

Weapons of Mass Destruction

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Ephesians 6:10-13 Stand strong in the might/power of the Lord!

Our struggle is not with man, but with the spirit that is at work in the man (Eph. 2:2). That spirit comes from the “prince of the power of the air” (a spirit).

As mere humans, we are made lower than angelic beings who dwell in the spiritual realm. In this realm they are forces of evil. These forces are in alliance together to wage war against us for the purpose to kill, steal, and destroy.

In this flesh, we are vulnerable to the enemy’s attack(s). Taking the wrong action is our default. By our nature, we are “children of wrath”. Humanity is born of sinful DNA. It is for this reason, Jesus said, “Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3.3). To be born again is to be born from above; to receive life from above; a divine nature – the life of the Spirit of God. This is the same Spirit that was in Jesus Christ. Paul would go on to say,

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Albert Barnes

No matter how complete the armor; no matter how skilled we may be in the science of war; no matter how courageous we may be, we may be certain that without prayer we shall be defeated.

Important to prayer is **the Word**, the Word of God. The word of God gives us knowledge. It reveals to us the righteousness of God. With the Word of God, **we have the Holy Spirit of God to employ it.**

John 16:13 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears he will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.

We have the knowledge of the Word, and the power of **the Holy Spirit** enables us to do it!

Romans 8:2–4 (ESV)

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

These are the spiritual blessings we have been given from above. These are weapons of Mass Destruction for the church. We possess these in our faith. In every battle, in every trial or struggle, it is our faith that comes under attack. Fear moves in quickly and doubt soon follows. Doubt is the sin which so easily entangles us. **Our greatest weapon to annihilate doubt is prayer!**

“Praying at all times.”

- Praying at all times.

Our prayer life must be constant and frequent. Jesus taught His disciples to always pray and not to lose heart. We must not stop praying until victory comes – with “all” prayer and supplication. Supplication is specific. We can be specific in our prayers to God.

The Spirit's Power in Prayer

- “Praying at all times in the Spirit”

Romans 8:26–27 (ESV)

Likewise, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness**. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints** according to the will of God.

Persevering Power in Prayer

- “Keep alert with all perseverance”

Praying in the Spirit maintains spiritual sobriety

Mark 14:38 (ESV)

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

“The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Uniting Power in Prayer

- “Making supplication for all the saints.”

Prayer unites the universal and the local church

We make our needs known to the church, we share our faults, weaknesses, and struggles. We may be battling sickness, a struggle or trial, and/or sin.

James 5:14–16 (NASB)

Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

- Prayer brings healing
- Prayer brings forgiveness
 - Reconciliation with God
 - Reconciliation with interpersonal relationships

Healing Power in Prayer

Saving Power in Prayer

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much! Prayer is a weapon of Mass Destruction against the enemy's attacks against us.