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## **The Great Cosmic Warfare Prayer**

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**The Lord's Prayer: "The Great Cosmic Warfare Prayer"**

## **Cosmic War Graphic**

First Sunday of Advent takes us into the preparedness of the coming of Christ. Isaiah wrote this approximately 700 years before the birth of Christ.

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

**“For unto us a Child is born,**

**Unto us a Son is given;**

**And the government (All of the Divine Counsel in the Cosmic Realm) will be upon His shoulder.**

**And His name will be called**

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Of the increase of His government and peace**

***There will be no end,***

(the Kingdom of God in heaven is coming to the earth and no government, army, philosophy, or Ideology will be able to stop its advance across the globe. The Kingdom of God Revolution started with the birth of Jesus...)

**Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice**

**From that time forward, even forever.**

**The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”**

(What David began—a kingdom of the presence of God—will continue)

- Today, we are looking at the coming King—expectations were thick of the coming KING

**Are you ready to go to work? Get out your Bible and sit up straight. Turn to your neighbor and say “I’m ready to go to work.”**

**We will cover the Bible this morning...**

## **Christus Victor**

**Genesis 1:26-28**

**The Imagers Created for a Kingdom Vocation (Genesis 1:26-28).**

1. We are Created “in the likeness” of God as HIS Kingdom Family.
2. We are to exercise “dominion” over the resources of the earth.
3. We are Created “male and female” to reflect the “image of God” as His Children.
4. We are “blessed” by God to be “fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it, have dominion.”
5. We were created to have abundant life.

### **The Purpose of the Imagers—The Life of the Kingdom of God is Reflecting God’s Image with Fruitfulness, Freedom, and Dominion.**

In the West, we have adopted a **Platonic Christian Worldview**. We were created to not just: 1) go to heaven, 2) not go to hell, or 3) just keep the rules. A Works Contract of Salvation being more about “being good,” hopefully going to heaven.

### **Rather than bringing heaven to earth through a Divine Vocation of BEING the Imagers who reflect and bring Kingdom Fruitfulness, Freedom, and Dominion**

God created each of us for a greater purpose than that. He originally created us to be:

1. His *image bearers*, to reflect the praises of all creation back to the Creator and to reflect God’s wisdom and loving stewardship into the world.
2. His “image bearers” in reflecting His Covenant Love to all people on the earth by setting captives free.
3. His “image bearers” to steward the resources of the earth for God’s glory.

We are designed to function like angled mirrors that reflect the worship of creation back to the Creator. Our life of angled glory back to God would then empower us to bring the Power and Authority of God to the earth.

We were given a Divine Vocation; Divine Purpose to reflect God’s glory and love to the world, to be His Intimate Family, growing and having dominion over all the earth.

**Then, the Cosmic War hit the Imagers of God. Then we Lost our Place, our Calling, our Vocation.**

**Genesis 3:1-7**

### **The Strategies of Satan and Demons—Attack the Imagers (Genesis 3:1-7).**

Satan, the “cunning” serpent, comes to “steal, kill, and destroy” the “image bearers of God.”

### **The 7 Tactics of Satan & Demons: Next Week: What is Demon Possession and Can a Christian be Demon Possessed?**

1. Question God’s Goodness
2. Question our True Freedom
3. Create Discontentment
4. Think there are no Consequences for our Sin
5. Enticement to Rebellion through the Eyes
6. Shame and Escape
7. Hiddenness and Fear

When we sin, we give ourselves over to the divine powers—Satan, demons, principalities, and powers that begin to control us. The strategy hasn’t changed.

**Satan’s Kingdom on Earth is Idolatry, Slavery, and Death. “Evil” is “Live” spelled Backwards! The Exact Opposite of the Kingdom of God.**

God, wanting a Kingdom family who would reflect His glory, His dominion, His kingdom to the world, chose Israel to be that family. But their constant rebellion and idolatry, continually led them into captivity and slavery.

### **Christus Victor**

*Christus Victor*, Latin for *Christ the Victor*, is the element of the atoning work of Christ that emphasizes the triumph of Christ over the evil powers of the world, through which he rescues his people and establishes a new relationship between God and the world.

### **One of the most powerful verses on the Mission of Jesus:**

**“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” (1 John 3:8).**

- Jesus has been sent to destroy the works of the devil through restoring His Kingdom of God family by the Cross of Christ.

- Ultimately His death on the Cross and Resurrection will completely destroy the works of the devil.

### **The Cross Disarmed Principalities and Powers.**

**Turn to Colossians 2:13-15**

**“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”**

- All the condemnation, guilt, and slavery has been nailed to the Cross.
- The Cross disarmed the principalities and powers.
- Listen: demons do not have power over you! Demons do not have power over you! “Greater is He that is IN YOU, than he (demons) that is in the world.”

**Look at what Romans has to say:**

**“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life...For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:10,17).**

- “Reign in life” from the Greek word *Basiliea*, which is where we derive the word *Kingdom*.

**Paul is telescoping the New World Order of the Kingdom of God through our Lives.**

**The Rule and Reign of God over us and through us to the world**

- The Cross and Resurrection of Christ is the Christus Victor, the rescue mission of God to restore our divine vocation of being God’s Kingdom of God family on earth.
- We are being restored into the power and authority of God to reign in life—not just exist, but REIGN.

**“But now Christ is risen from the dead...For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive...when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet” (1 Corinthians 15:20-25).**

- Christus Victor! The Kingdom of God is now coming through us to the earth. Until every rule, authority, and power is put under His feet.
- He is restoring our vocation as His Kingdom of God people, to put an end to all demonic powers!
- Do you see it? He is delivering the Kingdom of God to the Father through us, the Church.
- But he's not done explaining the Victory of Christ...

#### **Verses 48-49**

**“As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man” (1 Corinthians 15:48-49).**

- The Christus Victor, the Cross and Resurrection of Christ have made us all Heavenly Men! We now are reborn into the image of God bear the image of the New Heavenly Man, Christ Jesus to the world!
- This is the Kingdom of God Revolution Worldview of the Bible—the Christus Victor vision.
- Paul understood this and he gave us this powerful prayer...

**A Prayer for Wisdom, Revelation, and Understanding of the Riches of our Inheritance in Christ (Ephesians 1:15-23).**

**Turn to Ephesians 1**

### Verses 15-19

**“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...”**

- The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God is understanding and being enlightened: to know His calling, to know the riches of the glory of His inheritance, and the exceeding greatness of His power.

### Verses 20-21

**“...which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”**

- The same power that raised Christ from the dead.
- And seated Christ at God’s right hand in the heavenly places.
- Far above all principality, power, might, and dominion.
- Above every name that is named.

### Verses 22-23

**“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”**

- Through the Cross and Resurrection, He has put all things under His feet.
- He is head over all things to the Church (Genesis 3:15).
- The Church is His body, the fullness of Him—filling ALL, that means filling the whole earth with the Kingdom of God LIFE.

Now move to Ephesians 2:1-7

**We are Made Alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-7).**

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“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

- We have been made alive, when we were dead in our trespasses and sins, when we walked according to the “prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”
- This is the Antichrist spirit in the world.
- But God, “rich in His mercy...made us alive together with Christ...and raised us up together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- We are “made alive with Christ.”

Ephesians 3:10-13

**The Manifold Wisdom of God Made Known to the Principalities and Powers (Ephesians 3:10-13).**

“...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”



- Now, the “manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the Church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Next Week: What is Demon Possession and Can a Christian be Demon Possessed?**

**Tonight, Save the Storks is having a concert 6-7:30pm tonight with Grammy nominated, Christian contemporary lead singer for Sanctus Real, Matt Hammitt and X Factor contestant, Rion Paige. Sign up on our website. Matt and Rion are leading us in worship this morning...**

- **Save the Storks will have the 100<sup>th</sup> life-saving Mobile Medical Clinic at our church tonight. In this unit they go in and women can get a free checkup and sonogram.**
- **This is Spiritual Warfare and this is a key point of prayer.**