

Some of Our Weapons of Spiritual Warfare

I. Lesson Text: “And from the days of John The Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Police **enFORCE** the law with weapons, and **FORCE** criminals to surrender. "Force" in Matt. 11:12 means the use of weapons God has given us.

II. How Do We Win These Battles of Spiritual Warfare? Weapons Of Our Warfare—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 strongholds; **5**) Casting 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; **6**) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

- The "**Armor Of God**": ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For 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. ¹³**Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**
- ¹⁴**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;** ¹⁵**And your feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace;**
- ¹⁶**Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.** ¹⁷**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:** ¹⁸**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.**” (Ephesians 6:11-18).
- **The "keys to the kingdom":** ¹⁹“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven: (Matthew 16:19).

Fourteen Of The Irresistible Spiritual Weapons God Provided For His Church

What are the keys God has given us that unleash heaven's power? What are these weapons that when used provide force enough to move the devil? Here is a list of 11 of these weapons in their scriptural context relating to spiritual warfare (no specific order):

1. Love: Understanding God's love for you is the secret to an overcoming life. Many grow spiritually cold because they're ignorant of God's love for them. They don't realize their greatest weapon against satan's attacks is to be fully convinced of His love, which can come only by revelation of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus prayed this final prayer on earth: “Father...Thou lovest me before the foundation of the world” (John 17:24). Awesome! Christ was greatly loved before creation! Before anything was placed in the cosmos—before any planet was formed, before the sun, moon or stars came into being, before the earth was made, before the creation of man—Jesus was loved by the Father.

Then, Jesus prayed this prayer: “Thou, Father... hast loved them, as thou hast loved me” (Jn. 17:21, 23); and also prayed, “That the love wherewith the love thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them” (17:26). Christ was saying, “Father, I know You are going to love those I bring into my body, just the way You loved Me.” If the Father loved us the same way He loved His Son, then we can know that nothing over, on, or

under this earth can touch us without His permission! If we truly understand His Love for us, we can accept all the power...all the weapons and authority which was so passionately handed down to His church when He ascended to sit on the right hand of His Father.

2. Resistance: *"Resist the devil and he will flee from you"* (James 4:7). We know we can use all our weapons of spiritual warfare against the enemy of our soul, Satan. Search the Word to see if you can find more spiritual weapons! Just Stop Lying, stealing, gossiping, causing division in the Church and other evil temptations!

3. The Word of God: (this is the most important weapon!) "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17). *"For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (Heb. 4:12). Alive! (John 1:1-5; 17:5, 17).

4. Faith: *"ABOVE ALL, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"* (Eph. 6:16). *"Whom resist steadfast in the faith"* (1 Pet. 5:8-10)

5. Peace: In the Old Covenant, Our Lord was often called, "The Lord Of Hosts", meaning He is a Warring God who stands alone. He lifts men up and He breaks them down at His own choosing. The Lord of Hosts was the protector of His people. But in the New Covenant, we often refer to Him as the "God Of Peace"...who will shortly injure Satan under our feet! (Romans 16:20).

6. The name of Jesus: *"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."* (Mark 16:17,18).

7. The blood of the Lamb: *"they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the lamb"* (Rev. 12:11).

8. The mouth (faith's confession): When Jesus was being tempted of the devil, three times he quoted to Satan what the Word had to say about the situation, saying: *"It is written"* (Matt 4:4, 7, 10). (Rom 10:9,10)

9. Praying in the Spirit: *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"* (Eph. 6:18).

10. Righteousness: *"...having on the breastplate of righteousness"* (Eph. 6:14; Zech. 3:1-5).

11. Praise: *"Out of the mouth of babes ..."* (Matthew 21:16). *"thou hast perfected praise"* (quoting and defining Psalm 8:2 which adds), *"that thou mayest still the enemy"*. Praise is the weapon that stills the enemy. (See also II Chron. 20 and Acts 16:25,6).

12. Fasting and prayer: Daniel's fast binding the Prince of Persia in Daniel 10. Also Matthew 17:17-21, *"This kind (of demon) goeth not out by prayer and fasting"*.

13. Wisdom: *"Unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God"* (Eph. 3:10); The entire Chapter of Prov 8; *"by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war"* (Prov. 24:6); *"A wise man scaeth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof"* (Prov. 21:22). Get God's strategy for your war! It's called wisdom.

14. Bind And Loose: Jesus asked His disciples, *"Who do men believe I Am?"* ..Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt*

bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Mt16:16-19; 1 John 4:15; and Revelation 1:17,18).

“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18: 18-20)

Some Benefits Of Binding And Loosing:

1. The Keys To The Kingdom Of God: Jesus gave Peter, as representative of His supernatural Church, the keys to the Kingdom of God. These keys carried all authority over the enemy of our souls. Then, in Revelation 1:17,18 Jesus said, *“Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death.”* Here, *Jesus comforted John the Revelator* in that He – being the Alpha and Omega, the First and The Last, The Beginning and The End, the Eternal One – is in full control of the times – today and forever.

2. Our Authority In Spiritual Warfare: Whatever we, the Church, binds on earth is already bound in heaven; and whatever we loose on earth is already loosed in heaven. Jesus, sitting at the right hand of His Father is agreeing to the Father this authority and power He gave His Own Church. Jesus stressed this truth in two chapters of Matthew!

3. Two In Agreement: As often as possible, we should have at least one prayer mate who will agree with us as touching anything that we ask on earth. Jesus promised His Father would accomplish these needs!

4. Two Or Three Gathered In His Name: He promised to be there in their midst. Don't forget God's multiplication tables!

- “And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword” (Lev 26:8).
- “How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up” (Deuteronomy 32:30)?
- “These [are] they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all [them] of the valleys, [both] toward the east, and toward the west” (1Chronicles 12:15).
- “A Thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee” (Psalm 91:7).

The next time you are under Satanic attack, go through this list of keys and weapons. One by one TAKE each one of them in your hand and in your mouth and get VIOLENT in your warfare. The FORCE (dunamis) inherent in each of them will, with God's power enable you to see the promise fulfilled:

“And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly” (Romans 16:20).

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