"For the **weapons** of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God"

Weapons Of War Intercession Training



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THE WEAPONS OF WAR

THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS CLASS:

- 1. To understand the warfare of the believer
- 2. To learn what are the hinderances to a victorious warfare
- 3. To identify the weapons of warfare and how to use them

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Judges 3:1-3 NLT

[1] These are the nations that the LORD left in the land to test those Israelites **who had not experienced the wars** of Canaan. [2] **He did this to teach warfare to generations** of Israelites who had no experience in battle. [3] These are the nations: the **Philistines** (those living under the five Philistine rulers), all the **Canaanites**, the **Sidonians**, and the **Hivites** living in the mountains of Lebanon from Mount Baalhermon to Lebo-hamath.

Judges 3:1-2 KJV

- **1** Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as **had not known all the wars of Canaan**;
- 2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel **might know**, **to teach them war**, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 KJV

- <u>3</u> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- $\underline{4}$ (For the **weapons** of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the **pulling down of strong holds;)**
- <u>5</u> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Matthew 11:12

2 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

<u>Ephesians 6:10-18 KJV</u>

[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [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 . [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. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Page 1 of 10 [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints:

UNDERSTANDING THE WARFARE:

This is a spiritual war (it is not carnal or sensual).

This warfare is against the devil, his organized kingdom and his evil agenda.

(It is not against flesh and blood).

When we go to war we are coming from a position of victory ALREADY.

The agenda of satan is to steal, to kill and to destroy (John 10:10).

The agenda of the sons of God in spiritual warfare is to destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8)

<u>1 John 3:8 NKJV:</u> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil

The word "DESTROY" here is not the same as the word destroy in **John 10:10**. This word means:

- 1. To deprive of Authority
- 2. To demolish and to overthrow
- 3. To set free, to break up, to dismiss
- 4. To declare unlawful or illegal

In John 10:10 the word "DESTROY" means: To give over to misery and to render useless.

John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to **destroy:** I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1John 3:8

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy** the works of the devil.

HINDERANCES TO A VICTORIOUS WARFARE:

When we go to war there are certain things we cannot afford to get caught up in. Spiritual victory is not accidental, it is intentional. We must be intentional to identify and get rid of every weight, <u>Hebrews</u> <u>12:1-2.</u>

OFFENSE:

Matthew 18:7

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! <u>for it must needs be that offences come</u>; butwoe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Psalm 119:165

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

1 Peter 4:8

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: **for charity shall cover the multitude of sins**.

DISCORD, STRIFE, ENVY AND JEALOUSY:

<u>James 3:16 KJV</u>

[16] For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Ecclesiastes 4:4 (NLT)

4 Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Proverbs 6:19

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 16:28 KJV

[28] A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

Proverbs 17:9 KJV

[9] He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

Proverbs 20:19 KJV

[19] He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: **therefore meddle not withhim** that flattereth with his lips.

GOSSIP: Going Out Spreading Strife In People

UNFORGIVENESS, BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT:

Hebrews 12:15

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Matthew 18:34-35

- 34 And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors**, till he should pay allthat was due unto him.
- 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your heartsforgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

BEING TOO CARNAL AND WORDLY:

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

- [1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of yourmind, that ye may prove what is that good, and according, and perfect, will of God.

<u>Romans 13:14:</u> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfilthe lusts thereof.

James 1:13-15

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 John 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and thepride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

WHAT IS A WEAPON?

Something used to attack, to injure, to defeat, to destroy, to defend and to deprive of authority.

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Isaiah 54:17

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

THE WEAPON OF GIVING:

Malachi 3:10-12

- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

- 1 <u>Cast thy bread upon the waters</u>: for thou shalt find it after many days.
- 2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

Ephesians 1:3 KJV

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Deuteronomy 8:18 KJV

[18] But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he **that giveth thee power to get wealth**, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Proverbs 13:22 KJV

[22] A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

THE DIFFERENT KIND OF DEVOURERS:

Genesis 31:15 KJV

[15] Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

Genesis 37:20 KJV

[20] Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

Genesis 41:6-7 KJV

- [6] And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.
- [7] And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaohawoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 KJV

- [13] If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the **locusts to devour** theland, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- [14] If my people, which are called by my name, <u>shall humble themselves</u>, and <u>pray</u>, and <u>seek my face</u>, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

<u>Joel 2:25 KJV</u>

[25] And I will **restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten**, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

<u>Joel 2:25 AMP</u>

And I will restore or replace for you the years that the locust has eaten—the **hopping** locust, the **stripping** locust, and the **crawling** locust, My great army which I sent among you.

THE WEAPON OF FASTING:

Matthew 17:21 KJV

[21] Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Mark 9:29

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

THE RESULTS OF FASTING:

When you fast, the first thing that happens is that God begins to reveal Himself to you. The Father says, "Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here am I'" (Isaiah 58:9). Other results of fasting itemized in Isaiah 58 are:

- **Illumination**: Verses 8 and 10 declare that the dark periods of your life will become like noonday. When others think they have extinguished your spiritual light, it will rise again and break forth like the morning.
- **Direction**: Verse 11 promises that "the Lord will guide you continually."
- **Provision**: Verse 11 declares God will "<u>satisfy your soul in drought</u>". (This can apply to both material and spiritually lean times.) Verse 11 also describes unlimited spiritual resources. You will be like a "well watered garden," and "a spring of water whose waters do not fail."
- **Rejuvenation**: Verse 11 declares God will "<u>strengthen your bones" and verse 8 proclaims that</u> "your healing shall spring forth speedily."
- **Restoration**: Verse 12 indicates that you and your spiritual seed "shall build the old waste places, …raise up the foundations of many generations…And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In

THE WEAPONS OF THE NAME OF JESUS:

Psalm 44:5

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: **through thy name will we tread** them under that rise up against us.

Proverbs 18:10

10 **The name of the LORD is a strong tower**: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Romans 10:13

13 For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

Philippians 2:10 KJV

[10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in **heaven**, and things in **earth**, and things **under the earth**;

THE WEAPON OF THE WORD OF GOD:

Ephesians 6:18

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

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any <u>twoedged sword, piercing even</u> <u>to the dividing asunder</u> of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jeremiah 23:29

29 Is not my word like as a **fire**? saith the LORD; and like a **hammer** that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Isaiah 55:11 KJV

[11] So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

THE WEAPON OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS:

Revelation 12:11

11 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.

Hebrews 12:24

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to **the blood of sprinkling**, **that speaketh better things** than that of Abel.

THE WEAPON OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Acts 16:25-26 KJV

- [25] And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
- [26] And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the <u>prison</u> were <u>shaken:</u> and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's <u>bands were loosed</u>.

2 Chronicles 20:22-25 KJV

- [22] And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
- [23] For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, **utterly to slay and destroy them**: and when they had made an end of theinhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.
- [24] And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and **none escaped.**
- [25] And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

<u>Psalms 47:5</u>: God is **gone up with a shout**, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

THE WEAPON OF PRAYER:

Revelation 8:1-5 & 6-7

- 1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
- 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
- 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
- 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with **fire of the altar**, and cast it into the earth: and there were **voices**, and **thunderings**, and **lightnings**, and an **earthquake**.
- 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
- 7 The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood**, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Psalm 18:6-14

- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.
- 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.
- 14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out **lightnings**, and discomfited them.

Psalm 64:7

7 But God shall **shoot at them with an arrow**; suddenly shall they be wounded.

Ephesians 6:18 KJV

[18] **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, and watchingthereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Jude 1:20 AMPC

[20] But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;