And the Father will give you what you ask in Jesus name. (If we are following after the Holy Spirit). **Jn. 16:23; Jn. 15:16**

The Father has sent the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. **Jn. 14:26**

Jn. 16:24 says to ask in His name, we will receive, and our joy will be complete!

Praise the wonderful NAME OF JESUS!!!!!!

God Bless You
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