

(2022) SBC Zoom Fellowship | "Our Mighty Weapons"

I. Intro:

- **Purpose** - to recognize we are in a warfare and the kind it is, to realize we are called to war and the arduousness of the war

II. Preview:

- Warfare
 - Spiritual Warfare? What does this mean?
- Chosen to be a Soldier
 - Please Him

III. Sermon:

Warfare

- **Definition** | Military service; military life; war; Contest; struggle with enemies; To lead a military life; to carry on continual wars
- **First Use** | "**warfare**" - 1 Samuel 28:1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.
 - "**war**" - Genesis 14:2 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.
- **We are in a warfare - 2 Cor. 10:4**
 - **From "within" & "without"**
 1. Within
 - Rom. 6:11-12, 7:23; 1 Pet. 2:11
 2. Without
 - a. **Church** - strife's, contentions, swellings, tumults
 - b. **World**
 - 1) Carnal - 2 Cor. 10:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:32
 - 2) Spiritual - 1 Cor. 15:32; 2 Cor. 10:3-4; Eph. 6:11-12
 - Rom. 8:38-39; 12:1-2
- **What kind of warfare are we in?**
 - How are we to understand "spiritual warfare"?
 - Isn't feelings and shivers down your spine when you enter a supposed haunted room?
 - Isn't difficult circumstances to ascribe to the devil?
 - Isn't you succumbing to your own lusts (the devil made me do it?)
 - "**spiritual**" - having to do with the mind
 - The world has a "spirit"
 - 1 Cor. 2:12 - "the spirit of the world"
 - Eph. 2:1-2 - "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

Verses |

"warfare" - 1 Tim. 1:18
"war" - 1 Tim. 1:18; Jas. 4:1
"fight" - 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7
"wrestle" - Eph. 6:12
"soldier" - 2 Tim. 2:3-4

- **Another Layer** -
 - Where does "the spirit of the world" come from?
 - Eph. 2:2 - "the prince of the power of the air" (invisible) - the first to corrupt the internal, by the external
 - 2 Cor. 4 - "the god of this world"
 - How is "the spirit of the world" packaged?
 - 1 Cor. 1:20 (:21 - definition; Rom. 1:20-21; Jn. 1:10, 7:7, 15:18-19, 17:14)
 - Col. 2:8 - philosophy, vain deceit - after the tradition of men, rudiments of the world
 - "In image, after likeness"
 - 1 Tim. 6:20 - "oppositions of science falsely so called"
 - What does "the spirit of the world" effect?
 - Eph. 4:17 - "vanity of their mind"
 - Rom. 1:20-21 - "vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened"
 - What is the mind to do?
 - 2 Cor. 10:5 - "every thought"
 - Php. 4:6-9 - "...think on these things"
 - Col. 3:1-4 - "set affection on things above"
 - 1 Tim. 4:15 - "meditate upon these things"
- These things come from the god of this world, with its spirit, and wisdom packaged in philosophies, ideologies, deceit, false science (social sciences, most biological science, etc)
- **The World Examination**
 - "the cares of this world" - Matt. 13:22; Mar. 4:12; Luk. 12:30
 - "gain" of the world - Mar. 8:36; Luk. 9:25
 - "offences of the world" - Matt. 18:7
 - "world loves darkness" - Jn. 3:19
 - Christ's kingdom not of this world - Jn. 18:36
 - "whole world guilty" - Rom. 3:19
 - "sin & death entered" - Rom. 5:12
 - "wise, scribe, disputer, and wisdom of the world" - 1 Cor. 1:20
 - "this world come to nought" - 1 Cor. 2:6
 - "condemned" - 1 Cor. 11:32
 - "princes of the world" - 1 Cor. 2:6
 - "fornicators, covetous, extortioners, idolaters" - the unrighteous of the world - 1 Cor. 5:10, 6:11
 - "fashion of this world" - 1 Cor. 7:31
 - "sorrow of the world" - 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 The. 4:16ff
 - "evil world" - Gal. 1:4
 - "course of this world" - Eph. 2:2
 - "darkness of this world" - Eph. 6:12
 - Col. 2:8; 1 Jn. 2:15-17
 - "crooked and perverse" - Php. 2:15
- **We are called to war? (2 Tim. 2:3-4)**
 - Rom. 12:2

- Be not conformed - be transformed (learning the will of God)
- Learn a wisdom out of this world (Eph. 4 & 5)
- Walk in light (Eph. 5, Rom. 13)
- **Who do we fight?**
 - Remember spiritual warfare, but embodied in flesh and blood
 - Followers of the principalities and powers in high places - the spirit that works in the children of disobedience - (Eph. 2)
 - 2 Cor. 5:3 - "not after the flesh"
 - Eph. 6:11-12 - "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"
 - Eph. 1:19-23, 4:8-10
- **How arduous is the warfare?**
 - **Arduous** - requiring great exertion; laborious; difficult; requiring or using much energy and vigor; strenuous:
 - How do we know?
 - 2 Cor. 10:3-5
 - "strong holds"
 - "imagination"
 - "every high thing"
 - "every thought"
 - We are not fighting with our own weapons
 - 1 Cor. 1:30 - made unto wisdom
 - 2 Cor. 10:5 - the knowledge of God; Christ
 - Eph. 6:10 - be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might
 - All armour and the sword of the Spirit
 - Col. 2 - all treasures of wisdom and knowledge, complete in Him
 - Gently and meekly, but boldly proclaim truth and reprove the works of darkness
 - 2 Cor. 10:1ff
 - Php. 2:14-16
 - Eph. 4:20-24, 5:7-17
 - **"mighty"** - powerful, able, possible
 - **"pulling down"** - destruction - 2 Cor. 10:8, 13:10
 - **"strong holds"** - as the church is the pillar and ground of the truth, the world we live in is the pillar and ground for error
 - A fastness; a fort; a fortified place; a place of security
 - Defense, protection
 - "dens", "caves", "mountains"
 - "provisions for the flesh" - wisdom to justify their works that they take pleasure

- That which they trust in
- **"casting down"** - Acts 19:27
- **"imagination"** - image contrary to godliness
- **"bringing into captivity"** - subdue

IV. Conclusion:

- **Examples**
 - Sayings - package of wisdom to justify ungodly behavior (aka the spirit behind their actions)
 - 1 Cor. 6 - meats for the belly and belly for meats - fornication for the body and body for fornication
 - "my body my choice"
 - "sex for pleasure not reproduction"
 - "all things are lawful unto me"
 - Extortion - 1 Cor. 6
 - Fornication -
 - Homosexuality -
 - Wisdom and our gospel
 - Cares of this world
 - Be careful for nothing