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Chapter 1

WHEN GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU

The Bible is a book of spiritual warfare. As a nation, Israel can be linkeo to a war-like tribe. Since they are children and favourites of God, the enemy hated them with perfect hatred. Hence, their history was punctuated by repeated wars. By the time it got to the time of David, the shepherd king, warfare had become entrenched in the lives of the children of Israel. By the time David gave his testimony, he made mention of the fact that he had been trained in the art of spiritual warfare:

Blessed be the LORD my strength which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight. Ps 144:1.

GOD IS A WARRIOR

We can go through series of instances in the Bible when Israel performed gallantly in warfare. In this chapter we shall focus our attention on the war that took place at the instance of the crossing of the Red Sea. The Bible tells us that God Himself is a man of war.

The LORD is a man of war : the LORD is his name. Ex 15:3.

Pharaoh was the captain of the army of the kingdom of darkness.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. Ex 14:23-30.

In this instance, God stood as the captain of the host. As it was characteristic of the army of the enemy, it had frightening credentials, while the children of Israel were ordinary people, neither did they have sophisticated weapons.

THE CONTEST

Pharaoh went to war with his best men of war riding on war-tested horses. The kind of weapons the enemies set in array showed that they were ready to fight until they wiped out the race of the children of Israel. Unknown to Pharaoh and his hosts they were trying to confront the Lord who is a Man of war. Unfortunately for them, the battle was fought on a hallowed ground. God used Moses to part the Red Sea into two. The children of Israel rushed into the express way that God created for them. Unfortunately, the hosts of the enemy ran along foolishly. They did not know how God created a highway across the Red Sea. They did not know that what God created in the form of a passage for the deliverance of His people would be used to disgrace and destroy the enemies of His people.

THE SONG

In a classic battle the Lord stood gallantly and performed gloriously at the end of the day. The horses and its riders perished on the battle field. The enemies of God's people were buried in watery graves. It is interesting to note that at the beginning of the battle the enemies demonstrated demonic prowess. Their horses and the riders were chanting war songs as they pursued the children of Israel.

They came with a wicked intention. The stubborn pursuers vowed not to turn back until they completely eliminated every living soul. Pharaoh and his hosts could be tagged the most stubborn pursuers that history has recorded. They must have proclaimed that it was a do or die matter.

"He who laughs last, laughs best," they say. Israel laughed last and came up with a song of victory.

A COLLOSSAL LOSS

Pharaoh must have forgotten the fact that as far as God is concerned those who touch His people are playing with the eyeballs of the Almighty. Such people never live to tell the story. Both the horses and the riders received deadly blows from the Almighty. Pharaoh lost his life, lost his best men of war and lost his chariots and horses.

As long as you remain on God's side, whenever the enemy challenges you, he is getting

ready for instant burial in the Red Sea. God takes delight in disgracing the enemy and his weapons. Witches and wizards, who are bent on seeing your end, will surely experience sudden destruction.

WHEN GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU

The Lord is a man of war who will always fight your battles. When He fights your battles, the result will be announced in your favour. An interesting feature of the battle in the Red Sea, was that the enemy came into the battle and lost everything. Through that battle God made a bold statement. He proved to the world that the judgement of instant burial inside the Red Sea was the lot of all stubborn pursuers of His children. The devil is a blind fighter. The battle actually started when signs and wonders were done after God decreed, "Let my people go."

The first-borns of Egypt died massively, the waters of Egypt were turned to blood, the plague of boils was one of the divine weapons used against them. But they were too stubborn to take note of the fact that they were rubbing their hands on the sharp saw of the Almighty. The saw did not only cut their hands, it grinded their bones to powder.

MASS BURIAL

God may not stop the devil from waging war against your destiny. He will only wait until the battle commences, then He would waste the enemies and their weapons.

The burial of Pharaoh's armies and his weapons in the Red Sea is an example of what God is set to do with your enemies. He will not only bury your enemies, He will also subject their weapons to mass burial. So, let the enemies come against you in the form of household witchcraft. They are getting set for burial after the order of Pharaoh.

Pharaoh is the grandfather of all stubborn pursuers. But the Power that disgraced and destroyed the armies of the greatest nation at that time has not changed. That same Power will give you victory today.

The riders and the horses shall be captured by the God who fights our battles. They shall all fall down and die.

Prayer points

- 1. Where is the God of Elijah? Arise and pursue my pursuers.
- 2. Let the Lord God of Elijah arise with a strong hand against every spirit or power of sexual perversion, in the name of Jesus.

- 3. Let every spirit of Egypt fall after the order of Pharaoh, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Let every spirit of Herod be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Let every spirit of Goliath receive the stones of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Let every spirit of Pharaoh fall into the Red Sea of their own' making, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 2

PARALYSING THE HORSE AND THE RIDER

In the Bible, Moses had never been known as a songwriter, a singer or a choirmaster until God buried the Egyptians in the Red Sea. When you see the kind of miracles you never saw all your life, your hidden talents, gifts and abilities will be quickened for the services of God.

Naturally, men want to appreciate the kindness of their fellow human beings, especially when the kindness is rare. The same is true when God does rare miracles. Men would burst into new songs and there would be a higher level of willingness to serve and obey Him.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. Psalm 110:3.

The miracle that Moses saw at the Red Sea was strange. He saw a sea parted for the first time and the stubborn pursuers of the Israelites went down into the water in a mass burial. The natural reaction of Moses was to sing to the Lord along with the entire, assembly of Israel.

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Exodus 15:1.

STUBBORN PURSUERS

Rare miracles of God created ripple effects on his people. As they saw all their enemies buried in the sea at once, they all raised their voices in a song of praise. As all the Egyptians died in the Red Sea, so all Israel sang to God. God may allow your stubborn pursuers to multiply because He wants to destroy them at once. When He does that, He wants everybody in your family and assembly to sing praises to Him at once. There are miracles you experience for which your tongue alone cannot praise God enough.

A songwriter said, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing." There are miracles that makes you feel like your tongue should suddenly multiply to praise God. Since God was not ready to multiply the tongue of Moses, He made all Israel sing His praises. Imagine a congregation of over three million people singing to God at once. The earth must have shaken with the loud anthem of their praises. That population was very large considering the ancient time that the event took place.

A DOUBLE MIRACLE

I have been talking about the effect of God working a rare miracle. The miracle God wrought was a two-in-one miracle. It was the miracle of deliverance for the Israelites. They became safe from the hands, anger, advancement and plot of their enemies. But the deliverance did not just come alone. It came with another miracle, the miracle of destruction and mass burial for their enemies.

The ways of God are deep. They pass finding out. God can choose to destroy your enemies in a way you wouldn't have to bother about their burial. The children of Israel would have had so much work to do if they had to kill and bury the Egyptians themselves. God would have had to expand their efforts to create a large expanse of land for the burial. It is a wonderful thing for God to determine the kind of death which your enemies deserve, their place of burial and the entire funeral arrangement.

The children of Israel were escaping on foot, but the Egyptians pursued them on horses and chariots. No footman can outrun a horse and its rider. No strength of man can withstand the speed of a chariot. But God did not bother about the technology and innovations of the Egyptians. The children of Israel were completely unfit to stand the armament of their pursuers. Nevertheless, God was on their side.

THE MIRACLE OF JUDGMENT

You are not as experienced in war as the devil. You may lack the spiritual know-how to withstand your adversaries. They have an edge over you by reason of their technologies, networking and united efforts targeted at you. However, God is laying ambush for them. It is not your battle. As the Egyptians hastened after Israel into the Red Sea and never returned, the stubborn pursuers who are after you shall be buried.

God is about to work a miracle of judgment in the camp of your enemies. This will make the earth to shake because of your testimony. The horse may be strong and its rider may be experienced, but God is still in the business of destroying them both. Moses sang and Marian sang. Their songs had a common line of victory.

And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Exodus 15:21.

The songs of Moses and Marian had the same emphasis. The Lord threw the horse and the rider into the sea. The miracle of judgment upon their enemies inspired the songs. The theme of the songs was the same. You can imagine the kind of miracle that makes the children choir, the youth choir, the adult choir, the prayer warriors, the church leaders and everybody sing the same song. God is set to work and repeat ancient miracles in our days. The world is yet to know anything about the power of God.

IMPORTANT ANCHORS

As you read on, there are keys I want you to anchor in your spirit. When they sink into your heart, miracles will begin to erupt in your life.

- 1. No matter how crooked you have written the line of your life, God can write it straight. You can never be too bad for God. There is no level of degeneration your life can ever reach that God cannot change. If yours is the worst life or situation in the world, it is just an opportunity for God to do the rarest miracle.
- 2. If you spend more time praying than worrying, very soon, you will have nothing to worry about. Each second spent on worries can be put to better use. Your time in the presence of God is an investment you can never lose. Spend more time praying than worrying. Talk more to God about your worries. He will take over and ask you to go home with a reward of peace and miracles of divine intervention.
- 3. When God has work to do, He can make your enemies your stool. It is to the glory of God that you are faced with the devil, an enemy you naturally don't have power and resources to face. God has a way of disgracing the enemies. When they come against you like a mighty flood, He intervenes and gives you victory to their shame. He does that to disgrace the power of the devil. The wisdom of God is to use the weak to confound the powers and strength of the strong.
- 4. When God is set to work, sometimes He does not require your faith. At times whether you have faith or not, God goes ahead to demonstrate His power as God. At creation, God did not require the faith of any man to create the heavens and the earth. When He chose to lay the earth on great waters, He did not need anybody's faith to activate that miracle. When He spread the sky like a curtain, He did not need the faith of any man. To avoid man ascribing God's glory to himself, God finished the work of creation before He put man in the centre of it all. Faith or no faith, God can do the strangest of miracles.
- 5. God is sometimes silent towards us so that we may cry the more for His help to come. Nothing catches God by surprise. He does not need time to pull Himself together as though He were limited to do anything. He does not have to consider how much He has left in the account of heaven before He prospers you. He doesn't have to consider if He has enough thunders, arrows, fires, hailstones, etc to fight or

not. He is God in totality. When He allows us to cry more unto Him, watch out, He wants to surprise us with a rare miracle. He moved to deliver Israel when they were most jittery. He sent His salvation of rarest kind when Moses' voice was loudest, calling unto Him for urgent help from above. His silence does not mean denial or neglect.

6. With God on your side as a Mighty, Terrible One, you can trample on satanic rage. Moses and Aaron were the two men that confronted Pharaoh, demanding the freedom of the children of Israel. Pharaoh had an army. He had assistants in royal matters. He had servants. He could just issue an order in his palace and consider it done. He ruled Egypt by words of mouth. The Egyptian taskmasters afflicted the children of Israel on the order of Pharaoh. They killed infants in the land on the order of Pharaoh. But Moses and Aaron, who didn't have a kingdom, an army, subjects or servants, confronted him with "Thus saith the Lord." With God on your side, any satanic arsenal or network are useless.

Prayer points

- 1. Every horse and the rider in every aspect of my life, be thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. I nullify every satanic threat against my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every power/spirit, visiting me at night or in the dream in order to terminate my joy, fall down and die, in the mime of Jesus.
- 4. Every power of murderers, be shattered, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. I nullify every evil influence of satanic visitation upon my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Lord, give me wings of a great eagle to escape from the trap of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. I break the horn of the wicked exercising evil against me, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. As I build, I will inhabit and as I plant, I shall eat, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 3 HOLY VIOLENCE

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. Isaiah 9:4-5.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12.

AGGRESSIVE METHODS

This means that, there are some demons that will leave at a simple command, but there are some that have to be chased out violently because they are stubborn and have probably installed themselves in the life of that person through a covenant, that has been in place from generation to generation. Such demons can only be evicted through aggressive methods.

I do not see anything wrong in going to battle over-armed. It is better than being underarmed. If you require only three bullets to finish the enemy and you take 1,000 with you, there is no harm in that; you will bring back the rest. But if you need three and take only one, you would only succeed in provoking the rage of the enemy and he will rise and finish you.

DAVID'S FIVE STONES

David took five stones when he was going to face Goliath. He would have thought that if the first one missed his forehead, one of the others would hit him. He succeeded at the first attempt and he went away with the rest of the stones.

And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 1Samuel 17:40-50.

IDENTIFY, CONFRONT AND CONQUER

Modem-day believers do not understand this principle but the people of the Bible did. Beloved, we have to know that dark powers are at the root of most of the problems that we are facing, though they will try to hide from us. We have a mission to identify them, confront them and conquer them. When we have this at the back of our minds, we will be unstoppable. Then unbelievable miracles will begin to happen. That is what we call WONDER. It is a bit higher than a miracle. It is something that happens and when people hear it, their ears will tingle and their mouths will open and will not close until they have overcome the surprise.

When the Bible says; "Ye shall be for signs and wonders," it means what transformed you and you will tell them that you are serving the God of signs and wonders and they will ask you to take them to Him.

I pray that every enemy of your signs and wonders shall be disgraced today, in the name of Jesus. The apostles turned their cities upside down. WHY?

They knew the Lord whom they served, they bragged and boasted about Him, they upset the world in which they found themselves. They worried the devil and gave the rulers sleepless nights. They did not worry about where the devil would strike next; it was the devil that worried about what they would do in the next moment.

FIRE-BRAND BELIEVERS

They did not run away from demons but harassed them. They were not diplomats who

would not tell people the truth about their deeds. They confronted the rulers and told them that they killed Jesus the Messiah. The rulers were forced to ask the apostles what they should do to be saved and the apostles told them to repent and turn to the Lord.

They held Holy Ghost services in the streets; they got people baptised in the streets, they carried out deliverance sessions in the streets. They went about without fear; they were on fire. They had something that the prisons could not withhold; when they were arrested, the rulers had to release them speedily.

When the rulers wanted to interrogate them, they had to be cautious, they could not apply force, they had to invite them for interrogation. When they got there, the apostles repeated the same things they had been teaching about Jesus. They had something in them that fire could not burn, that water could not drown, that salt could not spoil. They were unbeatable.

What was their secret? They CONFRONTED and CONQUERED. Many years ago, there was a revival that broke out in a place. A brother used to go out for morning cry. It was a simple cry of "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand. "One day, the brother went out very early and was saying the same words as usual. It happened to be a day of sacrifice and occult men were at their shrine. Usually, nobody should come near the place, not even the villagers.

THE CONFRONTATION

The brother did not know that there was anything like that going on. Occult men shouted incantations against him but found that they had no effect on him. It surprised them and they all came out and brought their charms. The brother started feeling weak but as quickly as he started speaking in tongues, he regained his strength and the occult men became weak and helpless.

Then they resorted to physical beating. They beat the brother until he became unconscious and they dragged him to the shrine and left him there.

At about 5.30 a.m, another brother was going to church for morning service, when he saw a Bible on the ground and then a bell. He became curious and looked round and went towards the hut and found that brother in front of the shrine. He ran to the church to call the pastor who had already started the service. The brother interrupted the service and announced that that brother had been sacrificed.

The whole congregation got up with a battle cry and went towards the shrine. They got there and found that the brother was still breathing. He was revived and they destroyed the shrine and the hut. When the news got to the king, he summoned the pastor and his congregation went with him. When he saw them, he had no choice but to say that he only wanted to make peace; that there was freedom of worship in the country and that they should learn to co-habit. The idols worshippers were disgraced.

As from that day, many people started to renounce idol worship and gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. The shrine was never re-erected and a revival broke out. No child of God died in the process, whereas the people believed that the idol would kill anyone who dared move close to the shrine.

NO WAR, NO PEACE

Sometimes, there is no option for peace until there is war. Peace-loving people have had to take up arms to defend themselves. There is an English adage that says "No war, no peace." There is a local adage that says "The child that decides not to allow his mother to sleep at night, will be restless." This means that, the powers that have decided not to allow a child of God to have peace, must themselves be restless.

If they get up after midnight to do havoc, it means that as a child of God, you must wake up before midnight to bombard them with your prayer bullets and arrows. When you continually bombard them with your arrows and bullets, they will flee and will not dare come again. In fact, when they hear your name, they will run away.

One night, two witches and one wizard were sent on assignment to pour leprosy on a Christian brother who was said to be praying too hard and disrupting witchcraft activities in his area.

THE ARREST

As they were going, they had to pass in front of a church where a vigil was going on. The leader of the prayer meeting sensed an evil spiritual presence and the Holy Spirit ministered to him to raise this prayer point: "Let the blood of Jesus become fire and burn every evil presence, in the name of Jesus."

Everybody prayed hard and aggressively and immediately, the witches and the wizard were arrested. One of the witches was stuck to the ground and the one carrying the evil pot containing the leprosy fell with it and part of it poured on her. The wizard fled. The two witches could not move and were calling him to carry the pot and go to accomplish the assignment.

He refused and ran away. Later, as he thought over the situation, he acknowledged the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and surrendered his life to Him. He was the one that

lived to narrate the story. God spared his life so that he would be able to testify to the fact that God is greater than any power that can ever exist.

THE ENEMY'S CONFRONTATION

You may find it difficult to believe that life is a battle; but it is true. We have battles to fight and each person must fight. Some start their fight very early in life, some start in the womb, and for some is at particular spectacular stages in life that their battles start. For some, it is when they become adults or in their old age.

Anyone who will prosper or is a threat to the devil, will surely have confrontations from the camp of the enemy.

There are some powers that know what a person will become, right from the womb; they try to capture the star of the person or quench it totally. If parents are prayerful, they will save their children from a lot of havoc.

Most psychiatric cases are the handiwork of destiny quenchers and evil diversion. They know the potentials of these people and they hinder them through insanity.

If you look back at your achievements, you will find out that there were some obstacles that you had to pass through before you became successful. The lord, who saved you, wants you to serve Him sincerely in return. You must understand the ministry of conflict and spiritual confrontation, otherwise you will continue to suffer. Many have accepted that there is no way out, that they have to bear every problem as their cross. That is wrong.

THE BATTLE

If a preacher has never experienced headache, he can never understand what migraine means. He would not appreciate what it means to have sleepless nights. Many pat people on the back and ask them to claim their victory by faith but nothing happens.

During deliverance sessions, we have heard vicious demons speak through their victims and have answered us and argued about our intervention and even cried but eventually, they were thrown out. You would have discovered by now that problems are not removed by television show-business, nor by "Jesus loves you' smiles. At least, not in the African environment; but by spiritual battle. Any Christian that does not engage in spiritual warfare is still wasting time.

A lot of Christians are plain lazy. Lazy people are useless in spiritual battles. They are engaged in many activities that wear them out during the day and at night they are too

weak to pray. The enemy engages them in evil occupations and before they know it, he has captured them.

There is no nice way of cleaning a septic tank. All the methods are aggressive. In spiritual warfare, you pump out the demonic sewage, empty the tank of all the filth that has been accumulated and throw them out.

VICTORY IN MY SOUL

When I was a young Christian, an old preacher came to our church and before he started his sermon, he sang this song:

"There is victory within my soul: For the Spirit with me abides. Let the waves of temptation roll. Jesus keeps me whatever betides." Chorus: "Victory! Victory! Victory in my soul; I have glorious victory since Jesus took control. Victory! Victory! Sweeping like a flood. I have glorious victory through Jesus' blood."

When he finished singing, he asked how many people wanted victory and the whole congregation signified. He asked us to shout Hallelujah and we did, at the top of our voices. He then asked, "How many of you want to fight wars?" No one answered. He then asked how we wanted to win if we did not want to fight.

If there is no problem, there will be no solution; if there is no conflict, there will be no victory. For the enemy to flee from you, you have to first come out against him.

THE REALITY OF WARFARE

We need not fear the enemy but we must not under-estimate him, nor ignore him. To ignore the devil means entering your house and finding a stranger there and instead of chasing him out, you say; "Hello, I hope you are not a robber; and I hope you are not armed." You then go to sleep. You will wake up to find out that your house has been emptied. You do not leave fire burning on your roof and go to sleep.

We teach people warfare, we don't tell them that the devil has no power. We make them" realise that he has power but that there is a Super Power that has the power that supercedes all other powers. We train them to know how to acquire and utilise the power of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, the Lord is calling you into aggressive Christianity; He is looking for violent Christians. The battle is not for the chicken-hearted, neither is it for those who cannot fight, nor for the easily discouraged. He is looking for those who will slay giants; those who will go up to the gates of the enemy and fight until victory is won.

Jesus says; "Behold, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This means that there is conflict and that we must flight.

Prayer points

- 1. My cry, provoke angelic violence, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Lord, do everything in Your power to bring me victory.
- 3. Every jinx upon me, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Every spell upon me, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Let the rod of the wrath of the Lord come upon every enemy of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Let the angels of God invade them and lead them into darkness, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Let the hand of the Lord turn against every enemy of my life day by day, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. Let the flesh and skin Of every spiritual consultancy over my life become old and let their bones be broken, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 4 WINNING THE WAR

Whether you fight or not, war has already been declared. How much you know about the battle will decide the way it goes. Paul and Peter demonstrated the power of God. So also must I. Do you hope to demonstrate the power of God and have the last laugh over your enemies? Declare it openly and loudly like this: "I shall have victory over the enemies."

There is no gentle war. There is no noiseless war. It is not a play thing, neither is it a picnic at the beach. You cannot organise a peaceful rally against witches, carrying placard, singing: "All we are saying is stop drinking blood."

They will not listen. In fact, it will strengthen them the more. What you need do is command them to be paralysed or be roasted; then it will work.

We have to tender a strong petition against powers that are working against God's children today. Wars are not won by words but by force, strength, aggression, power and violence.

Why? The enemy has come to kill, steal and destroy. If you do not fight and win, he will accomplish all these things in your life. It is unfortunate that some people come to church after they have been messed up by the enemy.

THE OPPONENTS

- 1. Our war is not against persons who have bodies but with disembodied spirits.
- 2. Our fight is against principalities and powers.
- 3. Bodiless beings.
- 4. Great evil princes.
- 5. Large number of evil spirits.
- 6. Rulers.
- 7. Powers.
- 8. Demonic leaders.
- 9. Executives.
- 10. Chief heads who are demonic.
- 11. Mastermind controllers.
- 12. Strongmen.
- 13. Evil powers.
- 14. Evil intelligence.
- 15. Tricks.

- 16. Strategies.
- 17. Craftiness.
- 18. Skills.
- 19. Devices.
- 20. Evil counsels.

The person who wants to fight these kinds of entities must be ready to know and do some things.

I know a brother who used to go about making trouble for Jesus. He used to go to places where magicians usually gathered people to deceive them. As these magicians were carrying out their exploits, the brother would be nullifying them in the name of Jesus. The magicians would fail and would look around to see if there was any witch or wizard counter-acting their efforts. They would not know that it was a small boy standing on the word of God.

BEATING THE AIR

When you are ignorant of satanic devices you give the enemy an advantage over you. It is to your advantage to know who the enemies are, how *many* they are, their power, their strategies, what they do and what area is under attack. These powers will not have mercy on *you* if they succeed in getting you cornered. They will use all their powers and make sure they win. This is their aim. Don't fight as someone beating the air, especially now that you know that all the evil spirits are subject to you.

An MFM team went somewhere to preach and a man gave his life to Christ and brought out all the charms to be burned. One of the charms was raging and was ready to attack the ministers. The man had to pamper the spirit in it and the ministers got it burnt eventually.

We must launch out battle against the strongman and the wicked spirits who have rejected Christ and chosen satan. There are some people who are not bound, neither are they possessed. Therefore, they feel that they do not need deliverance, but the spirit inside them is the spirit of wickedness.

STRONGMEN

There are human spirits that have become strongmen and must be dealt with by believers. There are high-ranking principalities working amongst believers and in the streets. They are the ones controlling and directing witches, diviners, magicians and

sorcerers.

One day, a man went to consult a witch doctor and he sent him to the church, that he would find solution to his problem there.

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. Acts 13:6-12.

When Bar-jesus tried to use his demonic power against the apostles, Paul did not even witness to him nor sing praise worship. He did not pacify him, he quickly located the enemy and exercised against him, the power given to him by the Lord Jesus Christ. He tried the spirit in the man and found that it was evil. So, he treated him like a demon and the deputy was astonished.

We need that kind of power today.

Prayer points

- 1. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command panic upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command havoc upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command chaos upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command pandemonium upon you, in the name of Jesus.

- 5. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command disaster upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command confusion upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command spiritual acid upon you, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. Every warfare prepared against my peace, I command destruction upon you, in the name of Jesus.

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