

## LESSON 11—SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### Introduction

As a Christian you are involved in a spiritual warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil. It began the day you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

- 2 Cor. 10:3-6
- 2 Tim. 2:3
- 1 Ptr. 5:8-9
- Eph. 6:10-18 (a warrior's uniform)

### 1. Where Did It All Begin?

- The rebellion of Satan
  - Isa. 14:12-15
  - Ezek. 28:12-15
  - Rev. 12:1-4—“one-third of the stars”
- What are demons?
  - Fallen angels—Jude 6; 2 Ptr. 2:4-5
  - Satan's kingdom—Mt. 12:24-27
  - cf. Christ's power v. 28—and ours
- They are our enemies who have schemes against us, and whom we are commanded to resist
  - Jms. 4:7

### 2. Types of Demons Referred to in Scripture

- (taken from material supplied by Singing Waters Ministries, Orangeville, Canada)
  - Spirit of infirmity—Lk. 13:10-13; Mark 9:25-26
  - Spirit of fear—2 Tim. 1:7
  - Deceiving spirit—1 King 22:21-23; 1 Tim. 4:1
  - Spirit of harlotry/prostitution—Hosea 4:12
  - Spirit of jealousy---Num. 5:14, 30
  - Spirit of distortion/perverse spirit—Isa. 19:14
  - Spirit of despair/heaviness—Isa. 61:3
  - Spirit of curse—Josh. 24:9; Deut. 28:20
  - Religious spirit—1 Tim. 4:1
  - Familiar/guiding spirit—Lev. 19:31
  - Animalistic spirit—Lk. 10:18-19; Rev. 13
  - Spirit of death—Rev. 20:13-14
  - Generational spirit—Ex. 20:5; Num. 19
  - Spirit of antichrist—1 Jn. 4:2-3
  - Jezebel spirit—Rev. 2:18-24; 17:5
  - Dumb spirit—Mt. 9:32
  - Blind & dumb spirit—Mt. 12:22
  - Spirit of treachery—Judges 9:23
  - Spirit of terror—1 Sam. 16:13-14

- **Types of Demons Referred to in Scripture cont.**

- Spirit of destruction—Jer. 51:1
  - Spirit of disobedience—Eph. 2:2
  - Spirit of partiality—1 Tim. 5:21
  - Spirit of bondage—Rom. 8:15
  - Unclean spirit—Zech. 13:2; Lk. 4:33
  - Spirit of divination—Acts 16:16
  - Spirit of error—1 Jn. 4:6
  - Religious spirit—1 Tim. 4:1
  - Familiar/guiding spirit of infirmity—Lev. 19:31
  - Animalistic spirit of infirmity—Lk. 10:18-19; Rev. 13
  - Spirit of death—Rev. 20:13-14
  - Generational spirit—Ex. 20:5; Num. 19
- Evil ones will try to gain a foothold on you to turn into a stronghold
    - Eph. 4:26-27
    - 2 Cor. 10:3-6

### 3. **Warfare Prayer** (taken from the book *The Adversary*, by Mark I. Bubeck)

Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection during this time of prayer. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to Yourself. I do take a stand against all the workings of Satan that would hinder me in this time of prayer, and I address myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of Satan in my prayer.

Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all your demons, and I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us.

Heavenly Father, I worship You, and I give you praise. I recognize that You are worthy to receive all glory and honour and praise. I renew my allegiance to You and pray that the blessed Holy Spirit would enable me in this time of prayer. I am thankful, heavenly Father, that You have loved me from past eternity, that You sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to die as my substitute that I would be redeemed. I am thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ came as my representative, and that through Him You have completely forgiven me; You have given me eternal life; You have given me the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ so I am now justified. I am thankful that in Him You have made me complete, and that You have offered Yourself to me to be my daily help and strength.

Heavenly Father, come and open my eyes that I might see how great You are and how complete Your provision is for this new day. I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, take my place with Christ in the heavenlies with all principalities and powers (powers of darkness and wicked spirits) under my feet. I am thankful that the victory the Lord Jesus Christ won for me on the cross and in His resurrection has been given to me and that I am seated with the Lord Jesus Christ in the heavenlies; therefore, I declare that all principalities and powers and all wicked spirits are subject to me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for the armour You have provided, and I put on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace, the helmet of salvation. I lift up the shield of faith against all the fiery darts of the enemy, and take in my hand the sword of the spirit, the Word of God and use Your Word against all the forces of evil in my life; and I put on this armour and live and pray in complete dependence upon You, blessed Holy Spirit.

I am grateful, heavenly Father, that the Lord Jesus Christ spoiled all principalities and powers and made a show of them openly and triumphed over them in Himself. I claim all that victory for my life today. I reject out of my life all the insinuations, the accusations, and the temptations of Satan. I affirm that the Word of God is true, and I choose to live today in the light of God's Word. I choose, heavenly Father, to live in obedience to You and in fellowship with Yourself. Open my eyes and show me the areas of my life that would not please You. Work in my life that there be no ground to give Satan a foothold against me. Show me any area of weakness. Show me any area of my life that I must deal with so that I would please You. I do in every way today stand for You and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life.

By faith and in dependence upon You, I put off the old man and stand into all the victory of the crucifixion where the Lord Jesus Christ provided cleansing from the old nature. I put on the new man and stand into all the victory of the resurrection and the provision He has made for me there to live above sin. Therefore, in this day, I put off the old nature with its selfishness, and I put on the new nature with its love. I put off the old nature with its fear and I put on the new nature with its courage. I put off the old nature with its weakness and I put on the new nature with its strength. I put off today the old nature with all its deceitful lusts and I put on the new nature with all its righteousness and purity.

I do in every way stand into the victory of the ascension and the glorification of the Son of God where all principalities and powers were made subject to Him, and I claim my place in Christ victorious with Him over all the enemies of my soul. Blessed Holy Spirit, I pray that You would fill me. Come into my life, break down every idol and cast out every foe.

I am thankful, heavenly Father, for the expression of Your will for my daily life as You have shown me in Your Word. I therefore claim all the will of God for today. I am thankful that You have blessed me with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I am thankful that You have begotten me until a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I am thankful that You have made a provision so that today I can live filled with the Spirit of God with love and joy and self-control in my life. And I recognize that this is Your will for me, and I therefore reject and resist all the endeavors of Satan and of his demons to rob me of the will of God. I refuse in this day to believe my feelings, and I hold up the shield of faith against all the accusations and against all the insinuations that Satan would put in my mind. I claim the fullness of the will of God for today.

I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, completely surrender myself to You, heavenly Father, as a living sacrifice. I choose not to be conformed to this world. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, and I pray that You would show me Your will and enable me to talk in all the fullness of the will of God today.

I am thankful, heavenly Father, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, to the casting down of imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and to bring every thought into obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore in my own life today I tear down the strongholds of Satan, and I smash the plans of Satan that have been formed against me. I tear down the strongholds of Satan against my mind, and I surrender my mind to You, blessed Holy Spirit. I affirm, heavenly Father, that You have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. I break and smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my will today, and I give my will to You, and choose to make the right decision of faith. I smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my body today, and I give my body to You, recognizing that I am Your temple; and I rejoice in Your mercy and Your goodness.

Heavenly Father, I pray that now through this day You would quicken me; show me the way that Satan is hindering and tempting and lying and counterfeiting and distorting the truth in my life. Enable me to be the kind of person that would please You. Enable me to be aggressive in prayer. Enable me to be aggressive mentally and to think Your thoughts after You, and to give You Your rightful place in my life.

Again, I now cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that You, blessed Holy Spirit, would bring all the world of the crucifixion, all the world of the resurrection, all the world of the glorification, and all the world of Pentecost into my life today. I surrender myself to You. I refuse to be discouraged. You are the God of all hope. You have proven Your power by resurrecting Jesus from the dead and I claim in every way Your victory over all satanic forces active in my life, and I reject these forces; and I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ with thanksgiving. Amen.

#### **4. Our Authority in Christ**

- 1 Jn. 4:4
- Mark 16:15-18
- John 1:12
  
- What are our weapons?
  - Word of God and Sword of the Spirit
  - The Name of Christ
  - The Blood of Christ—Rev. 12:10-11
  - The Power of the Holy Spirit—Acts 10:38
  - Prayer—Heb. 10:19-22
  - The Church