



Empowering People to Change the World

**The Invisible War 4:
God as Warrior
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE ROAD MAP AND WANT TO JOIN THE ROAD...STAND

Wholeheart Challenge...

Powerful time at the Republican Convention yesterday...

Invisible War...Let's Review:

The Invisible War Part 1: Satan, Demons, and the Fourth Dimension

The Invisible War Part 2: The Great Reset or Great Kingdom Revolution

The Invisible War Part 3: Take Up the Whole Armor of God and Be Ready for Battle

Read Ephesians 6:10-17

We are involved in a great adventure and a great battle!

- We have battles to fight and a war to win.

We are fighting a war that has already been won. We are fighting from victory. (Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:8-12)

As a theologian, I look at the Old Testament as concealed truths through action-packed narrative of the first church, Israel; and we see God in forms that are consistent with His character, but different from the New Testament.

The Invisible War Part 4: God as Warrior

- Present-day Christianity views God primarily as a God of love and grace, which is true. But without the holiness and fear of God, it can be transformed into a “benevolent Grandfather” who accepts us the way we are and understands that we cannot truly ever change because we are so wounded.

- He is a kind of “Mr. Rogers God” who is always wanting everyone to be happy in the neighbourhood.
- He has no real significant power, but loves everyone.
- Yet, I see God differently, and I treat our passage today differently. I view God as a Warrior. More like a Gladiator than Mr. Rogers.

And the Old Testament gives us a glimpse of this, too.

Moses viewed God this way:

“The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name.” (Exodus 15:3)

Joshua understood God as a Warrior:

“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’

So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come...’” (Joshua 5:13-14)

When we put on the armor of God, we are dressing up like God!

Ephesians 6:13

- Like a Roman soldier (whom Paul is chained to), we are commanded to take up the whole armor of God.
- We as the Church of Jesus Christ must stand!

Ephesians 6:14

1) Stand on truth (the belt).

- Girded around the waist with truth—the belt holds all the armor on. You can’t wear the armor without the belt. It’s central.

- Jesus said, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”*
- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the great Russian dissident, said, “Live not by lies!” Just start always to tell the truth.
- TRUTH SETS YOU FREE. So, tell the truth, seek the truth, and live the truth.
- Ex. When we developed our own health protocol, it was based on scientific and medical truth! Same with education. We are basing our education on truth concerning our history, our Constitution, and our freedoms.

2) Stand on righteousness (the breastplate).

- The breastplate guards your heart, your vitals. Righteousness and truth go together! Jesus said, *“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...”*
- Righteousness means “right relationships” with your spouse, family, parents, neighbors, etc.

Ephesians 6:15

3) Stand on the Gospel of peace (the boots).

- We are called to be peacemakers, not peacekeepers. We can’t manage everyone. If people want to fight among themselves, so be it.

Ephesians 6:16

4) Stand on faith (the shield).

- Just as there are physical laws that govern the physical universe—like gravity, entropy, and your need for food;
- So are there spiritual laws that govern the spiritual universe—the invisible fourth dimension world is governed by Kingdom law.

- Faith is a Kingdom law. Faith is THE shield against Satan. It is like water in your body; you cannot function long without water. You cannot function long without faith.

The Kingdom law of faith governs the universe.

- In Matthew 14, Jesus comes to the disciples, walking on water, defying the laws of nature. Peter calls out, and Jesus invites him to come; and he comes. Peter then walks on water. Peter's faith superseded the physical laws; but then he lost his faith. "*And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'*"
- The Kingdom law of faith is stronger than the physical universe. This is how miracles happen. Faith in God can sometimes mean God calls us into situations that can't be effective without faith. Faith caused Jesus to walk on water; faith caused Peter to walk on water. This faith governed the laws of gravity.
- On another occasion,

***Jesus said, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."* (Mark 11:22-23)**

- It's not your faith; it's God's faith in you. Have faith in God. It's not just your faith in God that moves mountains.
- Have faith in God's faith. Have the God-kind of faith. Don't put your faith in your faith or other people's faith or in the mountains or anything else. Put your faith in God.
- **Remember verse 10, "*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*"**
- The shield of faith is our connection to God. It's learning to cooperate in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

- Ex. As you cooperate with the Spirit, your faith grows, and you start moving mountains. I mean you don't set out to move mountains, but you just start doing it. I mean for me, we just met with a few County Commissioners and started talking about the shutdown and mandates, and that grew into a Proclamation, which grew into other things.
- Your faith doesn't grow by thinking about your growing your faith. Your faith grows by knowing God more; getting to know God, loving God, following God, and your faith grows in God!
- That's why we read in the Bible, "*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*"
- As we study God's Word, He reveals more of Himself to us; and we grow in faith.
- The shots from the enemy are aimed at your relationship with God. That's number 1 on Satan's list of how to take you out. You are regularly going to be shot at, if you are in the battle. Actually, it's a good sign you're in the battle if you're being shot at.
 - You read some story on the Internet, and you're just wide awake and fine. Then you start to read the Bible—whoosh, arrow coming in, you are fast asleep!
 - "Hey we're going to church today." You walk out, and whoosh, an arrow in your front left tire.
- When you enter into enemy territory, you have a big "bullseye" on your chest.
- Faith is our shield! Faith extinguishes the arrows of the enemy!
- You must constantly be strengthening your faith.

Verse 17a

5) Stand on salvation (the helmet).

- Ex. There are lots of helmets you have to wear now. Skateboarders, bikers, hockey—the importance of the helmet in protecting us. We now know so much about concussions.
- Warfare begins in the mind. How much warfare begins.
- If you don't put on the helmet, you will have “spiritual concussions.”

Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny.

- It all begins with a thought. Play with a thought, and it finds its way into an action, a habit, a character, a destiny.
- Sowing and reaping! It's in your heart to be up to no good.
- The problem is in our heart. If you have a mean dog with a muzzle on, it doesn't make the mean dog nice. The issue is the heart and the mind.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

- The warfare is in our thoughts.
- We say, “It doesn't matter what I look at. It doesn't matter where I go; I'm not hurting anyone.” Those kinds of thoughts.
- How many times do we have such thoughts before we act on it. NO. It will come out.
- Put on the helmet of salvation!

6) Stand on the Word of God (sword).

- The Roman soldier carried a sword. Our main offensive weapon is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, not the tongue.

- The Rhema! The revelatory Word from God! Use it every day.
 - The Logos—the written word
 - The Rhema—the writing word
- Jesus dealt with Satan with the Word of God.
- Apply the Bible! You don't need the Life Application Bible; you need a Bible that you apply to life.

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

- The more you know the written Word, the more you will experience the living Word.
- Someone says, “I don't believe in the Bible!” Imagine a man in battle, and the soldier pulls out his sword; and the man says, “I don't believe that's a sword.”
- The Word of God has changed my life—not my feelings, not my attitudes.

Prepare and be ready!

- 1. Water Storage for 5-7 Days**
- 2. Food Storage for 5-7 Days**
- 3. Food Prep Capabilities**
- 4. Buy seeds and start plantings for a little garden.**

Pray for those who are graduating out of the Worship Academy...

