

# Weapons and Defence

## **Preface**

Every soldier needs to know their defences and their weapons so that they can be used to fight properly the battle they are in. Because you are a Christian on earth you are automatically in a battle with Satan and his forces. As the battle is spiritual our weapons are found in our handbook on all things spiritual, The Bible and are given to us by Jesus, our commander.

As a citizen of The Kingdom of God your duty is to learn as much as you can about your weapons and defences Jesus has supplied you with so that you can use them properly. This booklet is written to help you with this task.

## **Introduction**

This booklet is in four parts:

Our defence (our position and relationship to Jesus Christ

The way Satan attacks us

Our Weapons to fight this battle

A primer on spiritual warfare

If there was no battle we would not need armour or weaponry . The fact God provides these to His Body indicates there is a need for them to be used so that there must be a battle to use these in.

As there is a battle you must fight or go under unless you are teaching how to battle, resting, training or being trained for the battle.

Every Christian following Jesus is at war, if only because they are hated by Satan and he is trying to destroy them. Satan is the enemy of your king and never sleeps so that he is always seeking ways to attack you. Thank God he is limited in what he can do as he is not allowed to attack you more than you can withstand (1 Cor 10:13).

The citizens have weapons to defeat the enemy but these weapons are of no use if the citizen does not have the knowledge of them, how they are used, the maturity to use them and the desire to use them. There is also armour provided for the citizen to assist them in this battle.

The Bible plainly states what you should be doing, as a citizen, in this battle so that you are without excuse to ignore it. If you really want to obey Jesus and fight this battle then He will send people to train you and you will also have the help of The Holy Spirit in this training and battle.

This armour has no rear protection as a citizen is always to face the enemy and be ready to attack them or hold ground as is necessary. There is no way to turn your back on the enemy and run from the battle without being seriously hurt.

The weapons we have been given by Jesus help us battle and are not designed to help us retreat because in this warfare Jesus has already won it and it is up to us to declare and claim this victory

Any citizen not in this battle needs to ask whether they are in a period of rest from the battle, too immature to do battle, being trained for it, too tied up with the things of the enemy (worldly things) or maybe whether they even belong to The Kingdom.

The more a citizen loves their King and spends time with Him and seeing his Love working for them, the more they want to serve and represent their King and protect what is His.

The Christian life is the expression of our love relationship with Jesus and the battle with Satan is an expression of our love for Him and the desire to protect what is His as well as to expand His Kingdom.

### **Protection in the battle**

Our protection in the battle is our relationship with Jesus as our King who protects us because we belong to Him and have a personal, intimate relationship with Him and The Father.

### **Holiness and stewardship**

To maintain our relationship with Jesus so that we are in a position to fight the battle needs faith in Him and His control, holiness which is the rejecting of all the enemy offers you and correct stewardship which is the proper maintaining of all you are given to battle with.

So you need to learn what these are and how to maintain them.

### **The Armour of a Christian**

The Christian life is a series of attitudes resulting from your beliefs. The

armour is one of these groups of attitudes. These attitudes result in salvation and the maintaining of our position in the Kingdom of God as a citizen of that Kingdom so that we are in a position for Jesus to protect us and use His delegated authority to defeat Satan.

The armour is a result of our attitudes and resultant position in The Kingdom, of God and as long as we maintain these correctly Satan cannot harm us spiritually or cause us to lose our salvation (Rev 3:5).

Armour is put on by a person before they go into battle. It identifies them as belonging to a certain army and ruled by a particular king. It allows them to fight with the weapons provided by their master. In this armour, they are able to attack the enemy and plunder the enemy's territory! The armour of the Christian is received at salvation and is proof they belong to Jesus and The Kingdom of The Father and are a part of their army on earth. However it needs to be understood and learned to be used by a young Christian.

As it is a spiritual battle The Armour is spiritual.

### **An Overview of the Armour**

The attitudes of a person who has The Armour of God on them:

v10 They trust their King

v11 They fight The King's Enemy, which is why they put on the armour. It is not just for show!

v12 They realise their enemy and the battle is spiritual

v13 and the only way to defeat the enemy is to use The King's Methods to fight him

v14 They know the truths to defeat the lies of the enemy

v15 they know the Gospel of The Kingdom and the freedom it brings people

v16 They trust Their King in all things so the enemy cannot in any way get them to doubt their King or His love

v17 They know they belong to the King and use His truths about He

and The Battle (found in the Bible) to defeat the enemy

v18 They are guided by The Holy Spirit, supporting each other in this battle to the death

v19 Being guided by Godly teacher who lead them into the truth of their King, teach them how to live and how to fight this battle.

Now to look at each verse:

*Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power.*

The protection and authority of the armour depends on the authority of the King providing it and the way in which it is built to protect the soldier and more importantly, as to how much of it has been accepted and put on by the soldier. The armour is only put on with the approval of the king and for his purposes.

We serve the mightiest and greatest King before whom all other kings must bow!

*Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil's evil tricks.*

The armour is always put on for a purpose which is to defeat the enemy and their works.

The parts of the armour are the foundations of our Christian life. If we do not have all of these on us then we will have difficulty protecting our self fully against the attacks on our faith.

*Eph 6:12 Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.*

The area of battle as well as who we battle needs to be known to effectively fight the battle and as the battle is spiritual, fleshly weapons are of no use. You need to use God's spiritual weapons as nothing else will work in this battle. We fight the plans of the leaders not just the individual demon soldiers. Demons work to a plan given to them by their rulers so you need to hinder or prevent the plan they are a part of as well as the efforts of their

soldiers enforcing these plans. Just as God has a plan for each person so does Satan have a plan for each person. God's plan is to keep removing the leaders so that there is no one to enforce the plans of their commander or order replacement troops into the field.

*Eph 6:13 That is why you need to put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.*

The choice of armour is very important. It must all be put on and must be appropriate for the battle or you will not be fully protected or able to stay in the battle for long.

Deliverance may be necessary to be able to put on the full armour or a better understanding of Salvation. These will remove weaknesses in our attitudes that Satan can try and use to attack us.

*Eph 6:14 So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist and the protection of right living on your chest.*

You must know what you are fighting for and live according to the requirements (truths) of the King to be authorised to battle on His behalf. You need to know God's truths to fight the lies of the enemy and be in a proper relationship with God so there is no weak spot in your life that the enemy can use to attack you. Jesus must be Lord of every area of your life so there is nothing unprotected that Satan can attack. The framework of five steps will help you in this.

*Eph 6:15 On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong.*

Reconciliation with God must first occur (The good news of the Gospel of Peace) so you can be a part of His army and worthy to fight His battles. The Gospel is also a weapon in stealing people from the enemy kingdom. Without reconciliation with God there is no foundation to the Christian life. We preach reconciliation and peace with God as our main weapon. Remember, we preach the Gospel of The Kingdom and demonstrate its authority over Satan as part of our preaching.

It is the demonstrating that The Kingdom of God is different and superior to that which Satan offers that frees people from their security in the things of Satan so they can trust God and His Things.

*Eph 6:16 And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One.*

You must have faith in the strategies of your King and in His ability to supply your necessities to fight as well as to heal any wounds obtained in the battle. You must believe He is more powerful than the enemy and is worth following otherwise Satan can make you doubt these and the Kings Love for you so you become weaker in your resolve to fight the battle.

The arrows of the enemy attack our mind so we need to protect our mind through faith in Jesus and the truths of His promises to us (so we need to study The Bible to learn and understand these) and through putting every thought under His Lordship and Will for us.

*Eph 6:17 Accept God's salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

You must accept the call of the King to join the army as well as use the weapons He provides for you to fight with. You must know what the weapons are, how they are used and where to get them.

You must also understand God's Salvation so you know that you have it and are part of The Kingdom of God and thus part of God's Army

The helmet protects the head where our brain is. Lose the brain and you die. God's Salvation places us under His protection in His Kingdom and His truths protect our mind. It is the truths of the Word in your mind that keep you from the deceits of the enemy (Satan and his kingdom). It is a spiritual battle which is why The Word, as explained by The Holy Ghost, is such a strong weapon.

If you do not study and meditate on The Bible you will not know the truths of God that The Holy Spirit will use to set you free and use to guide you in this battle.

*18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

This is prayer as led by The Holy Spirit for the purposes of The Kingdom. It is not for our needs as Jesus promises to provide these as we do His work (Mat 6:33).

We are to ask for fellow labourers and the things the enemy has as they really belong to Jesus and He will work to help you obtain them if they are in accordance with His Will. We are also to war for our fellow Christians who do not see they are under attack or have a need of deliverance.

All prayers of request should be in accordance with God's Will or for the purposes of doing God's Will.

*Eph 6:19 Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear.*

You must support each other in any action against the enemy, either as trainer, teacher or helper.

The Gospel of The Kingdom is an attack on Satan's kingdom and we should warfare and support those preaching and teaching The Gospel of The Kingdom (but only as The Spirit says to give and not from guilt or emotion).

The armour of a Christian is dynamic based on what Jesus has done for us at Calvary and upon our accepting what He has done. It signifies that our citizenship belongs to the Kingdom of The Father and that our battles are those of Jesus for despoiling the Kingdom of Darkness and rescuing souls from its clutches. It shows we stand for Jesus, His rules and requirements and like all soldiers, are willing to die for our commander.

It is also relational, based on our attitude to our King and the resultant position in His Kingdom. As long as we seek to have the Mind of Christ in all we do this relationship will never be broken. When it is broken repentance is necessary and possibly deliverance to help you restore and keep the attitudes necessary for this relationship with your King.

A soldier goes into battle knowing he may die but he obeys the orders given to him as they are the best chance he has for life and carrying out the King's Wishes! The soldier is willing to die for His King and for the sake of The kingdom and the people in it whether related to him or not. So it should be with all who serve in the army of Jesus!

This spiritual armour of the Christian is God's preparation for you to be able to take part in His battles as well as be protected in the battle. It is interesting that the armour has no back to it as if a Christian's only defence against Satan is to attack Him.

## The Whole Armour of God

years later I was given this in regard to the amour of a Christian.

Paul reminds us that only in the Authority and power of Jesus is their victory in this spiritual war. He then tells us who our enemy really is: they are the demons behind the evil people who use these people for their own purposes.

He also advises us that God has given us protection in this battle with Satan and that only as we take on the whole armour (protection) of God will we succeed in this spiritual battle.

*Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*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.*

*Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Or as the Syriac Peshita says:

*Eph 6:10 Therefore, my brethren, be strengthened in Our Lord and in the force of his power.*

*Eph 6:11 And put on all the armor of God, so that you can stand against the strategies of The Devil.*

*Eph 6:12 Because your fight has not been with flesh and blood, but with Principalities and The Rulers and The Powers of this dark world and with wicked spirits which are under Heaven.*

*Eph 6:13 Because of this, put on all the armor of God that you shall be able to confront The Evil One, and when you are ready in all things, you shall stand.*

We are to know the truths of God which means we will understand what the battle is all about and how to fight it and the lies of the enemy and need to be in a correct relationship with God to successfully fight this battle.

The breastplate protects the heart and our righteous (correct) relationship with God protects our spiritual heart as Satan cannot attack us successfully if we are in a righteous (correct) relationship with God.

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore and gird your waist with the truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

The Gospel attacks Satan's kingdom freeing people from it so is a form of spiritual warfare and the main purpose for the fighting we do with Satan. The purpose of God is to have everyone at peace with Him which is why we need to know The Gospel and be able to use (explain) its truths to defeat the enemy and his purpose for people.

*Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*Eph 6:15 And shoe your feet with the readiness of The Gospel of peace,*

Faith in Jesus places us in a position for Him to protect us and to help us fight the battle. So what faith is it in?

Faith in:

Who He is

That He has won the battle

That He has made it possible for you to fight and win the battle

That all His promises are true and that it is worth fighting (rewards).

Otherwise you will not fight the battle or may not even know there is one. Remember it is the truth that sets you free from the lies of Satan.

*Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*Eph 6:16 And with these, take to you the shield of faith, that with it you may have the power to quench all of the blazing bolts of The Evil One.*

The helmet covers the brain (mind) and if we are saved we are in a correct relationship with Jesus and understand this relationship correctly so that Satan cannot remove us from it through his lies.

The sword of The Spirit is the Word of God (The Bible) which tells us the truths we need to know to take part in this battle. If you do not know your Bible you will not be able to battle in the way you should because you will not have the knowledge of the truth to do this and fight the lies of the enemy.

*Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

*Eph 6:17 Put on the helmet of salvation and grasp the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

Always communicating to God your needs and asking His advice in which we are helped by The Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26-27) If we are not able to communicate with our commander and hear Him how are we to know what He desires us to do which is why we need always to be guided by The Holy Spirit and be always alert to hear His instructions.

*Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

*Eph 6:18 Pray with all prayers and with all desires always in The Spirit and be watching with him in prayer every moment as you pray constantly and make supplication for the sake of all The Holy Ones,*

We need to pray for each other and help each other in this battle. Satan is attacking us and we are The Body of Christ so the Body needs to unite as one in purpose to defeat Satan. This means we need to help each other in this battle either to protect each other from Satan's attacks or fight for and with them against Satan.

Paul mentions The Gospel at the end as the truths of it are our main weapon to rescue people from the kingdom of Satan. Without the truths of The Gospel they have no reason to go from Satan's kingdom to The Kingdom of God.

*Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,*

*Eph 6:19 Also for me, that the word may be given to me by opening my mouth, that publicly I may preach the mystery of The Gospel,*

Many Christians have no idea about this battle which is one reason why Jesus said only 10% of Christians would go up if the rapture occurred at this at the moment. They are not doing His work or defending Him and His Kingdom so really are not His followers.

The other reason was that they know about Him, He said, but do not have a personal relationship with Him which means they are not in a position to be able to even fight the battle. After the three great revivals Jesus said only 20% would go up.

Unless you are fighting the battle or are constantly on the alert for Satan's attacks then you are a victim of it and cannot be really used by God.

It is also no use fighting the battle if you have nothing better to offer them than what they already

have. This is why the truths of The Gospel are central to this battle.

### **The Weapons of a Christian**

Our war is a spiritual one and so the weapons must be spiritual. Their effects can be seen in the physical though, which is why some have assumed it is a physical battle. Medicine is based on this assumption and is not successful in many illnesses because it treats only the physical so cannot explain what happens when a spiritual approach is taken and there is healing. The flesh (man's reasoned methods) do not usually succeed very well in this battle over illnesses which is why have so many doctors and hospital.

### **There are at least four weapons:**

The delegated authority of Jesus used according to His Will (Mark 16:17, John 14:13). When you command anything in Jesus' Name you are declaring (you say) you are doing so in accordance with His Will as you are commanding the event in His Name (Authority) and can only do so if it is actually in accordance with His will.

The Sword of The Spirit, which is the Word of God. The truths of The Bible (The Word God) sets you free from the mental assaults of the kingdom of the enemy as well as protecting your mind (John 8:32). The truths of God are used to attack the lies of Satan and free people from these lies as well as guide you to know what your King requires of you.

The Holy Spirit to guide you in what you do as well as empowering you to do it. The Holy Spirit knows the strategies of your King and can guide you to fulfill your part i these. He also will show you areas you need to deal with so that there are no weaknesses or wrong attitudes for the enemy to attack.

The angels to minister to our needs and protect us.

The committing of all problems, circumstances and needs to Jesus to be lord of is important in an attack. This removes the area from Satan's attack and is usually the first step in a battle. (The framework of the five steps is designed to do this).

### **Rewards**

God is not a hypocrite and must reward us according to His rules. This

belief in a reward is one of the requirements of faith in God's goodness (Heb. 11:6). According to how you serve as a citizen of His Kingdom will be your reward (Gal 6:7-8):

Salvation results in eternal life in the presence of God in heaven providing we are genuine in our decision to follow Jesus as Lord and act upon it all our lives (obedience is necessary Rev 3:5).

Our activity as a soldier results in various 'crowns' and our love towards others, expressed by our words and the way we use what God has given us stewardship over, results in enhancements to our mansion in heaven. This is why we are told to lay (store) up treasure in heaven where it can never be damaged or lost and not to lay up treasure on earth where it can be stolen or destroyed. You cannot really keep it but you can send it ahead!

Greater spiritual authority is God's reward for service so we can serve Him even more than we do now. This greater spiritual authority means more service and not more control or power as God gives us the delegated authority in its completeness in respect of attacking Satan and the Holy Spirit is our empower so we do not really have any power to increase.

The Child of God rejoices in this that he is able to serve their Lord even more. To them the Christian life is truly the expression of their love for Jesus and The Father.

If we really believe these rewards then nothing on earth will be more important than serving our King and using what he has given us for the good of others once we have met the needs of those we are responsible for.

### **God is our Reward**

In Gen. 15:1 God says to Abraham that He is his protection and Reward. This has not changed so when we follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour He, The Father and The Holy Spirit are our reward and protect us. We are given a relationship with all three and from that relationship also follows our rewards as we reap the benefit of these relationships because they allow God to give our rewards to us.

The more we understand and develop the relationship with God, the closer the intimacy with God we will have, the more we will expose of ourselves to

Him, the greater the service we will do for Him and the more He is able to reward us.

The relationships with The Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit and the salvation resulting is our eternal reward. To seek anything else as a reward misunderstands how God relates to us and is idolatry. All other rewards in heaven are a result of the quality of the relationship we have with them.

Only as you focus on Jesus and the relationships you have with He, The Father and The Holy Spirit can The Father truly reward you as He wants to, now and in heaven.

This affects our attitude towards prosperity and the like. Things like prosperity theology are wrong as they focus on wealth and possessions being our rewards and not on the relationship we have with Jesus, The Father and The Holy Spirit as being our reward.

Prosperity and wealth are things Satan uses to reward His Follower. On Earth Jesus promises to provide all our needs but stated our rewards are in heaven. His reward on earth is more intimacy and spiritual promotion as we grow closer to Him, giving Him more of our life to be Lord over and serve Him as He desires us too.

**Some crowns mentioned as rewards are as follows:**

*1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

*2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

*James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

*1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

*Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt*

*suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

*1 Cor. 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. (People do not realise our eternal soul is a prize, an incorruptible crown).*

## **Types of Rewards**

### **Relational Gifts (a result of salvation)**

Intimacy with God

The Holy Spirit

Eternal Life

Being allowed to worship, serve and fellowship with God

### **Service Gifts (a result of our desire to serve God)**

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Being appointed and anointed to the position of authority (service)

The delegated authority of Jesus to cast out demons and heal sickness

Developing the relationship with The Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit to a have a greater degree of intimacy with them.

The provision and protection of God in all you do for Him.

### **Rewards (These are for services rendered - a result of our obedience)**

Promotion and greater authority

Crowns in heaven

A mansion in heaven

Treasure in heaven

Deeper intimacy with God.

Salvation

Eternal life

While the Gifts are a result of God's Love and Mercy to help us minister, the rewards and crowns are a result of obedient service. A person will not be given the spiritual reward of another's labour or a labour they had no part in. While they may benefit from the results of that labour they cannot partake in the rewards God has for that labour (Gal 6:7-8). While the physical rewards on earth may be taken from the person by Satan when the person sins, Satan cannot remove from anyone their rewards in heaven. Only the person can through unrepented sin.

Prosperity or wealth is not a reward. God promises to provide all our need and prosper us as He needs to for His purposes. To seek prosperity for its own sake is to say that God has not given you what you need and will allow Satan to sidetrack you by giving it to you.

The true follower of Jesus is not content with what this world offers and rejects it preferring to use and enjoy what God gives them. Their treasure is in heaven so they do not seek the prosperity this world offers but that which their God gives which can never be taken from them.

Remember that we can lose our crowns (Rev 3:11) and salvation (Rev 3:5) and that it is our decisions that determine our salvation, rewards and relationship to Jesus.

### **The Battle has already been won**

*Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

A King's seat is the place of their power and authority.

Jesus rules The Kingdom of God and we are with Him so our seat of authority is The Kingdom. This is where our delegated authority comes from. When we use delegated authority it is as if the King is speaking through us and what we command has the same authority as if The King is saying it. The requirement being that it is The king's Will which is actually being commanded.

The kingdom is above creation so all creation must obey The King's Will and the commands of those who have His delegated authority and use it to command The King's Will.

Satan was cast out of The Kingdom as he was defiled because of his rebellion and nothing defiled can enter the Kingdom. He was cast down into creation and it is possible that creation was made to contain him as there was no place else for him and his demons. It is not known when he fell but it was probably after the sixth day as all was good on those six days. God knew Satan was going to rebel and made creation to contain him.

All in creation must bow to The Will of The King and that includes Satan and his demons.

Satan was taken captive at Calvary (Eph 4:8) so has no rights as prisoners have no rights in the country they are imprisoned in. This means he and his demons can be sent back to prison anytime they are found in creation or elsewhere as they have no right to be there (being a prisoner).

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jn 3:8) so we are authorised to do this anytime we find these works in creation.

Satan tries to make us believe he has legal rights with people. He has none as he is a captive (Eph 4:8) and has no right to be out attacking people (the Children of The Father) as he should still be in prison.

He only gets access to a person when they accept what he tells them.

The only danger when attacking Satan and his demons is to cast demons out of non-Christians as seven worse ones take their place along with the original one. However, in Jesus' Name they can be bound and forbidden from using the person or influencing the person in any way.

Jesus said, that if we did anything according to His will it would be done and that if we loved him we would only ask what His Will is (Jn14:14-15). So if we know it is His Will then creation must obey it as His will is from The Kingdom of God which is far above and greater than authority in creation.

This means the battle has already been won over Satan and his demons as well as his works against people and it is all a matter of removing demons and their works from people (as that is God's Will) or commanding creation to obey the Will of God (which The Holy Spirit will tell you what it is you are

to command and when to command it).

Healing and restoration in the Name of Jesus may also need to be commanded.

The Victory is there. It is just a matter of taking up your delegated authority and applying it in accordance with The Will of God. Everything has been prepared by Jesus so it is only a matter of having the required faith and making the effort to do it and requires no effort but obedience on our part. All we need to do is believe and command (speak it out) in accordance with The Will of Jesus.

God has prepared all we need to battle Satan. All we need to do is go out and claim the victory as well as to attack him when he attacks us.

## **Overview of Satanic Attack**

### **A little background**

Satan is created being and he knows that. He knows he only takes his next step and 'breath' because God allows him too yet he resists God knowing he is defeated and will one day be sent to the lake of fire. Having been condemned to this lake he now seeks to take as many as he can with him to this lake of fire and so attacks God's creation with the objective of destroying it and taking as many of the people (God's Children) as he can with him to the lake of fire.

This is your enemy who goes around as a roaring lion seeking to destroy you. You either fight him or are overcome by him and possibly may eventually lose your salvation.

### **Comments on their attacks**

An attack is always started by Demons. People do not ask to be attacked by demons. The demons attack your mind and body trying to find a weakness in you. If the demon is cast to the Throne of Judgment the temptation finishes and a different demon will attack. The demon may use the same type of attack to exploit the same weakness or may try a new area to attack. If the attack is successful the demon may enter you trying to build in you incorrect coping mechanisms or incorrect attitudes and reactions so they can control you. Once in, or if there is a weakness in you they are using, deliverance is needed to remove them.

They use the incorrect reactions and attitudes to build on and gain more 'control' of you through engineering the way you think and react. This is why you must never argue, reason, react or assume what a person, or demons in your mind say about you or how to deal with what is happening is correct, but go to the Holy Spirit and ask Him what to do. Satan also lies to you or tells you half-truths to mislead you or sidetrack you from what Jesus desires you to be which is why you must never assume things but ask The Holy Spirit how correct the thing is.

Also, God is original and does not need to do the same thing the same way every time.

The temptation will use a compensation for a hurt, pain or need you have or will try and build a compensation in you for this hurt, need or pain. The compensation or temptation is designed to give you pleasure or satisfy the need and entice you to more sin. You will need to find the root cause that has allowed the access of the demon or caused the weakness they have exploited. Once in they will use the reactions, attitudes and emotions they have fostered in you as well as compensations and other pleasurable things they have taught you to try and control you.

Wrong vices, addictions and pleasures are forms of compensation.

They will also use other people to attack you in some way, either physically (with actual or implied violence) or mentally (words or body language showing negative emotion towards you).

This is why you never argue, reason, react or assume but ask The Holy Spirit if the criticism is correct. You change what The Spirit says to change and ignore the rest.

Sometimes it is using the actions of others that allow demons to attack and hurt you. This is usually through a curse or a desire to see you hurt.

Curses can only affect you if there is a point of access in you for it to 'land' on you. The types of curses are:

Ancestral (a curse made by an action of a predecessor such as a mason or Satanist over the family.

Of others (Words spoken over you to cause you harm

Of your own mouth when you wish harm to yourself (I want to die e.g.).

These are broken through the authority of Jesus delegated to you.

Someone may also express a desire to hurt you without actually uttering a curse. Demons use it as a reason to attack you. You may need to deal with an offence against a person before you can remove the demon successfully that is enforcing this desire of a person against you. It is not so much the words said but the unrepented offence that allows the attack.

Demons can also enter through shock or trauma but these are easily cast out as they have no right to be there in the first place.

The objectives of demonic attack are various:

To take your focus off Jesus so you will doubt His Love for you, doubt His control of your life and doubt His purposes for your life

To build fear in you (negate the Love of God to you in your mind)

To cause you to be rejected or to self-reject yourself

To sidetrack you from what Jesus wants you to do by offering an alternative you prefer or which hides what Jesus wants you to do.

Conflict results in the person attacked and there are only two possible results:

The demonic attack is unsuccessful because:

The authority of Jesus has been used to cast demon(s) to the Throne of Grace because

The Will of Jesus is obeyed

Your desire not to accept what the demon offers

Your focus stays on Jesus and His requirements of and promises to you

You have had any deliverance needed to defeat the root access

demons are using to attack

You believe 1 Cor 10:13

The demonic attack is successful because:

You do not believe 1 Cor 10:13

Your attitude towards God's is wrong

You need deliverance

You need the truths of God that will set you free

Your focus has been taken from Jesus onto your problems

You do not believe God will do you good things (doubt His Love)

You desire the pleasure more than God's Will

You believe the devil's lie that you cannot defeat the temptation

Remember that demons are subtle in their attack on you and use your emotions, desires and reasoning patterns against you through suggesting things that appear to come from your own thought processes but are really from them. They must make you accept what they want you to do or else the attack cannot succeed.

If you have no peace about it then a demon is involved in some way.

In this is perhaps the secret to overcoming them, just simply do not accept what they want you to do and send them to the 'The Throne of Judgment' in Jesus Name.

For a demon to have you accept what they want you to accept they must persuade you that something is not there that is, or is there that is not. In other words whatever they tell you the truth is the opposite, unless it is a known weakness they are trying to reinforce in which case you need deliverance or are they are telling you a half-truth.

# Weapons of Warfare

Our weapons of warfare are as follows:

Prayer

The Word of God (His Truths)

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

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

The angels of God (ministering spirits)

The Blood of The Lamb (the victory at Calvary and all it means Revelation 12:11)

The word of our Testimony (worship)

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 determine what we should use and our understanding of each weapon that allows it to be made a part of our armoury.

## **Prayer**

This is not a prayer of control to ensure that another person does what is correct (in the eyes of the person praying), but, rather, a cry from the heart to the Father to allow a person the chance to see where they are spiritually by removing whatever is blinding them from seeing their current spiritual state.

This prayer is usually to break through the mindset built by demons to blind the person to the truths they need to know to be freed from the bondages of Satan on them. A part of this prayer is usually a request for The Holy Spirit to set the person free by showing him/her the Truths of God and by bringing the person to a point where they can correctly evaluate their position before God and make an informed choice before God about what they should be doing.

If they are a Christian you may be able to bind or cast out demons that are blocking them from hearing The Holy Spirit or from understanding the Truths of Jesus.

Remember! When you pray in Jesus Name you are stating you are praying in accordance with the will and the delegated authority of Jesus. If you are not sure then you cannot pray in His Name.

If it is not for the purposes of the Kingdom then it is wasted and will not be answered by God but may be answered by Satan.

Spiritual warfare is aimed directly at the demons attacking you or others. They are behind every attack on you either directly at you or indirectly through others.

When praying for others you will find that there will be those who are attacked because they have knowingly rejected the Authority of Jesus in some point of their life. The only thing you can pray for these people is to ask that their understanding be opened so they can see their position before Jesus clearly and can make a decision either for or against Him. You can also pray for everything to be removed that stands between them and Jesus. Also you need to bind the demons operating.

There will be those who are being attacked but don't know why. You need to ask The Holy Spirit the reason for the attack. There may be a need for deliverance or repentance or both.

Asking God to do something that you desire and not necessarily what the person wants or needs is called 'mind control.' You are essentially asking The Holy Spirit to control the person's mind to do what you want or believe is correct. It may be perfectly good (Lord, make him choose the blue curtains!), but this type of prayer is witchcraft. This is how witches use demons to control others in the kingdom of darkness.

God will not honour unrighteous prayers, which are called 'soulish' or 'fleshly' prayers. The person praying this type of prayer will need to repent of their 'witchcraft' approach.

### **Soul Prayers (Fleshly Prayers)**

A soul prayer is a prayer that asks God to make a person do something you want them to do. Instead of using demons to control a person, you are

trying to use God to control the person. A soul prayer completely ignores the fact of the free will of the person for whom you are praying, something God will never do. God will never usurp a person's free will.

The whole idea of Christianity is based on Love. Controlling another for your purposes (no matter how good the purpose may be) is not love and is not part of the Christian agenda and is really a form of witchcraft.

Praying for people to save someone is a control type prayer and is incorrect as the choice to follow God is made by the person's free will and is not something God forces on a person. God is doing all he can for the person to make a salvation decision. It is the person's response that is a problem and you will need to do spiritual warfare over them to remove any spiritual blindness so they can see the truths about their situation as well as the truths they need to know to make a decision to follow Jesus or not.

### **How should we pray then?**

The way Paul prayed. He prayed that Jesus would grow in others through a deeper understanding of what He has done for them and through developing a deeper relationship with Him.

We can also bind demons (which is commanding and not praying) from blinding people to the Truth or who are stopping them hearing and understanding the truths The Holy Spirit desires to tell to them.

In other words, you should pray a prayer that is purely for their benefit and for The Kingdom which does not go against their free will or the purposes of Jesus for their lives. We can command in Jesus' Name that any hindrance keeping them from knowing and understanding about Jesus would be removed.

### **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 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 mention of fasting is in regard to the casting out of demons. In the New Testament fasting is mentioned in connection with spiritual disciplines to draw closer to God but no where in the New Testament does God command a 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.

### **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 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

their attacks.

### **The Word of God (His Truths)**

The Truths of The Bible fights the lies of the demons in our minds and give us our foundation for spiritual warfare and the deliverance and healing ministry. Thus, 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.

### **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.

They comment that this delegation was not in the original. It was but was removed before these codices were published which shows how untrustworthy modern bibles are.

### **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 too, 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 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.

People 'plead the blood' but really we should be declaring the victory of which the blood is the evidence.

## **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. So our main defence is attack

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

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, in Jesus' Name tell him to to Jesus 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 can not 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 defense 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 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.

## Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance

Spiritual warfare removes the person from the enemy's kingdom. Deliverance removes the enemy's kingdom from the person. They are complementary. Spiritual warfare is used, in part, in deliverance when we command the demons to leave or to constrain them from doing anything during the deliverance session.

Jesus never cast demons out of anyone who called Him Lord which is why deliverance is for Christians which means they can be attacked and have them in their house (soul).

## Illness and Demonic Oppression

I have found a correlation between sin and illness so the first question I ask The Holy Spirit in the case of illness is if there anything that needs to be repented of by the person. And in most cases there is. Once the sin is repented of healing can follow immediately and usually does, although some times it is more gradual, depending on the circumstances. If there is no healing then you need to dig deeper. God can heal anything and regenerate metal to bone. To say He cannot is to limit Him.

If there is no healing ask The Holy Spirit why. God may have deferred it for various reasons and not because of any unconfessed sin. The healing will have been deferred or the purposes of The kingdom of God and this needs to be known so the person will not be discouraged.

What ever happens, do not stop any medication until cleared to do so by a

doctor. It is suggested to visit the doctor as soon as possible to verify any healing and get off any medication you need too. I repeat, do not reduce or stop taking medication until you see your doctor (because of legal reasons and not because you are not healed).

## **Territorial Spirits**

Do not come against territorial spirits unless you are positive The Holy Spirit wants you to. Many times, The Holy Spirit will have you bind only some of the activities which are done by the lesser demons beneath them and not have you actually attack the territorial spirit. Territorial demonic spirits have a right to be there, either because of the evil they oversee in the territory and because Jesus has given them direct permission to be there. Before you remove them, you must either remove all the evil in the territory or ask Jesus to no longer give them permission to stay there. Seek counsel from The Holy Spirit before you deal with any territorial spirits.

In the Bible there are examples of territorial spirits causing problems for the people of God, but not the other way around. Jesus did not cast out territorial spirits. All spirits exorcised in the Bible were personal spirits. Even the Gadarenes demons were allowed to stay in their territory. (Mark 5, Luke 8)

## **Territorial Warfare for Evangelistic Purposes**

The only time I advocate territorial warfare is when God specifically commissions it as preparation for an evangelistic crusade. This is done so that the strong man (dominant spirit) is either bound or removed in order for the evangelism to proceed more effectively. While it is not in the Bible, it has been effective in South America especially and other places.

## **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.

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.

Jesus expects us to wholeheartedly do what we know and not what others say we should be doing.

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.

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 effect 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 ourself 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 sin. One is to be concerned about these as they can harm a person. The sin needs to be repented of and reconciliation with God sought after.

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'.

## **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 need to renounce them, as well as repent if they can.

## Removing Demons that are Oppressing or Attacking You

### Demons that attacking you are in two categories:

I discuss this in my Spiritual Warfare Primer attached

### 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 out of the temptation (1 Cor 10:13). 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.

## Authority and Power

It is no use having delegated authority if you are just going to stand there and not attack. Authority and power are given us to attack the enemy. They are used to destroy the works of Satan and attack his possessions so that his plans are thwarted or prevented and people are released from his captivity.

The battle is for the souls of people not for physical territory or wealth and the main use of this authority and power is to destroy the works of the devil so that the Kingdom is demonstrated and people are won for The Kingdom as a result (evangelism) and also to remove the effects of Satan from people (deliverance).

*Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

The word used here for "power" is the ability to do miracles and similar but there is a condition to this being granted to a person. In other words, you have been appointed (anointed) and authorized by this to be in that position

of authority and empowerment. The Holy Spirit must come upon you in a supervisory position. The idea behind this is that you are both as one in that His Will (which is the Will of Jesus) is Your will. It is a voluntary arrangement on the part of both and the communication can only be broken by us through rebellion or just plain ignoring The Holy Spirit.

This empowerment is a result of our attitude to The holy Spirit in us and it is not of anything we can do spiritually or physically, but only mentally by a decision to allow this union of purposes (wills). We are then used by Jesus to express His power and Authority and through this show His Glory (Greatness) to all.

As a result of God using us miraculously we also receive glory because we are used by Him. In a sense it is reflected from His Glory because it only exists when His Glory exists through our being used by Him.

As we agree with the Will of God we do what He asks us too, by praying or declaring in Jesus Name what we have been asked to by Jesus, The Holy Spirit brings it to pass on behalf of Jesus. We are vehicles to express the Will of God so He can manifest it in this world through our faith as we declare the Will of God to this world. This is the way He has usually chosen to work in this world. According to our faith will be what we ask or declare. According to our relationship with The Holy Spirit and how well we hear Him will be the accuracy of what we ask or declare as being the Will of Jesus.

For God to use you effectively you need to learn to walk with one ear open to The Holy Spirit so you can hear what He wants you to do and then pray or declare it on the behalf of Jesus so that it can be brought to pass through your obedient faith. It is as if our expression of God's Will allows Him to do it on earth so that it is not an imposition of our free will by God, but on acceptance of His Will as ours, He is able to express His Will in our life. God does not rely on us but has Graciously chosen to work this way with us for our benefit and encouragement.

God is complete in Himself and does not need you for anything but allows us to serve Him for our pleasure and joy in serving him.

All Power, Glory and Authority is in Jesus and He has delegated to us only some of His Authority (that to do with demons and health, the latter which deals with removing the effects of demons on our body).

Power is expressed by His representative on earth at the moment, The Holy

Spirit. We have been delegated this Spiritual Authority to be used according to His Will. The Holy Spirit empowers us as we seek to use our delegated authority for the Will of God. Glory results from our correctly carrying out His Will.

Demons recognize the Authority of Jesus and defer to it. They have to as they are spoils of war, being defeated at Calvary and no plan of theirs can stand if it is attacked in Jesus Name in accordance with the Will of God.

We have been delegated only spiritual authority so we can only fight spiritual battles, the effect of which at times will manifest in the physical realm. We are told in Ephesians 6:12 that our battle is against spiritual leadership and not against the physical out working of it. Healing and deliverance is the result of victory over the plans of a ruling demon that the lower ranking cast demon out was enforcing.

All that happens in the physical is a result of a spiritual choice made at some time.

### **How do we get this empowerment**

Jesus told us to wait until He gave it, so you must wait on Him and He will give it to you to do His work and not just because you desire it.

*Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Anyone person or church not illustrating the power of God or the delegated authority of Jesus and so not fighting spiritually has lost the battle before it even starts. Satan knows this so has people fight the physical outworking but not the demonic forces behind it which is why so many churches lose out in the battle against Satan and so many people go to doctors for healing and not too Jesus.

When you fight the battle spiritually then the physical result will occur as the effects of the victory flow there through in the physical what has been started and won in the spiritual by Jesus at calvary.

Power is the result of authority (the right to do something) It is either imagined, assumed or real (granted by one authorised to grant it).

God gives you authority and empowers you to minister for Him. It is granted as needed and not as we believe it should be as it is dependant on the Will of God and how much authority is needed to proclaim and carry out that Will. It is a result of promotion by God (Ps. 75:6,7) and is a reward for service to enable you to do greater service for Jesus.

It is humbling that The God of All sees fit to empower us and give us some of His authority when He does not have to do so but does it out of Love for us so that we have value and worth and can show our Love to Him through the way we use this empowerment and delegated authority.

You do not study, obtain a diploma in theology or similar or get appointed by man according to your success at your study. God appoints you and authorises you to the ministry He wants you to do for Him and trains you to prepare you for it.

It has been said that God does not use the qualified but qualifies those He chooses. In other words God does not use those man trains but trains those He wants to use.

Theological colleges are only really necessary if you want to satisfy denominations. God never authorised them as He does not need them. He needs people who are willing to listen to Him and learn from Him and of Him through personalised training by The Holy Spirit and God appointed teachers.

People denominationally trained can often hinder the work of God by being in the wrong place as they are often placed there by the denomination and not by God. They are often in the wrong ministry as their ministry was determined by denominational guidelines and not by The Holy Spirit. These people can actually hinder The Holy Spirit working in the church by placing denominational plans, guidelines and theology before His truths and blocking the plans of Jesus that He is trying to guide them to implement.

The denomination and The Kingdom of God are not the same things and

are actually completely different to each other.

Happy is the man who is in the ministry God has called Him too and is where God wants them to be doing what God wants them to do.

### **The Ministry of deliverance**

In the bible deliverance is never mentioned as a specific ministry. It is what Jesus did as a natural part of His ministry. This work is the natural outflow of one who serves Jesus as it is his ministry expressed through them.

So where does the idea of a deliverance minister come from? From denominations who have to categorise every thing and not from God. It is part of every ministry but more so the pastoral ministry but every Christian needs to know how to do it. Every Christian can do deliverance in the authority of the Lord when led by and empowered by The Holy Spirit. This ministry is not dependant on the deliverance ministers except for them to be a vessel to use by Jesus to express His Will and Authority through and help the person being delivered to focus on Jesus and His Lordship.

You do not need a deliverance minister to be free from Satan as Jesus does the deliverance for everyone so all you need to know is how to do it. The with the framework of the five steps makes it easy

Every Christian has this delegated authority so the only excuse they have for not using it is that:

They have not been taught about it or

They have not been taught how to use their delegated authority or

They are not able to hear The Holy Spirit so they can be led by Him to do the Will of Jesus.

### **Does Satan have any legal rights?**

No! He lost the war at Calvary and thus all he has belongs to Jesus as spoils of that war.

Satan knows his time is short because Jesus is coming back soon to claim His spoils of war (Satan's kingdom). Antichrist and the one world religion is a last ditch attempt by Satan to take all the world to hell with him and

prevent the Millennial rule by having no one left on earth for Jesus to rule when He returns with His saints. It is going to be tough in the tribulation until we are removed. But remember! Satan is defeated and all he has is spoils of war belonging to Jesus.

Of Jesus it is declared:

*Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

*Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*

In other words, Jesus won which means Christians are the occupying troops of the victor living in the enemy's land.

Remember Satan has the right to rule hell as that was given to him when he was cast out of heaven so whatever he says is law in hell

### **How then does Satan get authority over a person.**

Like any authority it is granted by the person or forced on them. Satan cannot make you do anything you do not agree to do so he has to have you accept what he wants you to do!

A person chooses to obey Satan and his suggestion and by this they give him authority over them in that area. But Satan has no real authority because he lost the war so he has to convince people to obey him and while they give authority over an area of their life to Satan they will not obey Jesus in this area. It is authority by default as Jesus is not longer their ruler in this area so Satan can take it over.

Who you follow is your master. Jesus said you cannot serve two masters. If you accept Satan and his things in an area of your life he is your master in that area and can use it for his purposes. If you give it to Jesus to be Lord of it is His to protect. What Jesus is Lord of cannot be used by Satan because the authority of Jesus is greater than that of Satan.

It is only as the truth of their situation is understood by people and they accept the truths of Jesus instead of the lies of Satan can they be delivered from Satan and His assumed authority.

It is the truths of Jesus that said you free and keeps you free (Rom 8:32).

Deliverance is really telling Satan to leave because the person no longer wants him in authority over them as they want Jesus to be Lord of their life and Satan and all his workings in them are to go in the Name of Jesus (the victor over him)!

Satan really has no kingdom, except hell. It is just that Jesus has not returned to claim the spoils of war (the world) and the rest of creation, so Satan has not left the world yet and does as much damage as he can in the time he has left. Outside all hell Satan has usurped the authority of Jesus his conqueror and assumed the authority he has until Jesus and His followers come and removes him and his followers, and occupies Satan's current territory (kingdom) that he lost at Calvary to Jesus. Satan really has no real authority over a person and can only control in their life what they let him. He tries to blind them to the truth of this so they believe his lies and delusions and become more bound as a result of listening to him.

The fact he is the god of this world does not give him authority over it. The people in the world give him any authority he has by accepting what he offers them.

The fact he rules the world system does not give him authority to do so. All authority belongs to Jesus and He has delegated some of that to us. The reason Satan can rule so freely is because Christians do not use the authority delegated to them to destroy the works of Satan and plunder his assumed kingdom. The church has not done this which is why Satan still has the control he does these days.

### **So how does this apply to deliverance?**

Satan is defeated. If a person does not want what he offers he can be removed by using the delegated authority of Jesus (reminding Satan the person no longer wants him as their Lord and that he is a defeated foe and must go). Along with the demons, the things (Emotional, Physical, spiritual or mental) he has placed on them must also go if the person repents of the evil that allowed these things to attack them and then tells Satan to go in the Name of Jesus to the Throne of Grace and take all he did to the person with him.

The truth sets you free Jesus said as it shows you Satan is defeated and that you do not have to accept what he says or what he tries to get you to

do and can be removed in Jesus Name to the Throne of Grace. It also shows you the truth so when he suggests error you know what it is and will cast him out to the Throne of Grace.

As we speak out in faith using our delegated authority in accordance with God's Will and guidelines Satan and all he places on or in people must go!

God will not go against your free will so you must decide to reject Satan and do God's Will.

If God wants to give us something or use us for a purpose of His, He will not force us to accept these things but by our speaking out His will for us in these areas we show we accept them and if He is able to use the our sins choices for His his Will to bring it to pass

Jesus always offers us only two choices. To accept what He offers or to reject it. We show we agree with His Will through our obedient faith so that He is able bring these things into existence without controlling our free will (which Satan has to do to get us to do the things he wants us to do). It is these things prepared by God before the foundation of the world for us to walk in obedience for the purposes of Matt 6:33 that we do and declare in faith. He prepares it. By faith we speak it in agreement with His Will and agree to do it. He then is able to bring it to pass using His own divine authority, empowerment and our obedient service to Him.

It is only as we walk in the requirements of Matt 6:33 will we use our delegate authority as God desires us to use it and allow Him to use us for His Purposes.

Most do not know to use the delegated Authority of Jesus or the principles of Matt 6:33 as they are not taught to understand them. In a master stroke Satan managed to get this knowledge and understanding removed centuries ago from most Churches!

The reality is we are free in Jesus. We just need to believe it, walk in it and know how to keep it. The enemy has no authority over any area of our lives unless we give it to him. So walk in the authority and power of Christ Jesus at all times and in His Will and you will be free and walk in Kingdom places."

### **So how do we apply this to our life**

It is only as we declare God's will for our life and agree with it in our hearts

that He is able to do the good He wants to do for us and be used as He desires to use us.

It is only as we understand the Delegated authority of Jesus and the empowerment by The Holy Spirit will we defeat Satan and capture territory of the enemy for which Jesus has already obtained the right to rule as a result of His victory at Calvary.

I asked The Holy Spirit once if He wanted to tells us anything about authority. He said:

To be humble and Give Jesus all the Glory

To walk as Jesus walked

To Love as Jesus loved

To do only as He has you do

To be totally dead to self

And be used as His vessel

To shine for Him into the dark places”

### **The Roots of deliverance**

2 Chronicles 7: 14 reads as follows:

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble them Selves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land*

### **The principles are as follows:**

Called by His name (He is their Lord)

Humble themselves to His authority

Seek His will (face)

Turn from their wicked ways (repent)

### **Then the promises**

He will hear

Forgive their sin

Heal their land (which includes them)

This is the basis of how God delivers us

### **Roots of the Ministry of Jesus**

Is 61 :1,2a (which was quoted by Jesus as His ministry purpose in Luke 4:18,19) reads as follows:

*The ...Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath Sent me to bind up the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD*

This passage describes the deliverance of people from the kingdom of darkness to citizenship in the Kingdom of God and the healing of them of the damage Satan has done to them.

*Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

To heal the land the people need to repent as a group. To heal the person the person needs to repent.

This was also the mission statement of Jesus

His example was as follows:

*Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, delivering people from the effects of satan on them and healing all manner of sickness*

*and all manner of disease among the people.*

As He did so should we!

James 4:7 is the basis of all warfare: Submit to God so He protects you then resist Satan tell him to go in Jesus' Name and he must go.

### **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 all 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 as it evidences the victory of Jesus over Satan at Calvary

*(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.*

## **Prayer and The Word of Command**

What is the difference between prayer and the 'word of command'

Prayer is telling God what is on your heart. This is why God honours your heart attitude, even though you don't know how to pray. God does not honour numerous words or 'formulae' for praying but sees the heart's desire and is moved by that.

In deliverance, the 'word of command' is used. In prayer, words are not necessary as it is a heart to heart talk with God and the spoken word may even distract our mind's contact with God.

Words are used in prayer only so that others know what you are praying and agree in their heart with you. In deliverance, words are necessary to declare the authority of Jesus over demons so that they have to obey and leave. The words can be softly spoken and still be effective as it is the delegated authority behind the words that matters, not the words themselves.

## **Why do Christians not have power?**

Christians do not have power because:

They do not know their delegated authority

The do not live lives worthy of the delegated authority (e.g. unconfessed sin or lukewarmness in their life)

They do not understand authority principles in the supernatural

They do not understand the principles of deliverance

They do not understand the principles of inner healing

They do not understand the twofold mission of Jesus: evangelism and healing (spiritual deliverance and inner healing)

They trust in their own strength and power and not that released by Jesus at Calvary

They are insensitive to the leading of the Spirit and so do not do what is necessary or pray against the wrong things

Jesus is not Lord of their life

### **Your Authority**

The most important thing to realise in the deliverance ministry is that you can do nothing. You are only a catalyst to release the power of God. It is a partnership with you a very, very junior partner.

Your authority is delegated by Jesus

Your instructor and guide is The Holy Spirit

Your mandate comes from the Father

Your authority is that released by the death of Jesus at Calvary and delegated to you

### **Some comments on the authority of Jesus**

Jesus is able to delegate this authority to us as He has ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and earth and so has the right to delegate authority to us (Phil 2:9-11).

He gives us all we need and no more so to overstep what He has

given us causes us problems and will not achieve His Will for us.

It is in only His Name (authority) that we can use the authority delegated to us.

He said those who believed would cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead etc. and not doing that is not using His delegated authority as He commanded us too.

### **Why do people not do this?**

*Jesus said: "Mat 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you"*

We do not have the faith to allow the Miracle to occur as we do not command in the faith we should be commanding in.

We do not have the experience of God working in a Miraculous way to foster our faith In His ability to do Miracles.

We do not believe He can do these things today or at all

We do not believe Jesus is really able to do these things

We don't want to do them

We are disinterested in doing them

We out all of the timing of God so he will not do a miracle

If these apply to you then you better do something about it or God cannot and will not use you and you may even be in danger of losing your salvation through rejecting Jesus and His requirements of you.

Jesus Will heal when it is time so healing may not occur when commanded but deliverance should always occur when commanded in Jesus' Name.

### **In conclusion**

The battle is won. It is up to you to declare this and remove the enemy from what Jesus is the rightful ruler of : creation (except hell) and the people in it.

It is your choice. Choose wisely as it your eternal life may depend on it.

## **A Spiritual Warfare Primer**

### **What is spiritual warfare?**

Spiritual warfare is the fighting of the plans of Satan and removing his control over things. It is fought in the supernatural realm but may have its effect in the natural realm.

It has different expressions:

Fighting demons attacking you or something or someone else

Freeing people from the kingdom of darkness (Evangelism)

Removing the effects of the kingdom of darkness on people (deliverance)

Destroying the plans and working of Satan.

### **What are the qualifications of a spiritual warfare fighter:**

They must be a Christian whom has Jesus 100% as their Lord

They must fully believe in The King James Bible so they can believe wholly in the authority over Satan delegated to them by Jesus

They must apply this authority

Jesus stated no other requirements so any person of any age or sex who meets the three requirements can do spiritual warfare.

The delegation to cast out demons is not been given to us according to the modern bible that implies this is not in the original codices which is why you must us the King James Bible that still has this in.

Young children can defeat Satan when attacked if taught how to do so as long as they know what they are doing.

### **Who is required to attack Satan?**

Every Christian is to learn how to fight Satan and defeat him and his plans as well as rescue people from his kingdom (evangelism) (Mark16:17-18, Matt 28:18-20).

### **They must know how Satan attacks:**

This is so that they can realise when there is an attack of Satan.

### **How does Satan attack?**

Satan can only have you do something if you let him persuade you to do it. Satan looks for weaknesses in you so when attacked you know you have a weakness in the area of attack and may need deliverance in that area.

You must accept what Satan offers you before you will do what he desires you to do and thus sin.

### **Satan attacks you by:**

Placing wrong thoughts, imaginations and reasonings in your mind,

Wrong emotions and attitudes in your soul

Wrong feelings/sensations in your body.

Wrong desires in your spirit

He also tries to have you become:

Argue

React

Reason out something

Assume things

Without checking the details and facts or what The Bible says about it.

This is so he can guide you in a situation through using wrong attitudes and habits he has moulded in you. Any of the above occurring shows a need for deliverance.

He tries to:

Deceive you from the truth of a situation or

Distract you from what Jesus wants you to do often using things that are good in themselves but are not what Jesus desires you to do for Him.

He has to persuade you to reject the Lordship of Jesus in an area so he can obtain authority over it. This is the only way he can obtain any authority over you.

Satan will try to tell you things are different to what they really are.

He has to make you accept his lies and misquotes of the truth so he can use you for his purposes or hinder your being used by Jesus.

He tries to make you believe that you cannot resist or fight him successfully so must give in to the wrong desire or attitude.

He has to convince you that something you have, you really do not have, or, that something you really do not have, you have. If you are sane, he may suggest you have mental problems etc. He will often suggest the opposite of what you are in the hope you believe him so he can then mould your thinking, attitudes and habits in the way he desires you too.

If you are saved he will throw thoughts into your mind that question your salvation to the extent you will wonder if you are saved.

If you have a God given ministry he will make you question that it is the correct one until you look elsewhere for the ministry he suggests you should have.

He places negative emotions on you like anger, lust and sensual pleasure to try and get you to sin or to distract you from the self-control God desires you to have so that you will sin because you desire the pleasures he suggests you more than what God desires you to do.

He can place moods on you like fear, anxiety and depression so that you do not have the joy of God and wonder what is wrong with you that you have these things for no apparent reason.

He tries to get you to believe God does not Love you so that you will despair of anything good ever happening to you and give up hope of God helping you. This is why you must believe God is Love and works only for your good in all circumstances (Rom 8:28) even though we may not see the good in the situation at that moment.

Remember, Satan does things sneakily and will try to raise doubt about things in you especially your Love of God and His Things to have you start to question them.

If he can get you to accept his thoughts then he can then either use you or hinder your walk with Jesus.

He has to have you think a certain way so he can use it for his purposes and uses all he can to make you think this way.

This is why when you have anything negative in your mind or body you are to cast it out in Jesus' Name to The Throne of Judgement as Satan is behind it because God only gives us that which helps us live correctly. Otherwise Satan may obtain a foothold in you on which to build a stronghold in you he can use

against you and God.

Remember that all strongholds are mental and need new ways of thinking to remove them which is where the truth of a situation will set you free from a mental stronghold of Satan.

If you do not accept Satan's thoughts, he cannot succeed in causing you to sin.

So the best defence is to command the thoughts, feelings, sensations etc, to go to Jesus in Jesus' Name to The Throne of Judgement and ask The Holy Spirit to take their place.

The Five Steps help in this as they ensure there is nothing in you that Satan is trying to use as well as send him to Jesus to be dealt with.

### **The five steps in summary**

Give the temptation to Jesus to be Lord of

Repent, forgive, reconcile

Cast out Satan

Command healing and restoration

Ask Holy Spirit to fill you completely

I have more information on these and deliverance on my web site [nevillesalvetti.com](http://nevillesalvetti.com)

### **You must know how to fight Satan's attacks**

Satan will try to destroy you or make you unable to be used by Jesus. So you need to know how to fight him.

#### **Defeating attacks of Satan**

The first way to deal with an attack of Satan is to just resist it. You will not sin if you reject all Satan asks you to do. He has to have you accept in your heart what he is suggesting you to do before you will sin.

#### **Ignoring or Resisting the Attack**

When Satan attacks you, you can ignore him and you will not sin. But the battle will not end as the demon will not go away but keeps attacking you.

This is why it is better to remove the attacking demon rather than just ignoring or rejecting what they say.

This is because when the demons are removed the attack ceases until another demon comes to tempt you. And as the area of attack has been given to Jesus to be Lord of the new demon will have a much harder time attacking you in that area.

This is why it is preferable to use the five steps to remove the attacking demon and not just to resist or ignore the demon.

**The Five steps are used when Satan is attacking you personally or things you are steward of (your God-given area of authority) too:**

Remove the spiritual damage Satan caused to you (Deliverance) or anything you are steward of

Fight the temptations of Satan

Deal with weaknesses and fears in your life that lead to sin

To protect current or future activities by stopping Satan from attacking or using them (steps 1,3,5)

Remember that the five steps are used to remove him and do any deliverance necessary in areas you are steward of while the Name of Jesus is used for spiritual warfare for others and healing the damage Satan caused.

Remember also that Satan cannot make you do anything you do not agree to do.

He has to deceive you into agreeing with what he wants you to do.

So the first line of defence is to reject what he offers.

Then to use the five steps in case it is an area you need deliverance in.

If it is in respect of an area you are not steward of then name the area or thing you are attacking use steps 3-5 of the five steps.

Most demons have names that are foreign to us so it would be nearly impossible to cast them out by their names. As long as we can identify them by their area of activity toward you then you can cast them in Jesus' Name to The Throne of Judgement to be judged.

If you are attacked in an area often or have a weakness you are having trouble overcoming then you probably do have a need for deliverance in that area.

Remember that any emotion, sensation, though, attitude or feeling that is negative is not from God but is a suggestion from a demon playing on attitudes, hurts or weaknesses in you.

God never tempts you but has to allow Satan too if Satan has a right to attack you but even then God limits

the attack (1Cor 13:10) and if correctly dealt with God uses it to mature you more as a Christian.

Whenever I get any wrong thought, image, sensation, feeling or emotion, anything against The Kingdom of God, I command the demons behind it, in Jesus' Name, to leave and go to The Throne of Judgement to be judged, and ask The Holy Spirit to replace them. I preferably use the five steps to do so in case I need any deliverance.

### **Things you are not steward of**

To remove Satan from others or objects Name what you are removing or attacking then use steps 3-5 of the five steps.

Sometimes you can only bind demons until the person is willing to do what is necessary to be free.

You can bind demons and hinder their plans anywhere in the world and newspapers are a good source to see what to do to hinder the work of Satan.

In the case of non-Christians you should not cast their demons out but bind their activity towards the non-Christian.

### **In summary regarding areas you are steward of:**

If the thought is from God, you obey it.

If the thought is from you, ensure it is given to God or is dealt with as He tells you to. There may also be a need for deliverance in an area.

If the thought is from Satan then do what you need to do to cast Him in Jesus' Name to The Throne of Judgement to be dealt with, preferably using the five steps. If deliverance is not needed then use steps three to five of the five steps.

The key is to take the thought, emotion, feeling or sensation captive to Jesus (2 Cor 10:5). In other words the demon placing the thought in your mind, sensation, feeling or emotion on you is cast out in Jesus' Name, to The Throne of Judgement to be dealt with.

Just resisting the thought does little to remove the temptation as the demon is always there waiting to attack you in that area. It is capturing the source of it (the demon) and evicting it that removes the temptation.

### **We are at war**

You are either fighting this war or are a victim of it. There is no in between. You are either on one side or on the other, even only by not doing anything to hinder Satan.

Every Christian is involved in this war by virtue of just being a Christian so needs to know how to defend

themselves and attack Satan in this war.

### **Components of Sin**

Sin has two components :

A lack of Love to someone (God or a person)

Bad stewardship of something or someone.

So if you are sensing either of these two things be careful as you may be on the verge of sinning.

Remember as it is a war you are expected to fight it and not pray to Jesus to do it for you. He gave you the delegation over Satan to use so why would He do something for you He has asked you to do it.

As it is a war the victory is only obtained when you endure until it is over. In otherwords fight or go under.