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SECTION 10 – The Battle of the Mind

Lesson 38 - The Battle of the Mind Part 2

Ephesians 6:10 AMP *In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].*

God is going to release His Holy Ghost in a new dimension of His power and His strength, but it is not going to be the way many people are thinking. They are thinking it will be what we call suddenly; that suddenly God is just going to show up. It is not going to happen that way. He is going to release a new strength, but that strength is going to come as a result of something happening to us first.

Colossians 1:24-27 *I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

The dimension of strength that you are going to walk in is a new supernatural power and strength like we've never walked in before. There are many things that are still going to have to take place before Christ comes back, and things are going to get very intense. We are going to have to operate in a whole new dimension of power and strength. The dimension of strength that we are going to walk in, in these end times is going to be in direct correlation to the intensity of the intimacy of our relationship with God. This is why there has been such an incredible move of God in the area of worship. There has been so much teaching on being intimate with God and how to worship God. God is preparing for Himself a people and is laying the ground work of revelation and releasing those anointings now that will cause us to draw close to Him, so that we can then be empowered with the strength that we need.

One of the results of this is that we will be able to be empowered with the strength to face the battles that are coming and to fulfill God's purpose in these end times. Many people ignorantly look at the holy laughter movement and think it unnecessary, but what they don't realized is that God was showering His love upon His people. People were getting caught up into the heavenlies and into new dimensions and intimacy with God. God sends wave after wave after wave, and they are going to be stronger. I prophecy to you in the name of Jesus, there are going to be stronger waves than Toronto, there are going to be stronger waves than Brownsville. They are going to sweep upon the earth, wave after wave, after wave and they are going to take us step by step into a greater and deeper intimacy with Heaven so that we grow in that dimension of our relationship with God. Then we can be strong in the Lord and empowered through our union with Him.

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Psalm 91:1 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

We love to quote this verse and claim it, but it really only applies to a certain group of people.

Who is the person who abides “under the shadow of the almighty”?

The one who is close, the one who is coming to the secret place, the one who is coming to that intimate place is the one who abides.

Look at what he says there: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, he who has come to a place and dimension of relationship, of closeness with Him, of intimacy with Him, that they have learned to actually dwell there. That is the person that is going to be strong, that is the person that is going to be protected, that is the person that will not fear what comes in the day or night, that is the person that a thousand will fall at his side and ten-thousand at his right hand, but will not come near them.

He said be strong in the Lord, be empowered through your union. The mystery of the Gospel is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Be empowered through your union with Him.

When God was speaking to Abraham and told him that he was going to have a child and Abraham responded that he was old, God said to him, “I’m your El Shaddai,” which literally means strong breasted one. It speaks specifically of a nursing mother's breast which was and is the source of life to that child. God was saying, “Abraham you are old, but I am your divine source of life. I am your strong breasted one.” It is an interesting thing that the baby has to draw the milk from the mother's breast. You can bring the baby up to the mother's breast, but if the baby doesn't suck out the life, the baby will die. Back in those days there was no formula. God was revealing to Abraham that He was his divine source of life, but in that same revelation He was saying to Abraham that he had to draw life out of Him.

Unlike any other time, we are going to have to be a people that every day learn to draw our strength from God. We are about to come to the place where we can no longer fake it. We will not be able to be prayer-less, worthless, anointing-less Christians. I tell you in the name of Jesus under the authority of God right now, under the prophetic mantel right now, that multitudes that are in little preach nothing, just encouraging making you feeling good churches are going to fall by the wayside by the millions because they have not learned how to draw supernatural strength from God. They have not learned how to have God as their strong breasted one; for God to be their divine source of life.

They learned to have a psychological, positive, moral Christian type experience, a Christian type lifestyle, and they have learned how to exist in that and put on a Christian face and speak the Christian lingo. But when the enemy rises up, when this wickedness is released they are going to start falling by

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the wayside. Some are already falling by the wayside. Their families are falling by the wayside. Their children are falling by the wayside. Their morality is falling by the way side.

I tell you in the name of Jesus you are going to see greater wickedness come through the television than ever before. God spoke to me and said the day is soon coming when Christians will not even be able to watch regular television because of the wickedness that comes through it. I am talking not just about the programs, but also the commercials. They are going to just turn it off because of the spirit of wickedness that is rising.

How can we avoid falling prey to spiritual wickedness?

Until we begin to draw a new dimension of strength and a new dimension of life from God, and we begin to rise up in that level and in His strength, more and more are going to fall prey to these things.

You may wonder why all of a sudden all these ministers have fallen into homosexuality. Homosexuality is a demon spirit, and it has been released upon the world and God's people like never before. We cannot face the intensity of today's spiritual battle with yesterday's levels.

Hebrew 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

James 4:7-8a *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

Psalms 145:18 *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.*

Isaiah 55:6 *Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.*

Deuteronomy 4:29 *But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

The Bible says to seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be open." (Matthew 7:7) He wants us to seek Him, ask of Him, draw from Him. We must come to Him and draw life from Him. Draw from Him the very issues of life.

When Jesus was walking down to raise Jairus' daughter from the dead, there was the woman with the issue of blood. She had spent all of her money and the doctors couldn't do anything for her. She saw Jesus and she pressed, crawling through the crowd, believing that if she could just touch the hem of His garment she would be healed. She reached out, pressing through the crowd, pressing through adversity. I

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am sure she was trampled upon, and probably kicked and cursed by people. Yet she pressed in, and she touched the hem of His garment. Jesus stopped and asked, “Who touched Me?” The disciples didn’t understand His question thinking everybody was touching Him. There was something different about the way the woman touched Jesus for she touched Him in faith. Jesus felt virtue go out from Him. She drew her miracle right out of Jesus.

I remember I was in a meeting with Dr. Morris Cerullo in January 1990. He was preaching an incredible, powerful revelation, and I wanted a breakthrough anointing. I wanted this touch from God. I wanted this breakthrough to fulfill the divine purpose and destiny of God upon my life. We were all praying very intensely at the end of the meeting. I remember reaching my hands up and saying, “God I don’t care if anybody else in this building gets it. I take it right now!” I grabbed hold of it, and all of the sudden I got hit by the power of God. I ended up on the floor flopping around like a fish out of water. I got blasted by the power of God. I asked God, “What was that?” He said, “It was an infusion of My love.”

What happen? I took it. The Bible says that from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (Matthew 11:12)

God says in the book of Ephesians that we are to be strong in Him and empowered through our union with Him. We have to draw from that strength, from that anointing. Don’t you dare go into spiritual warfare without this. Don’t you dare go to battle against the enemy without this. Don’t you dare pick up the weapons of warfare and fight without this.

So many times as I traveled the nation of the world preaching service after service, meeting after meeting, keeping an intense schedule I would get physically exhausted. I would turn to the Lord and say, “I just draw strength from You,” and I would feel the power go through my body. The same Spirit which raised Christ from the dead dwells in you and He will quicken your mortal body. (Romans 8:11) All of a sudden supernatural strength and power came into my body.

How many battles could we win, how many times could we overcome temptation and overcome the works of the enemy if we would learn to every moment draw our strength from Him? In the midst of temptation pull strength from Him. This is where we have to go.

The dimension of the strength you are going to walk in is in direct correlation to the dimension of your intimacy with Him.

As you get closer to Him and you learn to dwell in the secret place, you learn how to draw from Him in that intimacy, in that worship. It is in that adoring of Him that you actually begin to draw on life. You begin to partake of the tree of life.

In the very most intimate parts of God is that tree of life. It is the tree that we lost access to in the Garden, but we have access to now through Christ. We draw in the life. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and Life itself.

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This is what He was saying to the women at the well. (John 4:1-26) He came to give us a different kind of water. He who drinks of this water will thirst no more. Jesus is the well of life. He is our source. Jesus is the source of all life, and without Him there is no life. He came that we might have life, and that more abundantly; an overflowing abundant life. (John 10:10) We have to draw it from Him through our intimacy with Him.

That word wait in Psalm 91 doesn't mean to sit still. It speaks of staying before His presence, being still. Be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10). They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they that learn to stay in His presence.

One of things that God was trying to teach the body of Christ in the Toronto blessing, in that move that went around the world, was how to soak and stay in His presence. And in that place not just passively waiting, but actively waiting and staying before Him, drawing on Him. There, and at the Brownsville Revival, people were drawing on Him, they were becoming empowered and they were being strengthened. Then people got weary from drawing thinking they were strong now and no longer needed to draw daily. They began to go longer and longer periods of time without drawing from God. Before long they just stop drawing on His strength. They stopped walking in that heavenly realm, they stopped walking in that secret place, and step by step they became weaker and weaker. Many became slaughtered by the enemy afterwards because they failed to stay walking in the strength of what they had access to; they failed to continue to draw life from Him.

Even as you finish this lesson right now I encourage you to go put some worship music on. Get by yourself with God and draw strength from Him; that strength which that boundless might provides. You are in no condition to engaged in spiritual warfare until you are filled with His strength first.

For Further Study:

Luke 11:9 *So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

Luke 12:31 *But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Colossians 3:1 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*