

Spiritual Warfare

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Introducing Spiritual Warfare

Foundation Scripture

Ephesians 6:11-12

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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.

I Corinthians 9:26 AV

Therefore I do not run uncertainly [without definite aim], I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary

Our Authority?

John Wesley, I am sure you have all heard of him, once said: **"It seems God is limited by our prayer life – that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."**

I was watching PBS the other evening and a Christian woman, who was to be the guest of a talk show, was commenting on how she was sometimes angry with God.

Why, you may ask, she was angry because she said that she has seen the hunger and depravation in Africa. The distress in the lives of people around her and she wonders why God allows this to happen.

You and I have probably asked, or thought the same question. If God is running things here, He has sure got things in a mess. Look at Russia, poverty, hunger. Africa with its many political upheavals, changes and the recent massacre of tens of thousands in just one country's internal conflict. Children sold into slavery, prostitution, on and on.

and does God really know what's going on, will he do something about it?

God's Longsuffering

God allows many things: See **Romans 9:21-23**

Romans 9:22-23

22 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:*

23 *And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,*

That the Land or You will not be overrun

Exodus 23:28-30

28 *And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.*

29 *I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.*

30 *By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.*

2 Peter 3:9 *states that God is "long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

If this is His will, what going on in our world, when daily men, women and children die without him?

If God wanted to push His will on us, he would just force us all to come to him. But, he does not do that!

Then try to have them do something ridiculous.

1. The first demonstrates that in the classroom I have the right to ask them to do something that is reasonable and they will do it.

2. The second shows that I don't have the right to violate the common sense of that same person. They know what is and isn't acceptable conduct.

Example 2: Have a chair placed at the front of the room and then have a student sit in that chair. Show that they are occupying the space and no one can sit in that same spot.

Then let the person get up and give that same chair to someone else.

Then we see that the new person has the space and they will occupy the chair until we get them out of it.

Example 3: Two chairs, one representing the earth and one representing the realm of the spirit world.

Standing between both chairs I can touch the earth with one hand and I can touch the spirit world with the other.

God made man to have access to both worlds since man was made of the "dust" of the Ground. He came from the ground consequently he has a right to exercise authority of that element.

He was given a spirit; his spirit then gives him the right to access the realm of the spirit.

Man's Authority

Psalm 8:4-6

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the **angels** (Elohim), and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou **madest him to have dominion** over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

God clearly, without a doubt, gave us dominion over his creation, the earth.

When Adam acquiesced [gave in] to Satan, what did he really do? He abdicated or he gave up his authority, sold out to Satan.

In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, we see where Paul says that Satan is the god of this world:

*"In whom the **god** of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."*

Adam Loses His Rights / Authority

When Adam gave up his God given rights in the earth and Satan got it, it now ties God's hands.

Abraham's faith and His willingness to give his son gave God the right to send Jesus into the world. **See Genesis chapter 22.**

We have to act, using the weapons He has provided and ask him to perform His Word in the earth.

So then, in prayer and especially intercession we are with the Holy Spirit, taking hold of circumstances, lives hanging in the balance, things, people and events within this world that God wants to change and have them conform to His will.

Through Jesus Christ, the second Adam, we have been given a new authority:

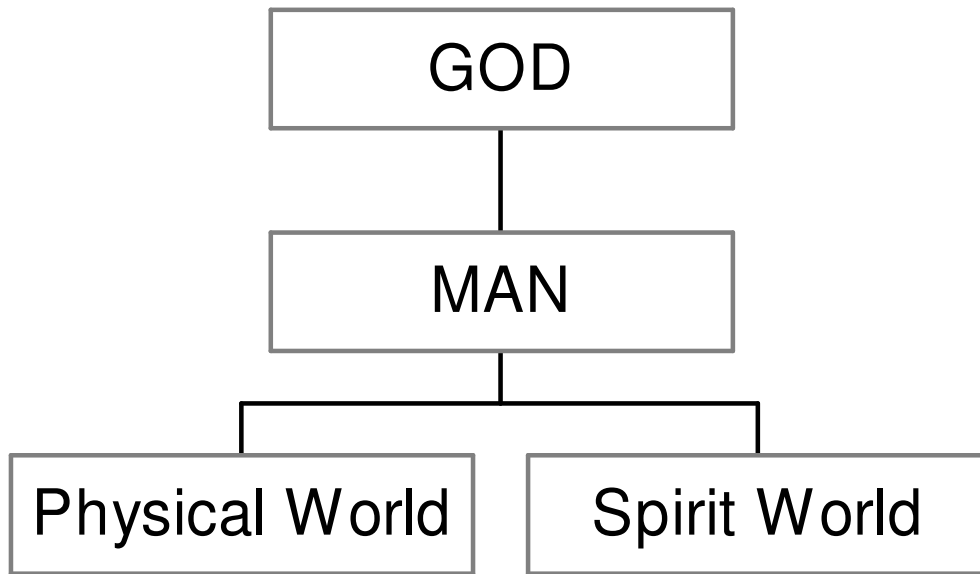
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1 Corinthians 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Man's Authority Diagram

Man's authority directly comes from God. That authority allows man's rule to transcend or span two worlds.



John 4:24

"God is a Spirit: ..."

Genesis 3:8

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: ..."

Genesis 2:7

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life ("**chayiyim**", lives) ; and man became a living soul.*

Satan, god Of This World

Christ's temptation, in **Matthew 4:8-10**, demonstrated that Satan was indeed the god of this world, he had the kingdoms of this world and offered them to Jesus.

8 *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*

9 *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Jesus did not dispute Satan's right to give him the kingdoms of the world.

Now that we see where we stand in the earth, who then shall God call upon to bring His Word and his will to birth: **The person that prays.**

Ephesians 6:10-12

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.*

- We, MAN, had the command and authority of God to subdue all things on the earth.
- Whether those things be spiritual or physical.
- We, being formed from the dust of the ground have been given a legal right based on our natural (physical, earthly) origin to exercise dominion on the earth.
- Having received the Spirit of God we possessed a spiritual right or authority to exercise dominion in that realm also.
- We had the dominion in the Garden but Adam lost it and it was restored by Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:17-20

17 *And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*

18 *And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

19 *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

20 *Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

War In The Heavenlies

- The book of Revelation recounts a battle between angelic forces that were in allegiance to Satan and those that were still loyal to the Lord.
- There has been a spiritual battle ensuing from the creation of mankind.

Satan, using Adam’s own authority has been deceiving mankind. His first act caused a swift ejection from Heaven.

Revelation 12:7-9

7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

8 *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

We know this has already taken place because Jesus himself mentioned how he saw Satan cast down.

Restored Right and Authority

Jesus Christ, by his own action caused mankind's privilege that was available to the first Adam to be restored.

The authority the early disciples exercised astounded them. They were able to command the spirit world and it obeyed them.

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- Satan existence in the Garden then was after his expulsion from Heaven (the place of God's throne).
- We would based on Paul's account identify the seat of God's throne as the third heaven. (2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

Ruling Authorities

There are spiritual authorities that exist in the unseen world. These authorities do not have inherent to their nature the ability to influence or change the physical world without the cooperation of someone in that realm.

Ephesians 6:12-13

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The Apostle Paul describes the heaven's as First, Second and Third (see previous page - 2 Corinthians 12:2-4).

Theologians ascribe various spiritual influence in these realms.

Heavens

In Genesis 2:1 and 2:4, where the account of God's creation of heaven the Hebrew word is "hashemayim" or plural "heavens."

It demonstrates very early in the scriptures then that there are multiple heavens. [Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the Darkness of this world, Wicked Spirits in the heavenlies]

Third Heaven (God's Throne)
Second Heaven (Angelic Realm/Wicked Spirits in the Heavenlies)
First Heaven (Earth's Atmosphere/ Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the Darkness of this world)
Earth Demons, Angels (God's Messengers and our Protectors)

Geographic Authorities

Geographic authorities exist and thrive withing natural geographic boundaries. They may influence a nation, a city or a community.

They typically will not want to be sent or commanded to go into other regions of unfamiliarity.

Ephesians 6:12

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.

Note the Prince of Tyrus in Ezekiel 28:2, he is described as a man. However, as we continue to read n the twelfth verse and beyond we see the description of a ruler above this prince.

This ruler has ascribed to him the same attributes as Lucifer. The assessment then is that he is indeed Lucifer who influences the state of Tyrus.

Prince of Tyrus

The Man

Ezekiel 28:2

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

The Heavenly Being
Ezekiel 28:12-15

12 *Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.*

13 *Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*

14 *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

15 *Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

Again, take note that the description of the one that withstood the angel sent from God was not and could not be a human regent.

This spiritual obstruction was the one that ruled that geographic province and thus is described as its prince.

The Prince of Persia
Daniel 10:12-13

12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*

13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia **withstood** me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

- Cause an influence, stop me, delay me ...

The account of the demonic of Gadara includes an interesting request made by he demons that possessed the man.

The demons asked Jesus to not send them out of the country.

The Demoniac of Gadara

Mark 5:7-10

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

The demon, "Legion", indicated that they did not want to go out of the country.

Example:

There was a story related to me sometime ago about a group of African young men who were ministering here in a particular parish.

A woman from the same country and vicinity came to where they were and she was possessed with a devil. The woman did not personally know the men.

During a service, a prayer meeting, the demon manifested itself and began to speak to one of the young African ministers.

He said, "I know you!" and began to relate where the young man was from and other personal information that this woman would not have known.

This was an entity that had existed in the area of their homeland and came along with it's host, the woman.

Geographic entities may influence major areas of countries, cities, towns or smaller communities. Some may even be tribal in their manifestation.

Example 1: "Unruh" who was a spirit that influenced the area of Witchita, Kansas that we had been ministering in.

Example 2: "Valdosa" that affected a family that I met which was being buffeted in their home and with their health.

Example 3: The Spirit of Anarchy that influence the police officer in a Jamaican Town that I was ministering. An angel of light.

These spirits exercise influence by oppressing or possessing human beings or animals.

Example 1: The dogs at the Pastor's house that I was staying in Ocho Rios. They were under my window and barking without a pause for a while. When I looked in the direction in which they were barking there was nothing to be seen. However as I looked, in my spirit came the understanding that they had seen an entity. I rebuked the spirit and commanded it to leave and immediately the dogs stopped barking.

Example 2: Dogs in Discovery bay at about 1pm began to bark. Again I repeated what I had done in Ocho Rios and they immediately stopped and the night had a palpable quietness.

Next, we will take a look at the ruling authorities in Jamaica.

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