

50 Weapons of Warfare

Our weapons of warfare are as follows:

The Name of Jesus (word of command because of His Authority delegated to us).

The Word of God (His Truths)

The gifts of The Holy Spirit (guidance in the warfare)

The angels of God (ministering spirits)

The word of our Testimony

It requires endurance and willingness to pay whatever cost it takes to defeat Satan and his plans (Revelation 2:11).

It is our will, as guided by The Holy Spirit, that determines what we should use or command and our understanding of each weapon that allows it to be made a part of our armoury.

Prayer

Prayer is not a spiritual warfare weapon as shown by the following incident

A minister was talking to Jesus and a demon came between them. The demon Mocked the minister and made noises to block out what Jesus was saying

The minister asked Jesus to remove the demon

Jesus said That the master had to remove it using the authority Jesus had delegated to him

Jesus said that in His Name we won cast out demons and did not tell us to ask Him to do it!

You must remember

Prayer is for our heart to heart conversations with our Father sharing what is in our heart.

With Jesus our stepbrother it is more conversational with Him

The Holy Spirit is our teacher so we listen to Him and learn from Him

If you do not know your delegated Authority Jesus will protect you but you must learn how use it so you can fight not only on your behalf but on the behalf of those who don't know how to fight

It is a command to fight using the authority delegated to us so you will need to learn how to use this delegation.

He said: *In my name shall they cast out devils;* He did not say: *They are to ask me et ocas t out devils.*

Prayer and fasting in deliverance

Mark 9:29 “And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

I believe verse this has been misunderstood as fasting has been misunderstood. God tells us what His choice of fast fasting is.

Fasting is not mentioned in The Law so it was not a requirement of God. It is first mentioned in connection with David and his firstborn with Bathsheba, 500 years after The Law was given. (2 Samuel 12).

The first comment that God made is in Isaiah.

Isaiah 58:5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

Isa 58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Isa 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Isa 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

The promises are for a fast of this type and not for any other.

The first fast actually commanded is in the book of Joel and has to do with repenting and preventing judgment on the land:

Joel 1:14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

This is the same fast as in Jonah 3:5 and was really a fast from their current lifestyle to which God would accept.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:16-18 that when we fast, no one else is to know; only God need know.

It is interesting that Jesus and the disciples did not fast while He was alive.

Luk 5:33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

Luk 5:34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

Luk 5:35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

Jesus' only mentions of fasting is in connection with spiritual disciplines to draw closer to God but nowhere in the New Testament does God command a fast. In the New Testament only guidelines are noted for when you choose to fast.

The focus of the comments on fasting in the Bible is toward God and His purposes and away from any self-interest we may have in the fast.

Fasting for weight reduction is different to fasting for spiritual warfare. One is for the body and the other for spiritual lifestyle to become closer to God through maturing yourself more into His Character and strengthening the intimate relationship we have with The Father and Jesus through obedience out of love for them..

Now what is the prayer in the statement by Jesus?

As we have to command Satan to leave, it cannot be a prayer of request. Jesus was referring to our lifestyle in regard to fasting so this prayer must be a prayer that is part of our lifestyle - worship.

In deliverance ministry the prayer must be one of command to Satan to leave and not merely a prayer of request. We can pray all we like but that is not expressing the delegated authority of Jesus. Only the word of command does this and only if we command in His Name and Nature using the authority He has delegated to us. Jesus was referring to our lifestyle in regard to fasting, so this command/prayer must be one that is also a part of our lifestyle which is worship.

Putting them together

So, what is required to cast out these harder demons?

Show the Love of God and walk in continual worship with Him.

Weapon of Praise

Praise, worship and adoration helps us to focus on Jesus and this removes the thoughts of the enemy from our mind so it is a good defence against attacks. Praise also annoys demons and can drive them away.

The Word of God (His Truths)

The Truths of The Bible fight the lies of the demons in our minds and give us our foundation for spiritual warfare, deliverance and healing ministry. So the Bible encourages meditation on God's word as it will clear your soul, give you understanding of the things of God, fill your mind so that the demons cannot place thoughts in it, and give you joy as you meditate on the Word, Jesus and the promises He has made to you! This gives the Holy Spirit a source to draw from as He teaches you and shows you the truths you need to fight the lies of Satan.

The Name of Jesus (Word of Command)

This is the authority of Jesus delegated to us that allows us to command a demon to leave. It is the only authority we have been given that enables us to command a demon to leave (Mark 16:17). We know that when it is exercised in accordance with the Will of God, it will come to pass. You may wonder at the implication in modern Bibles that we do not have this authority. Satan has tried to alter modern Bibles to remove this idea of the delegation of authority from Christ which empowers the believer and to triumph over Satan.

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit can see the whole spiritual side of the battle so His advice is very valuable. He expresses His advice through people using the various gifts He has given them: Words of Knowledge, Words of Wisdom, Prophecy, and Discernment of Spirits. He guides us through the battle as He is the only one who can see the full spiritual perspective of the battle as well as its impact.

God will give you what you need in order to do His work (Matthew 6:33). He will equip you emotionally, physically, mentally, spiritually and in any other way He needs to. This does not mean you will feel completely whole or always able, but you will be well enough to do what He requires of you.

The Angels of God (Ministering Spirits)

The Father has sent His angels to minister to us. They do not appear to take any actual part in the battle but will do so if we ask The Father to help. We are told they are ministering spirits, but not exactly what they do. It is best left to God to direct them, although at times, I have asked The Father to send angels to sing worship and to read from the Bible to the demon being challenged during a deliverance session.

Note that demons and angels do not physically fight each other. The 'battle' is all based on levels of authority. The lesser gives way to the greater. Jesus is greater than all, so demons must yield to His Authority.

I have not been more specific as to what the weapons do, as God is creative and is not limited by what we believe He can do. This is why we need to be led by the Holy Spirit so we know how God is working and what He wants us to do.

The Blood of the Lamb and The Word of our Testimony

The Blood of the Lamb, The Word of our Testimony, and our Endurance in trials we have as we do the work of the Kingdom.

The victory that was achieved at Calvary was evidenced by The Blood of The Lamb (Revelation 12:11) and by the word of our testimony and our perseverance in the task till it is finished no matter what the cost.

The Blood testifies to the victory of Jesus at Calvary and His subsequent right of all Authority (some of which He delegates to us). The Word of Testimony is our faith in and acceptance of this as well as in all who Jesus is. As for perseverance, no battle is won until victory has been secured.

The Blood of Jesus in relations to deliverance

This is used as a magic formula and cure-all in deliverance but it is really the evidence of what Jesus accomplished at Calvary and our chief witness to it.

We belong to Jesus so demons have no ownership rights

(Act 20:28) Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Sins were dealt with by His Shed Blood

(Rom 3:25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Sins forgiven as a result of it

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Enables us to approach Jesus

(Eph 2:13) But now, in Christ Jesus, ye, who formerly were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Cleanses and changes our mind to serve god

(Heb 9:14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Witnesses we belong to Jesus

(Heb 9:20) Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined to you.

Cleanses things

(Heb 9:22) And almost all things are by the law cleansed with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Overcomes the enemy when coupled with the faith that is willing to declare His wonderful Miracles and die for Him.

(Rev 12:11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives to the death.

Our Defences

These are few, as a Christian should never need to defend for long. In a previous section, we have discussed how to deal with personal attacks of demons.

Drawing Near to Jesus (James 4:7,8a)

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, tell him to go in Jesus' Name to Jesus to be dealt with and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you as you surrender more and more of your life to Him as your Lord.

The Armour of a Christian

God's armour has no back apparatus to it, as a Christian should never flee from the attacks of a demon. We are to flee from temptation, though, so that the demons cannot ensnare us. The armour of a Christian is about our relationship with Jesus and the resultant lifestyle. As we live holy and pure lives, we remove many opportunities for demons to attack us. In this case, the best defence appears to be attack, as the armour has no rear protection to cover you if you retreat.

Methods of Attack

Satan will attack your family and your relationships, causing conflict over matters, especially spiritual matters, but often over things that are of no eternal consequence.

Satan will attack your health and cause you to be ill, so that it is more difficult to be effective in your Christian life or to even do your daily activities.

Satan will attack your mind and sanity (mental health), causing you to lust or doubt yourself and your abilities as well as cause you to doubt your hearing The Holy Spirit and the ministry of delivering people from Satan's control.

Satan will attack your finances to try to get you to trust in yourself rather than in God's provision for you.

Satan will attack your knowledge and understanding of the Bible to try to lead you into error.

Satan will attack your character, so people will not respect your integrity and credibility, thus ruining your witness as a Christian.

Some of the attacks are through other people. The demon will incite people to either attack you personally or malign you to third parties (slander, gossip, innuendo, outright lies) so as to destroy your reputation and credibility as a Christian witness. Often a man's worst foes are those of his family or close relatives and friends.

Can demons attack a Christian at will?

My initial answer is definitely not, as they are limited by God and must work within His parameters. There is also the illustration God gives of His protection in the book of Job Chapter 1.

Job 1:8-10 (KJV) And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 1:8-10 (YLT) And Jehovah saith unto the Adversary, 'Hast thou set thy heart against My servant Job because there is none like him in the land, a man perfect and upright, fearing God, and turning aside from evil?' And The Adversary answereth Jehovah and saith, 'For nought is Job fearing God? Hast not Thou made a hedge for him, and for his house, and for all that he hath-round about?'

The way we deal with attacks should bring Glory and Honour to Jesus.

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

The attacks of the devil, which are permitted by God, demonstrate His love, in that, He uses them to mature us as Christians. It is only this knowledge at times that sustains us in severe trials, that God is Love and He is in control working for our best. It is in trials we mature and learn things that we would not otherwise learn in comfort and ease. This is why the comfortable church is an ineffective church. It has not matured to the state that Jesus can use it for His warfare and Kingdom.

Rom 5:3-5 AV And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rom 5:3-5 (EY) And not only so: we also exult in our sufferings, knowing as we do, that suffering produces fortitude; fortitude, ripeness of character; and ripeness of character, hope; and that this hope never disappoints, because God's love for us floods our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Every time we successfully resist an attack of a demon, they lose ground in some way!

The real reason why God allows an attack is to remove some of the world's influence in you. Demons can only use things of this world to attack you: attitudes (capitalism, greed, wealth, for example), reasoning/logic, and theories of the world (evolution and liberal theology, for example). Demons can really only use what the world possesses of you to tempt you. They cannot use the things of God but the demons will try to call them into question in your mind. Hence, there is the need to get the world's system and its attitudes and reasonings out of your system.

What then of sickness in Christians and attacks that seem to overwhelm Christians?

In regard to sickness, God could allow it for growth reasons etc. (as above) or there could be a sin that

needs to be repented of. In the latter case, you command healing in Jesus' Name after repenting of any sin that allowed the sickness to occur. I have found there to be, though, a 100% correlation between sin and sickness. To those who would point out Job as an example of unjust suffering and illness, I would point out that Job also sinned, which is why Satan was able to attack him.

In Job 3:25, Job states the following "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."

Job was afraid God could not protect what he had been given (his material prosperity), so Satan was able to request God to remove some of the protection around Job because of his doubt about it. Satan was able to make Job sick as well as remove all God had given him, including his children. So here we have a good example of not trusting God and the result of this sin - loss of prosperity, health, and loved ones.

Sins that will not go away are dealt with by repentance and by removing any demon oppressing the person (deliverance). A demon of infirmity or addiction may be invited in by other demons, after the original demons take hold. These need to be removed along with the demons that originally entered the person.

The Bible says 'entered' not attached or stayed outside.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Can a Christian be tempted, have a demon enter and lose their salvation? Well all you need to do is look at Ananias and Saphiras. Their sin resulted in grieving the Holy Spirit and death.

We need The Holy Spirit to tell us what we need to know and do in order to obtain any healing or deliverance that Jesus wants to happen.

Can a Christian be attacked indiscriminately by a demon? Only if a part of them is not in a correct relationship with God and they have moved themselves out of His protective sphere because they have rejected, in their heart, God's rule in an area of their life. In that area, at least, demons have a right to attack, but the degree of the attack is limited by God.

Perhaps an explanation on our position as citizens of God's Kingdom may make things a little clearer.

The king protects citizens as long as they are His citizens. If the enemy intends to harm the king's citizens, those whom the king is protecting, he must first neutralize the king's defensive resources. God protects us and nothing can neutralize His resources, therefore, Satan cannot touch us if we are in a proper relationship with God as a citizen of His Kingdom. Because Satan cannot distract us to accept what he desires us to do because Lordship and holiness are so strong in our life.

Let us say, for example, a citizen is concerned that the king may not be able to protect his legs so he leans them over the wall, out of the protection of the king, hoping his legs will be safe there and wonders why each leg has an arrow in them very quickly. The citizen has not wholly committed his body to the king's protection and, as such, he was able to be attacked in the area of his body not given to the king.

We, in our Christian life, withhold areas of our lives from the Lordship of Jesus and, therefore, He cannot

protect them for us. We do this through worry, fear, greed, etc., in other words, sin. The areas not given to Jesus are able to be attacked by demons. This is the demon's legal ground for access to attack us. This is why The Lordship of Jesus must be 100% in our lives or else we are vulnerable to the enemy in some part of our make-up.

If we want to be safe in Jesus, we are required to give Him all, in the belief that He will protect all. A Christian whose life is based on Love and thanksgiving to God for what He has done for them will dedicate their life wholly (100%) to Jesus. This position in the Kingdom of God is our best defence in spiritual warfare and is our starting point in the battle against the enemy. This is the position every Christian should be in.

This fasting from the things of the world places us in this position.

Witches and others in the occult complain that curses bounce off true Christians and do not affect them. Curses can only affect those who place themselves outside the protection of Jesus.

Prov 26:2 NRSV Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, an undeserved curse goes nowhere.

A curse requires a cause for it to affect you and a spiritual force to make it happen. The spiritual force causing the curse to be worked out is a demon.

Christians do not need to concern themselves with undeserved curses as God is greater than any demon and there is no legal right for a demon to attack them. Thus, the curse will not take hold. It may affect those around us and indirectly ourselves but it cannot harm us if we are in a correct relationship with God as there is no legal access for the demon(s) for them to be able to attack us.

(Prov 26:2 KJV) As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

The curses that take effect do so normally as a result of some area Jesus is not Lord of. One is to be concerned about these as they can harm a person. There are needs to be given to Jesus to be Lord of and any demon then dealt with using the five steps.

We are under the shelter of God's Love and He will not let anything happen to us that we have not legally brought onto ourselves through 'sin'.

If Jesus is not Lord of an area of our life it is usually because of a wrong attitude or sin.

Generational Sins and Hereditary Curses

Generational sins and hereditary curses are broken by giving the area to Jesus and commanding the demons enforcing any curses in these areas to leave. The curse of The Law as broken at Calvary (Gal 3:3) and other curses are broken as Jesus is greater than the people causing the curse or the demons carrying them out. Contracts with Satan are broken on those who have been dedicated to Jesus by others. Those who have made any contracts with Satan or have had them made over them need to renounce them, as well as repent.

Removing Demons that are Oppressing or Attacking You

Demons that attacking you are in two categories:

Those attacking from outside of you that have no legal right to be there but are trying to obtain legal permission by making you accept their suggestions and sin.

Those inside of you that you have allowed in (your soul/flesh) and which must be cast out. This is where the Five Steps to Victory are used.

To remove the external demons attacking you, command them to leave in Jesus' Name and to go to Jesus to be dealt with.

Internal demons need to be removed using the five steps.

In Conclusion:

Satan can only make you do what you allow him to convince you to do. God says we will never be tempted beyond what we can bear and that there is always a way to get out of the temptation. Sin is a result of not believing these two things. So, when attacked tell Satan you do not want what he is offering and that you will do the Will of Jesus and command him to go in Jesus' Name to Jesus to be dealt with. Ask the Holy spirit to replace what Satan tried to place upon you with His Godly thoughts.