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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
(Ephesians 6:12-13)

The Greek word for *wrestle* in the above verse is only used one time in the New Testament. It refers to *warfare* in general between saints and evil spirit beings who are against God. It seems we have a tendency to forget that Satan is opposing us and desires to stop us. It is a spiritual battle, not a physical one. The Christian always wins this warfare in Christ.

My Experience

Since July, I have been seeking the Lord in Bible meditation, praying and fasting periodically. I got into spiritual warfare like I have not known in very many years. In fact, I didn't realize why I was having such a struggle in my mind, will and emotions. I was attacked spiritually, in my mind and in my emotions. Powerful thoughts to give up and quit came to me. I thought there was something mentally wrong with me.



PATTI, RANDALL, & RANDALL GRIER JR.

On November 17th, the Lord revealed to me that it was spiritual wrestling or warfare I had been going through from the devil. I was relieved to find out and knew to stand my ground in the Word and Spirit, as Jesus did in the wilderness. You feel like you are in the wilderness when this is happening. I was seeking God as I sensed He wanted to move me into a different phase of ministry.

In our circles, you don't hear a lot about this wrestling or warfare. Most faith folk have the idea that you never have tests. Dad Hagin had a similar experience in 1986. I know how he felt. Victory is sure in Jesus Christ! We always win!

Dad Hagin

In 1986, I heard Dad Hagin speak of his spiritual wrestling or warfare that he went through. The messenger of Satan was sent to attack him. He testified that the warfare against him was so severe that he prayed and asked the Lord to let him come to heaven! It was a spiritual attack from demon spirits against his mind, will and emotions. He said he was moving into a new phase of ministry and the devil was trying to stop him. Dad Hagin said that he stood his ground by faith. The devil did not win!

Paul's Experience

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

The Apostle Paul was pressing into God and received an abundance of revelations. A demon spirit or the messenger of Satan was sent to buffet him. Buffet in the above verse means, *“to strike with the fist, give one a blow with the fist or to maltreat, treat with violence and contumely.”*

Paul wrestled with or was in spiritual warfare. He struggled in prayer against these spiritual forces. I am sure it was very intense as Dad Hagin experienced and somewhat like I have experienced. The enemy attacked Paul spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. He was weakened and desperately sought the Lord. The Lord answered Him on his third session of prayer and told him that His strength was made perfect in Paul's weakness. Paul and all who go through this learn that the only strength they have is in the Lord. They are totally dependent on him.

When you go through this wrestling or warfare, you find how helpless and hopeless you are without the Lord Jesus Christ. You learn why Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” He found out he could not do anything unless Christ gave him the strength. He wasn't just making a faith confession, he was telling the truth. I have found the same in my life and ministry, and so will anyone who is called and chosen of God. It removes all self-sufficiency and pride out of your life and makes you fit for the Master's use.

National Warfare

When the Lord revealed to me the spiritual warfare I was in, He showed me there was spiritual warfare against our nation. *Satan is doing his best to destroy our nation, spiritually, morally, socially, economically and politically.*

This governmental unrest and political upheaval is from the devil. It is designed to rip the nation apart and, if possible, bring about a civil war. The people who are causing this political unrest are influenced by evil spirits. They do not know it and would laugh at you if you told them that. Many of them do not believe that the devil exists. Some others believe he is an imaginary figure.

The Christian world must realize that we must act upon the Bible and bind the works of darkness. If we do not, political unrest will continue.

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We are in a season of spiritual wrestling and warfare for the church and nation. It has already begun and will intensify. This means it is time to put on your spiritual armor and go forth and bind these things in the name of Jesus Christ. It is not time to get in a cave and hide. Victory is sure!

Jezebel Weakens Church

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. (Revelation 2:20-23)

Jesus Christ spoke of Jezebel's motives and deception in the above verses. He also used metaphors of seduction, fornication and adultery to compare the church yielding to sin and needing to repent. The evil spirit working through Jezebel was there to weaken the church and entice people to disobey God and sin. If the church is in sin, it cannot command the devil to go in Jesus' name and get results. The devil already had the upper hand because of their sin.

Jesus said they would encounter great tribulation unless they repented. In other words, the church would experience opposition, and defeat.

Jezebel Weakens Nation

The mighty United States of America, raised up by God, has been weakened because the church has been weakened. This diabolical evil spirit working through Jezebel is on a mission to destroy the United States from within. Spiritual idol worship is in the church and every sector of our society today. As goes the church in a nation, so goes the nation.

The devil is gaining momentum against the church. The nation murders innocent babies, parades wicked sexual perversions down the streets of our cities, murder and mayhem abound, divorce is at an all time high in the church and world, and God is removed from schools and public places, etc. The evil spirit of Jezebel laughs in glee at the seduction she has been able to carry out.

Jezebel Of The Old Testament

The name Jezebel didn't mean much of anything to me until the Lord gave me the revelation recently. He revealed that same Jezebel demonic spirit is what I had wrestled with in spiritual warfare. I started looking into what she did in the Bible. I wanted to be aware of her evil, seducing tactics.

Jezebel in the Old and New Testaments had the same evil plots. Read first Kings chapters eighteen and nineteen and you will see how she seduced Israel and enticed them to sin and turn away from God in idol worship.

I am not saying there is a demon spirit called Jezebel. I am saying the characteristics in Jezebel's actions are inspired by the devil.

In Kings, you will read how King Ahab, of Israel, married the pagan women Jezebel. She worshipped Baal and demanded that King Ahab do so. She was sexually seductive, controlling, domineering and intimidating. King Ahab was in direct disobedience to God with his actions. He allowed the altars of God to be torn down and idols of Baal put up. In worship to Baal, all types of evil sexual sin was committed. Human sacrifices were offered to this pagan god. Little babies were sacrificed on the altar to Baal.

How does this apply to us today? Simply put, we have these types of sin in our nation today. Women's lib, sexual sins of all types, murder or sacrifice of innocent babies and everything related to worship to God being removed.

This evil spirit has intimidated ministers to go along with things of the world and disobey God. Many who call themselves Christians worship the pagan gods of this world in their lives. They commit sexual sin, worldly dancing, drink alcohol and take drugs, murder their babies, tattoo their bodies like the world and enjoy fleshly pleasures at church where they should be worshipping God. This evil spirit has convinced them that people like me are not relevant today.

Showdown With Evil

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. I find it amazing that the people did not say a word when he challenged them. They were so seduced and deceived, they didn't know what was God and what was the devil!

This powerful satanic spirit working through Jezebel had weakened the entire nation of Israel. This was God's people, but they had no voice or authority. They were filled with fear and intimidation and would not speak out against the false idol worship of Baal. This spirit is in the church and nation today. Preachers must not fear and tell the truth about doctrines of devils, idol worship and sin in the church and nation.

The fire of God fell from heaven when the Prophet Elijah prayed! He had all the false prophets killed. Then he prayed for the rain because there had been drought for three and one half years. The rain came. Jezebel was killed and dogs ate her body.

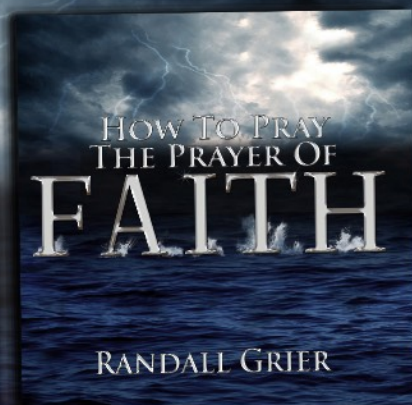
Today, I hear the sound of abundance of rain! The idols must come down, false doctrines stopped and the devil must be bound. The fire and rain will fall and God's Glory and power will be poured out in all the earth! This is our time! This is our day! Victory is sure for us today!!

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24)

Jesus Christ gave us four principles in this verse that guarantee us an answer to our prayer. You must have a desire, pray about your desire, believe that you have received the answer when you pray, and then you shall have them.

I want to point out one thing. Believe that you have received them. That is where I see most people missing it. You must believe that you receive the answer to your prayer while you are praying. When do you believe that you receive them? Before you have them. When do you receive them? After you have believed that you have received them. When you bring things into the arena of faith, you always receive the answer to your prayer, but not always immediately. Some things take time to develop, but you always receive.



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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6

