Faith Church, Feb 4, 2024 Spiritual Warfare



God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world, the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.

- E.M. Bounds



Note:

It is not wise to ignore anything you suspect to be demonic activity.

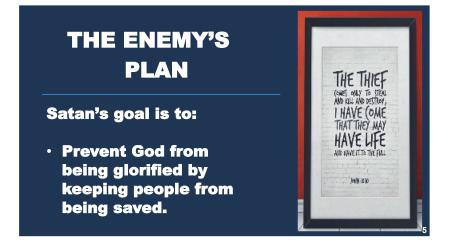
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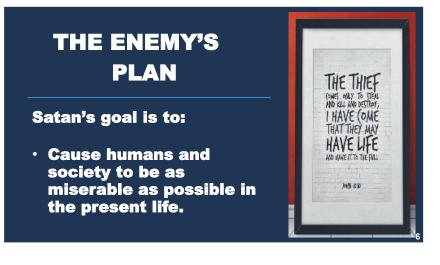
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Satan's goals are to:



- Prevent God from being glorified by keeping people from being saved.



- To make humans and human society as miserable as possible in the present life.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



I. Understanding the War

There is an **Invisible** <u>World</u> that is very real!

Ep 6: 12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

We must use Invisible Weapons

II Cor 10:3-6 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

We face an Invisible Enemy

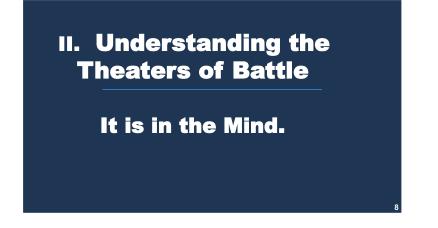
Jesus spoke about Satan and to him. 25% of Jesus parables, miracles, and teachings are related to Satan. He is described as:

Satan- adversary

Devil –slanders

Tempter – satisfy your emotional needs – move you off what is good to what is evil Accuser of the brethren – no good - terrible Christian/ father/husband/person

Example - of the Monkeys

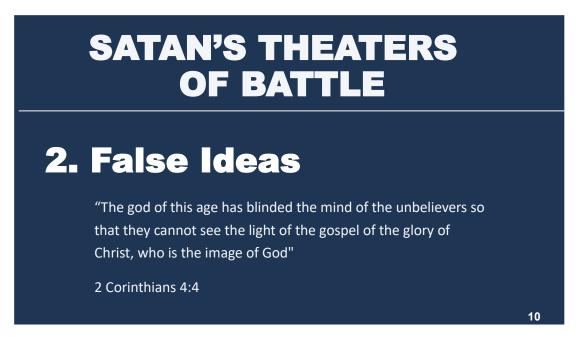


II. Understand the Theaters of Battle – It is in the Mind

Satan's Five Favorite Tactics:



1. Flesh – our own weakness and capacity for evil



<u>2. False ideas</u>- more temptation than ever / the public opinion of sin has changed Homosexuality, Alcoholism, Living together, porn

Blinding the mind - 2 Cor 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Examples: men who get in affairsof BB's bouncing off a tank Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp unto my feet

SATAN'S THEATERS OF BATTLE

3. Opposition by Satanic beings

Harassment, Paul in 1 Thessalonians 2:18, "Satan prevented me..."

4. Misled by Experience

He will bring all the harassment he can muster in our experience to make us think that this just doesn't work for the cost is too great.

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Example Ch Planting things breaking

Remember Jesus told the parable of the soils – Mark 4 Path – birds Rocky places - soil was shallow Thrones – choked out by the thrones Good soil- crop 100, 60, 30 what was sown.

SATAN'S THEATERS OF BATTLE

5. Saber Rattling

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

1 Peter 5:8

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III. Preparation for Warfare

Unbeliever

1) Accept Christ John 1:12

1. PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD		
BELT Truth	BREATPLATE Application of Truth	FEET Foundation of living truthful life & attitude

Believer

1. Put on the Armor of God - No a ritual/ tense - once for all time act

Not all the parts of a Roman soldiers armor are mentioned- leggings or spear Belt- truth

Breastplate- application of that truth

Feet- truth is the foundation life if lived on / attitude

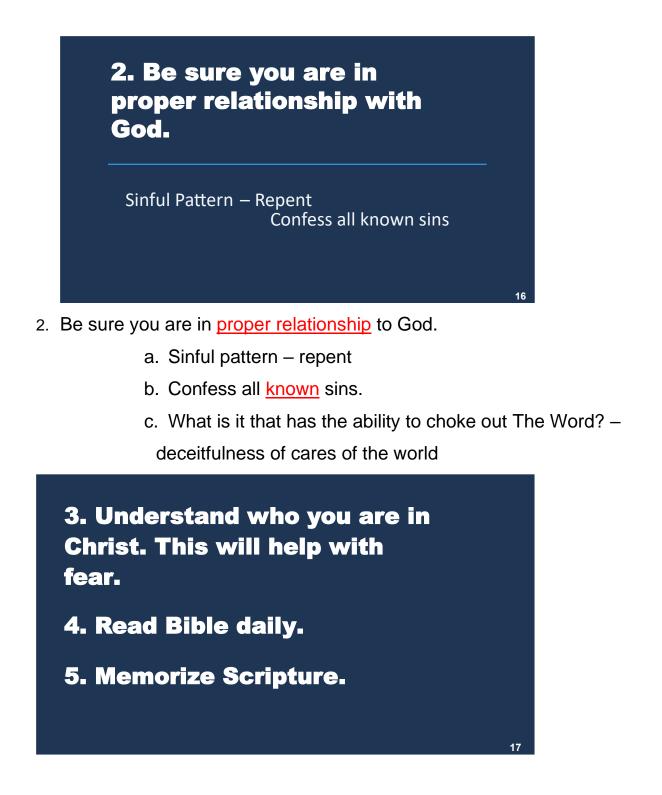
Offensive



Shield of faith - confidence in God to help with it all

Helmet of Sal- security of salvation

Sword of the Spirit- the word of God



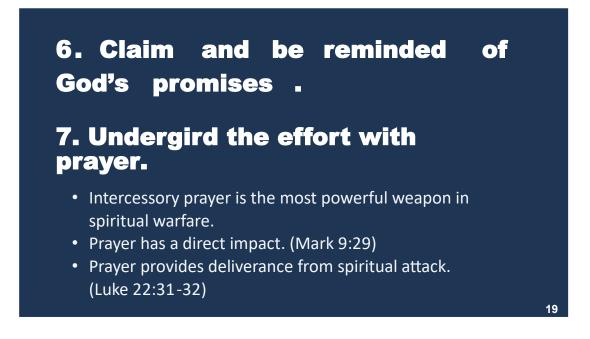
- 3. <u>Understand</u> who you are in Christ. This will help with <u>fear</u>.
- 4. Daily Bible Reading .



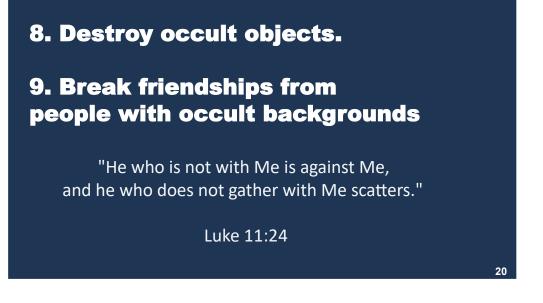
5. Memorize Scripture PH 4:8 / Prov 23:7

John 17:17 sanctify them by your truth your word truth Rom 12:2 allow yourself to be transformed by the renewing of your mind Rom 8:5-8 the mind set on the flesh is dead Mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

Ps 119:11 Thy word have I treasured in my heart 105 word is a lamp



- 6. <u>Claim and be reminded of God's promises</u>.
- 7. <u>Undergird</u> the effort with prayer.
- Intercessory prayer is the most powerful weapon we have for Spiritual Warfare
- Prayer has a direct impact on Spiritual Warfare Mark 9:29 "This kind can come out only by fasting and prayer"
- Pray deliverance in spiritual attack Luke 22:31-32 Jesus prayed for Peter –sift you like wheat



- 8. Destroy <u>occult</u> objects
- 9. Break friendship with people with occult backgrounds

IV. COMBAT

- Begin to discern the involvement of evil.
- Satan has been at it for 4000 years. We're not going to outsmart him. We must respect our foe, but we shall not fear.

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Begin to discern the involvement of evil

Satan has been at it for 4,000 years. Not going to outsmart him.

1. Random Enemy Encounters

- Your lack of actions
- You're not holding your ground.
- You've stopped being in the word.
- You're associating with questionable people.
- You're not guarding your mind.
- Your actions

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- Stop being in The Word
- Associating with some questionable people
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- Your actions
 - Steps of faith for spiritual growth tithing, praying with your wife/spouse, Bible study
 - Invading enemy territory mission trip
 - o Exposing him for who he is

ACTION STEPS

• Doorways:

Anger, bitterness, pride, worry, self-reliance, discouragement, lying, immorality, drugs, divorce, social injustice, child abuse, abortion, unforgiveness

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2 Corinthians 2:10-11

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- Identify doorways
- Close doorways in prayer
- Have a witness to your prayer
- Fasting may be necessary
- Spiritual warfare prayer

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*Have a witness to your Prayer

*<u>Fasting</u> may be necessary

*Spiritual Warfare Prayer

Thankfulness list We must respect our foe but not fear

Examples of Random Enemy Encounters

- Joel -looked inside, asked people to pray-fasted
- Mike Richardson and Lust
- Swearing in prayer
- Prayer Ministry people getting picked off

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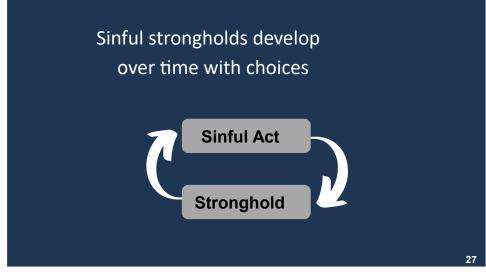
2. Entrenched Enemy Encounter -

**Strongholds are places where the Devil and his demons are entrenched

Casting out demons Matt 10:1 Luke 10:17

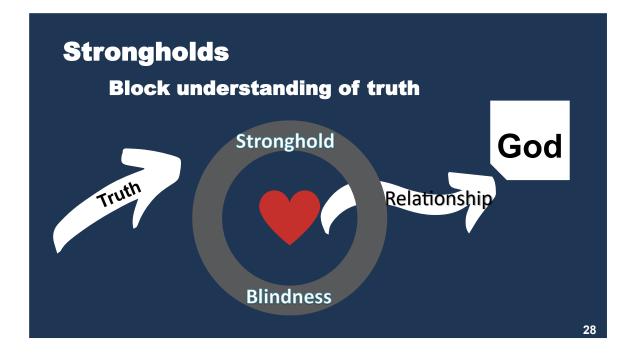
Occult-level spiritual warfare

Shamans, new age channelers, occult practitioners, witches, and warlocks, Satanist priests, fortune-tellers, Act 16:16-24

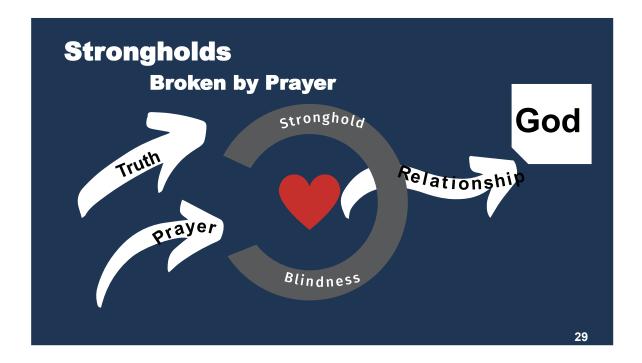


Sinful Strongholds develop over time with choices

Sinful act↔ Stronghold



Strongholds block understanding of truth



Strongholds are **Broken by PRAYER**

ACTION STEPS

- Close the doorways with a witness
- Begin to pray the Roundup Prayer
- Do not Fear
- Fasting
- o Close the doorways with a witness
- o Begin to pray the Roundup Prayer- begins on slide 43
- Renounce the works of the enemy <u>– in Jesus' name</u>
- Take your position in Christ and <u>command</u> the evil to leave

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- o Do not fear
- \circ Fasting

Warning of Matthew 12:45 and Luke 11:26 – Get 7 more and comes back Casting out of spirit or breaking strongholds Then fill and encompass self with Holy Spirit Get 7 more and comes back



3. Strategic Level Enemy Encounters Ground level spiritual warfare

Territorial spirits

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

-Ephesians 6:12

• Daniel 10 - Prince of Persia

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Conclusion

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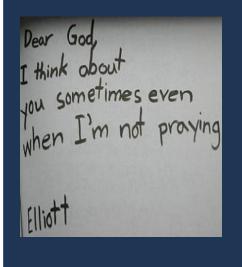
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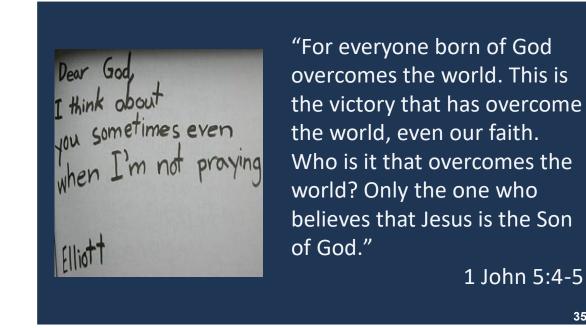


"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

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I John 4:4 Greater than



I john 5:4-5 This is the victory that overcomes the world

- Balance and wisdom
 - Be aware, not preoccupied.
- We do not fight for victory but from victory.



Balance and Wisdom – be aware, not preoccupied We do not fight for victory but from victory!

- In Christ's power, we are invincible.
- We are victors in Christ.
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"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Revelation 12:11

Rev 12:11 - blood of the lamb

"Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Come near to God and he will come near to you.
Wash your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double -minded."
James 4:7-8

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Satan is a defeated foe.

"Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out."

John 12:31

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John 12:31 Satan is a defeated foe

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS

- 1) In the name of Jesus, I command...
- 2) I declare in the name of Jesus...
- 3) I do not permit in the name of Jesus...
- 4) I silence this in the name of Jesus...

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Spiritual Warfare Prayers ***In the name of Jesus I command I declare I do not permit I silence

ROUNDUP PRAYER

PRAY THEM OUT

- The following prayer is a suggested "Roundup Prayer for the Eviction of Controlling Wicked Spirits" from Spiritual Warfare Prayers by Dr. Mark Bubeck, shared with permission.
- This prayer can be used to do offensive battle against the enemy. I have suggested this prayer repeatedly to people who have been struggling with evil.

ROUNDUP PRAYER

BY DR. MARK BUBECK

Suggested "Round-up Procedures" for Eviction of Controlling Wicked Spirits after going through the Steps to Freedom Process

I worship and honor my heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit; the true and living God who promised, "I will never leave you or forsake you." I welcome and honor the unseen presence of my Lord Jesus Christ who promised always to be with us when we meet in His name.

I honor and thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for Your invisible presence in this very place with us. I ask You to be in charge and to effect only Your will and plan in our lives. I yield fully to Your will in the eviction of any and all wicked spirit control from my life.

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I desire the Holy Spirit to do the sanctifying work within my whole person and being that He is there to do. I ask You, Lord Jesus Christ, to assign Your holy angels to protect us from any strategies of darkness designed to oppose this prayer for freedom.

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Keep Satan and all his opposing hosts of evil away from us. I also ask You to ensure that wicked spirits evicted from my presence will depart quickly and directly to the place where You consign them to go.

In the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of His blood, I affirm my authority over all wicked spirits assigned to control me and hinder my life and witness for Christ. I now command all lingering wicked spirits assigned to harass, rule and control me to cease their work and be bound in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. I bind all back up systems and replacer wicked spirits assigned to rebuild evicted strongholds.

They may not do that! I command all those spirits assigned against me to be and remain whole spirits.

I forbid any dividing, restructuring or multiplying of wicked spirit activity against me. There is to be one way traffic of evil spirit activity out of my life and to the place the Lord Jesus Christ consigns them.

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I pull in from other family members all those wicked spirits working under the chain of authority established by the powers of darkness assigned to rule over me. I command them all to be bound together here in the presence of my Lord Jesus Christ in that spiritual realm where He dwells with me and they know His presence.

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I bind all of your wicked ears open and it is my will that you must hear and obey Him who is your Creator and Conqueror. I declare the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Redeemer and Lord.

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I affirm that God has seated me with Christ Jesus in the heavenly realms far above all principalities and supernatural powers of darkness and evil. Lord Jesus Christ, I ask You to tell all of these powers of darkness assigned to afflict and rule over me where they must go. I want them out of my life and confined where they can never trouble me again. I yield fully to Your sovereign plan for my life and all of the purposes You have in this battle I have been facing. I ask you, Lord Jesus Christ, to tell them clearly where they must go.

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(A brief pause here is in order to honor the Lord Jesus Christ's work of addressing His authority and victory against those powers of darkness bound in accountability before Him).

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I now ask the Holy Spirit dwelling within my person to effect the will of the Lord Jesus Christ concerning these afflicting powers of darkness. Just as You forced them out of people's lives in response to Jesus' commands when he walked on this earth, I ask You to accomplish that for me now, I ask You, Spirit of the living God, to evict from my conscious, subconscious and unconscious mind all control of any wicked powers.

Break all of their power and control over my thought processes. They must go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them. Sweep them away and make my mind clear of any wicked spirit control.

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I now ask that the Holy Spirit would renew and sanctify my mind. Cleanse and take full control of my conscious, unconscious and sub - conscious mind, precious Holy Spirit. Set it totally apart for the Glory of God and the service of my Lord Jesus Christ. I deliberately yield my mind to the Lordship of Christ, the truth of God's Word and the will of my heavenly Father.

I now ask that the Holy Spirit would look all through my emotions on the conscious, subconscious and unconscious levels.

Evict any controlling powers of darkness and may the holy angels escort them to the place where the Lord Jesus Christ is commanding them to go.

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Clean them out and totally away from my person. I ask that the gracious Holy Spirit would take control of my emotions on every level of the function of my feelings.

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Sanctify my emotions. Fill my emotions with the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, meekness, faithfulness and self- control. I welcome the Holy Spirit's internal control of my feelings.

I look to the Spirit of God to sanctify and renew my emotions. I reach out to experience the Lord's plan for my emotional freedom and spiritual well -being. I now ask that the Holy Spirit would look all through my conscious, unconscious and subconscious will for any control of wicked powers. Evict them now to where the Lord Jesus Christ is commanding them to go. Sweep my will totally clean from evil control and manipulation. May the Holy Spirit of the true and living God renew and sanctify my will fully for the glory of God. Will within me to do the will of God. May the Lordship of Jesus Christ be obediently lived out in my life by the Holy Spirit's full control of my will.

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I offer my body and all of its parts and functions as an expression of my spiritual worship to my heavenly Father. I ask the Holy Spirit to look all through my body for any controlling activity of wicked spirits. Look all through my brain and central nervous system for any fallen spirit's affliction or control.

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Evict them totally away from this physical control center for the function of my mind and body. I offer my brain and its capacities for the quickening, renewing control of the Holy Spirit. Sanctify and refresh my brain so that it functions in spiritual harmony with Your control of my whole person. Look all through my body and sever any wicked spirit control of my senses of vision, hearing, smell, touch or taste.

Look all through the organs of my body for any defiling work of the kingdom of darkness. Sanctify my body's organs and their function by the quickening work of the Holy Spirit. Please repair the damage done in my body by sin.

I surrender all my physical appetites to Your Lordship. I give to you my need and craving for food and drink. Examine and cleanse from demonic activity all the organs of my digestive system.

Set apart my sexuality for the glory of God. Evict any work of the enemy in my sexual functions and organs. I surrender these to Your Lordship, and I submit myself to Your holy plan for moral purity and sexual intimacy only in the bonds of marriage.

Evict any afflicting, evil powers totally away from every part of my body. Sanctify it in its entirety. I want my body to be a "holy body," not only in its standing in God's redemptive plan but also in its function.

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As a part of my spiritual worship to my Father in heaven, I offer my body as a living sacrifice to be used only for all that is acceptable in His sight. I now yield up my whole person again to the true and living God and His total control.

I ask the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to control me fully. I thank You for the freedom that You have affected within me during this time of prayer.

I now look to the love of my heavenly Father, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit to enable me to daily walk in the spiritual freedom promised me in God's Holy Word.

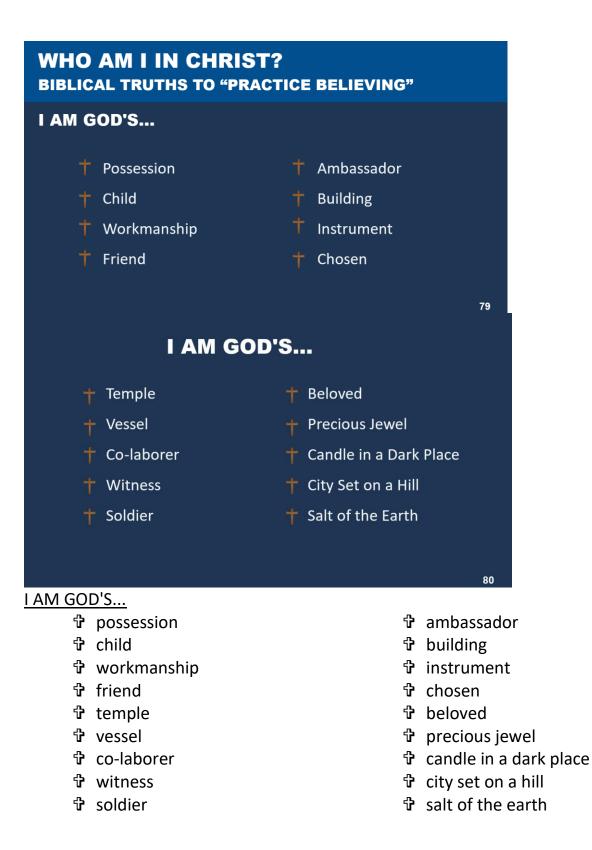
I reject, resist and refuse anything less. In the name and worthiness of my Lord Jesus Christ and by the intercessions of the Holy Spirit, I place these petitions before my Father in Heaven.

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Who I am in Christ

Biblical Truths to "Practice Believing"



I HAVE BEEN...

- Redeemed by the blood
- + Set free from sin and condemnation
- **†** Set free from Satan's control
- + Given the Holy Spirit
- + Adopted into God's family
- **†** Justified freely by his grace

I HAVE BEEN...

- **†** Set free from Satan's kingdom
- + Chosen before the foundation of the world
- + Given all things pertaining to life and godliness
- **†** Given great and precious promises



I HAVE BEEN...

- Predestined to be like Jesus
- + Forgiven of all my trespasses
- + Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb
- + Given authority over the power of the enemy
- + Given access to God
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- access to God
- 🕆 been given wisdom

I HAVE...

- Access to the Father
- + A home in Heaven waiting for me
- + All things in Christ
- Authority to tread on serpents
- Power to witness
- The tongue of the learned

HAVE... A living hope An anchor to my soul A hope that is steadfast and unmovable The mind of Christ Boldness and access Peace with God Faith as a grain of mustard seed

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I AM...

- + On my way to heaven
- + Alive, quickened by his mighty power
- + Seated with Christ in heavenly places
- + Healed by his strips
- + Covered by the blood of Jesus
- + Sheltered under his wing

I AM...

- 🕇 Complete in him
- + Free forever from sin's power
- **†** Sanctified and ready for the Master's use
- + Secure in Christ
- Loved eternally
- Hidden with Christ in God
- Protected from the evil one
- Kept by the power of God

I AM...

- + The head and not the tail
- + Light in the darkness
- 🕇 His sheep
- + A citizen of Heaven
- + Hidden in the secret place of the Almighty

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<u>I AM..</u>

Hidden In The Secret Place Of The Almighty

I CAN...

- 🕇 Do all things through Christ who strengthens me
- † Find mercy and grace to help in needs
- † Come boldly to the throne of grace
- $\dagger~$ Quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one

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I CANNOT...

- ✤ Be separated from God's love
- 🕆 Be lost
- ✤ Be removed from His grasp
- Taken out of the Father's Hand

Recommended Reading by Neil T. Anderson:

To help establish a battle plan, I recommend reading:

The Bondage Breakers

and

Victory Over the Darkness: Realizing the Power of Your Identity in Christ

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Recommended Readings by Dr. Mark I. Bubeck :

- Raising Lambs Among Wolves
- The Adversary: The Christian Versus Demon Activity
- Overcoming the Adversary: Warfare Praying Against Demon Activity
- Rise of Fallen Angel: Victory over the Adversary Through Spiritual Renewal
- Spiritual Warfare Prayers