

The Invisible War

Sounds like something out of the movies, doesn't it? But that's exactly what we are up against – *an invisible war!* Some events at my speaking engagement in June sharply reminded me that there is a need to go back and review the basics regularly. A good soldier continually goes back and practices with his gun and other weapons. He constantly hones his skill to remain in top condition. He doesn't just learn how to shoot his gun and then never uses it again until he is up against an enemy. If that were the case, he would quickly be killed in combat. Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening to Christians. They're being killed or terribly wounded in combat.

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:11-12

O.K., so you've read this scripture a hundred times! BUT, have you really thought about it recently? *Have you stopped to think about the fact that every day of your life you come under attack from these unseen powers?* Do you even recognize that you have been attacked? Or do you just stumble through the day, wondering what God has against you – why do you always have such a bad time? Day after day, I get hundreds of letters and E-mails saying this exact thing – "What does God have against me? Why do I have to lead such a miserable life?" *Woe is me!* I hear it over and over again! I want to grab some of these folks and shake them until their teeth rattle! I want to say to them, WAKE UP!! God DEMANDS that you stand up and fight! You are up against a vicious enemy. God never promised that He would do everything for you, NO, He promised that you would have the battle of your life! Look at what Paul wrote just before the verse we just quoted:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Ephesians 6:10

Does that sound like God will do everything for you? NO! It means that YOU have to be strong and stand and fight. So, let's get out our guns again and learn how to shot them accurately so that we can hit our targets.

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy . . ." Luke 10:19

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons . . ." Mark 16:17

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ made the provision for those of us who worship and serve Him to have authority over ALL demon spirits. Jesus told us directly that He gives us authority to trample on "serpents and scorpions" which refers to demon spirits, and over "all the power of the enemy." He goes on to tell us how we are to do this: in His name. *Our authority over demon spirits is in the name of Jesus.* It is NOT in the blood of Jesus. This is where so many Christians make mistakes and wonder why they get beaten so badly in an encounter with a demon spirit. They say such things as, "I plead the blood," or, "I cover myself with the blood of Jesus." Neither one of these is a weapon. Listen, when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, did you not come under the covering of the blood of Jesus in that instant? Yes, you did! Have you ever come out from under the covering of that blood since? I certainly hope not! As long as you are saved, you are under the covering of the blood of Jesus Christ. AND, the demons are attacking you anyway! *Jesus made the provision through His blood for us to have the authority over our*

enemy in His name. The name of Jesus is our weapon. So, you come under attack by a demon spirit, what do you do? You open your mouth, speak out loud, and command it to leave in the name of Jesus. That's how we interact with the unseen spirit world: through the spoken word. You must decide that you are going to "be strong" as the apostle Paul commanded. That is, you make up your mind to set your whole will against whatever the attack is. You rebuke it however many times it takes until you have the victory. For instance, suppose you wake up suddenly at night, drenched in sweat, totally terrified. Unless you heard someone breaking into your home, you have no reason for this fear. It is a demonic attack. What should you do? Use your gun! Open your mouth and speak out loud very firmly: "NO, you demon of fear get out of here at once in the name of Jesus Christ!" You must speak to it directly and very firmly.

You went to bed feeling pretty good, life is going along fairly well, and suddenly you wake up in the morning depressed and angry. The whole world is black. You just know that everything that can go wrong will. Why? What happened during the night? The answer is simple. You are receiving a visit from your local demon. They have the ability to put thoughts and emotions into your mind from outside of you. 2 Corinthians 10:5 tells us that the battle field is in our mind. We are responsible before God to "take every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10:5) When you wake up in such a black mood, get out of bed, plant your feet firmly on the floor, open your mouth and shout: "*You demons, get out of here in the name of Jesus! I will not have your thoughts or your moods! This is the day the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it!!*" You'll be surprised what a difference this will make. This battle *is unseen*. It is in our heads, most of the time. It is in our thoughts. If we don't control our thoughts, then the demons will. It's that simple. The number one source of depression is an uncontrolled thought life. Jesus told us about this very simply in the gospel of Matthew.

"When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, 'Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.'" Matthew 15:11

What was He talking about? The Jews believed that a man could be defiled by eating certain things. Jesus told them that this was not a source of defilement. The defilement was shown by "what comes out of the mouth." In other words, what a man says shows what is going on inside his mind. If filth comes out of a man's mouth, filthy thoughts are going on in his mind. This is why we are *required* by God to clean up our minds and take every thought captive. We **MUST** take authority over the demons putting unclean thoughts in our minds and put them away from us. Please, go back to my book *Prepare For War*, and reread the chapter titled "The Double Minded Man." Read it several times until you get the concept clear in your mind.

If you do not control what goes on in your thoughts, you are going to be destroyed! You must take every thought captive to make it obedient to Jesus Christ.

Your Fortress

Every soldier needs a fortress. He needs somewhere safe and peaceful he can go to heal and rebuild his forces. Our fortress should be our home. Our homes should be a clean place filled with the peace of God. They should be a place where we can go to find peace and a time to pray and read God's word and be built up in the Lord. Satan will always attack our homes. He wants them to be a place of strife, noise, confusion and distraction. He wants the family members to spend their time fighting each other instead of himself. He wants to disrupt sleep with horrible nightmares and other forms of attacks. But, praise the Lord, we have a weapon to defeat every one of his desires.

Last month, I ministered in North Carolina in the Hispanic community. I did not know it before hand, but this community is under terrible attack by witchcraft. They did not realize it, and most certainly did not know how to fight it. The second night I was there, I taught on basic spiritual warfare. I taught them how to rebuke a demon directly through the name of Jesus Christ. And, I taught them how to anoint and cleanse and seal their home to prevent demonic attack. Some interesting things happened that night afterwards. I went back to my motel room and slept peacefully. But that was not the case for a lot of other people!

You see, the pastors just brushed off what I taught and paid little attention to it. But they were in for a sharp lesson. I told them, "Please listen to me, go home tonight and anoint and cleanse and seal your home. If you will do this,

God can and will protect you." But they did not listen. They simply went home and went to bed. The brother who arranged the meetings told me the next morning that at about 3 a.m. he was pulled out of bed onto the floor by an unseen force, and then nearly strangled to death! He cried out to the Lord for help in his mind, and was finally able to whisper "Get out in the name of Jesus!" Immediately the force that was strangling him eased up. He struggled to his feet and shouted, "You demon, get out of here in the name of Jesus!" Immediately, the force left. But it returned again later and attacked him again. All in all, he had a very busy night! He told me how thankful he was that I had taught him how to directly rebuke the demons in the name of Jesus. "Oh yes," I replied, "but if you had anointed and sealed your home, it would never have gotten in to attack you in the first place!" He began to do a little stammering then, but finally admitted that I was right.

It turned out that three other pastors were attacked that night as well. Each one of them came to me at the meeting the next night and told me of their horrifying experiences as they were physically attacked in their sleep by demonic forces. NONE of them had bothered to go home and anoint and cleanse and seal their home. They sheepishly asked me if I would teach once more about how to do it.

I, on the other hand, was attacked, but I never knew it until the next morning because I slept peacefully all night. I always anoint and cleanse and seal my motel room as soon as I go into it. It is one of the first things I do. The night all the pastors were being attacked, demons came to attack me as well. BUT they couldn't get in. How do I know? Because the next morning when I woke up and pulled back the curtains from my motel room window, I was astonished to find very powerful demonic curse markings on the outside of my window. Those markings had not been there the day before. I am sure because I left the curtains open on the window during the day so I could look out. I shudder to think of what would have happened if I had not sealed my room! I would have experienced a terrible attack by some extremely powerful demons. Thank God I was obedient and used the weapons I had available to me. Later in the day I walked all around the outside of the motel. My window was the only one with the marks on it. Clearly, the enemy knew exactly where I was staying.

Another woman in that city was attacked also the same night. She had been experiencing attacks numerous nights. She had a small daughter who would start screaming every night and then run a high fever. The child would cry most of the night. The doctors could not find anything wrong with her. This went on night after night. The night after I taught on how to anoint your home, this sister went home to face the same attack. But this time she had knowledge! As soon as her daughter started to scream, she ran into her bedroom and anointed her with oil and commanded the demon attacking her to leave her at once in the name of Jesus! The child stopped screaming, but her fever came up instantly. The mother literally ran around her home, anointing it with oil. As soon as she finished the last door, kicking out the demons and asking the Lord to seal it, she returned to her daughter's room. She found the child sleeping peacefully without any fever! She also testified the next night as to her experiences.

This sister had the victory. I had victory, the attacks were never able to reach me. But the pastors all pastors had to fight most of the night. The next night, they anointed and cleansed their homes! From then on, they were able to sleep in complete peace. There were so many testimonies I do not have the space to repeat them all. Lives were completely changed as people recognized that they were in the middle of an invisible war, and began to stand up and fight back.

Please take a few minutes and read on. I want to review for you how and why you should anoint your homes. For those of you reading this who are in prison, you can anoint your cells. You will find this a great protection.

How To Anoint Your Home

The Lord has given us a powerful weapon of warfare in the use of the anointing oil. Not only can we use it to anoint people, but scripture shows us that we can use it to anoint objects and places as well. I learned this early on in my walk in spiritual warfare, and have met many other Christians to whom the lord has taught this same technique.

It all started years ago, just after Elaine's final deliverance (see *He Came To Set The Captives Free*). The witches in the area knew she had come out of Satan's kingdom, and they were furious. They sent curses at us night and day. Associated with these curses were hundreds of demons. My home became a place of horrific spiritual warfare. The demons flooded in. They tormented us in every way possible. They moved my

furniture around, threw us off the bed at night in our sleep, tried to strangle us, afflicted us with depression, anxiety and all sorts of physical problems. I knew the problem was demonic, and I would rebuke the spirits in the name of Jesus and command them to get out of the house. They would go out, make a sharp U turn, and come right back in. Clearly, I needed something more.

One night, in utter desperation I cried out to the Lord, "Father please, what can I do? I feel like my house is an open thoroughfare to any spirit of evil that wants to come through. You know how these spirits are tormenting us. I just can't stand it anymore!"

At that point the Holy Spirit flooded into my mind the story of the Passover Lamb in Exodus chapter 12. Then He said, "Since the death of Jesus, there are no more blood sacrifices. So, what would you say is the counterpart of the blood today?"

"The oil?" I asked.

"That is right." Then the Lord also reminded me of the scripture in Exodus chapter 40 where He had instructed Moses to use the anointing oil.

"And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy." Exodus 40:9

As I pondered these scriptures, the Lord showed me that I must take oil and anoint my house and sanctify it holy unto Him. He also showed me that the children of Israel had anointed the doorposts and lintel of their home with the blood of the Passover lamb to keep the death angel from coming in. Now the death angel was a spirit. It didn't need a door to enter a home. It could go right through the wall if it wanted to. But the door was an opening, and as such was symbolic. These days, we have many openings into our homes. Doors, windows, air ducts, fireplaces, stove vents, etc.

After praying and thinking this all over, I took the oil I had on hand (cooking oil) and placed some on the doorposts and the lintels of all the doors and on each window and the fireplace and every opening into my house except one door. I spoke out loud as I did this, proclaiming that I was anointing my home in the name of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Then I stood in my house, and in the name of Jesus commanded every spirit to leave my house through the un-anointed door at once! Then I anointed the last door and asked the Lord to sanctify and seal my home. The change was immediate! Peace and quiet came over my home. The demons were sealed out, and were not able to get back into my house. Since that time, I have always kept my home anointed and sealed. As people come and go from your home, sometimes the seal gets broken and you will need to re-cleanse your home. However, you don't need to do everything, just the doors that people have been through. If you have a computer and are hooked up to the internet, you need to anoint the cord that goes from your computer to the phone jack and ask the Lord to seal it so no demons can be sent into your home through your computer. Sound crazy? Believe me, curses can and are sent via the internet! Also, be sure to anoint your mirrors. There is nothing evil about a mirror, but people can use them as doorways to astral-project through.

Later on, the Lord showed me that I was to do the same thing with the ground around my house. In order to do this I put oil into a plastic spray bottle. As I walked around the edge of my property, I sprayed a line of oil on the ground. I proclaimed that my property belonged to God and that I was asking Him to take possession of it and seal and protect it. Before closing the final space with the line of oil, I broke every curse off of the land, and commanded all demons off of it in the name of Jesus. Then I finished closing the line with the oil, praying and asking God to seal the land from any demonic intrusion. This, too brings much peace and protection.

You can do this to your space at work. Are you experiencing demonic attack at work? Then anoint your personal work space. Your desk, your chair, the area around them. BUT make sure no one sees you doing this. You would have a hard time explaining it to a non-Christian. Ask the Lord to seal your space, and to completely bind up the demons in any person stepping into it. No only will this protect you from attack, it will change the attitudes of the people who come near to you as their demons are bound.

By the way, in case you are wondering, the door post is the vertical piece that stands on each side of the door. The lintel is the horizontal piece that goes across the top of the door. The same is true for windows.

We are in a real war, brothers and sisters. Let us take up our weapons and fight!

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