

Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Warfare Prayers by Lonnie Berger

As an organization, we are in a battle and under attack. Eph. 6:10-18. Raising up an army of men to take the world for Christ, is our declaration of war against the enemy. To know how to respond to the spiritual warfare attacks against our staff, and our families is something we MUST go to the Scripture on.

Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Warfare

- Jesus dealt with demons 76 times in the Gospels, but was never afraid of them, ignored them, or tried to deny their existence. Nearly half of the chapters of Mark and one third of the chapters in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke reveal a story of a demonic encounter.
- Jesus acknowledged spiritual warfare in the Lord's Prayer. This prayer is one of our first weapons of warfare. Half of all translations say, "deliver us from the evil one." Mt. 6:13- NIV, NKJ, NLT, ASV.
- In 2 Cor. 2:11, Paul admonishes us to "*not be unaware of the devil's schemes*" lest "*satan take advantage of us*" (NKJ, AMP, NASB) "*we be outwitted*" (NIV, RSV) or "*satan win a victory*" (Phillips) *Ignorance about spiritual warfare on our part, only benefits the enemy.*
- Jesus gave his disciples "authority to drive out demons" as part of normal ministry. Matt. 10: 1, Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1-2, Luke 10:19.
- Jesus gave the authority to drive out demons in the same commission as to preach the gospel. Mark 3:14-15, Mk 16:15-17, Luke 9:1-2, Luke 10:1-17. We cannot accept one part of the commission and ignore the other.
- His disciples, both the twelve and the 72, used this authority with success and were joyful that they could set people free. Luke 10:17-19, Mark 6:12.
- Jesus gave specific commands to the demons and spoke directly to them. In Luke 4:35 Jesus used the commands to: "be quiet", and "come out of him!" Also, in Mark 1:25. In Mark 5:9 he asked for the demon's name.
- In Acts 16:18 Paul used this specific command, "***In the name of Jesus I command you to come out of her!***" At that moment the demon left.
- After Jesus resurrection, the disciples in the book of Acts continued to cast out demons as a regular part of ministry Acts 5:16 and Acts 8:7. And the Apostle Paul was also adept at dealing with demons Acts 13:8-12, Acts 16:16-18, Acts 19:12.
- There are spiritual rules of engagement and weapons of warfare in the Scripture, 2 Cor. 10:3-5 that give us tactics for dislodging demons. (see pages 3-4) These biblical passages are normally overlooked by most Christians unless they are engaged in spiritual warfare and looking for Biblical principles. Sometimes, these rules of engagement are learned through experience and talking with others who do this ministry.
- Ephesians 4:26-27 gives us the spiritual principle that a sin such as anger, gives the devil a "foothold." The Greek word means a "place to occupy." Undealt with sin gives the enemy a right to occupy a place in our spiritual life. This forms a "spiritual oppression" over the person. The more undealt with sin in a person's life the greater the strength of this spiritual oppression.
- We must discover what allowed the demon to gain this "place to occupy." Many people use the term of "breaking the legal rights" that the enemy must have to occupy a place.
- Based on 1 John 1:9, confessing sin is the first step in breaking this legal right of the enemy to oppress you. Anger and unforgiveness are specifically mentioned as sins that the enemy can use against us. Eph. 4:26-27, 2 Cor. 2:7-11.

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- Other forms of legal right for the enemy to oppress a person beyond personal sin include curses against Christian leaders by occultic people, organizational sin, participation in occultic activity, sin or curses inherited from previous generations, and placing yourself under the authority of someone demonized.

Curses and Blessings

- Curses and blessing are both real and have significant power in the Scripture. Genesis 12:3 speaks of what God will do to nations who speak blessings or curses over his children Israel.
- Curses are serious. God says anyone who curses their parents should be put to death. Ex.21:17, Lev. 20:9, Proverbs 20:20, Matt. 15:4 and Mark 7:10
- Balak from Midian the enemy of Israel, asked Balaam to come and speak curses over Israel. God warned him not to do this, even speaking through a donkey. Numbers 22. These people knew the power of curses. Later, God said take vengeance on the Midianites and Balaam was killed. Num. 31:1 & 8.
- God lays out the Blessings of Obedience and the Curses of Disobedience in Deuteronomy 28. Everyone of these curses and blessing came true. When the children of Israel followed God, they were blessed. When they turned from God, HE sent on them all the curses, confusion, rebuke, and destruction. Deut. 28:15-68
- In Joshua 6:26, Joshua placed a curse on anyone who would try to rebuild Jericho and in 1 Kings 16:34 the curse came true when Jericho was rebuilt. Many people who have come to Christ out of the occult reveal how they had normally prayed curses against Christian Leaders, churches, and Christian ministries as a normal occultic ritual. If you had a relative in the Masons, they say curses over their family lines with dedications to the enemy.
- The phrase “FU” is openly spoken in our culture and is a curse that violence and harm be done to someone.
- We use this principle of speaking blessings in Book 2. “The words spoken to a child will determine his destiny.” Several ministries teach strongly on the principle of “Getting the Father’s Blessing” based on the Genesis stories of Abraham, Issac and Jacob getting their fathers blessings.

Movements of God and Spiritual Warfare

- Movements of God attack the enemy’s kingdom. Acts 19:20 *“In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power”* This summation in v.20 comes after Acts 19:12-19 where three different examples of demonic confrontations are revealed. Paul’s ministry forced demons to leave v.12. Seven sons of Sceva learned to not use Jesus’ authority unless they knew Jesus personally v.13-16. People were seized with fear when they saw the power of God and realized they were pursuing power from a demonic evil.
- Spiritual warfare in order to *“set captives free”* was a primary purpose for Jesus. Luke 4:18-19, 21. It seems this would apply to us as well.
- Matthew 28:20 says that we should teach our disciples to (obey, observe, keep) ***everything that Jesus taught***. Spiritual warfare was one of the most significant issues Jesus taught on and demonstrated for his disciples 76 times in the Gospels.
- At Jesus first reveal after the crucifixion, he gave his disciples this command in John 20:21...“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Biblical Principles that are Foundational for Spiritual Warfare Prayers.

Prayer used in Every Man a Pure Warrior

In the name of Jesus, I bind every demon that has an assignment against me. I cancel your assignments, I cut you off from your spiritual head, I break any curses that give you strength, and I command all of you to be bound together and cast into the abyss. Be gone in the name of Jesus. Do not return, do not send replacements. I command this in Jesus' name.

- We start this process “In the name of Jesus.” We do not have power in our own authority, but like the disciples in Luke 10:17 we learn that demons only submit when confronted in Jesus’ name. Paul gives us this pattern in Acts 16:18 when he says, *“In the name of Jesus I command you to come out of her!”* in dealing with a demonized slave girl. We see other people using this same method of driving out demons in Jesus’ name in Mark 9:38 and Acts 19:13-16.
- We use the authoritative term I “bind every demon” based on the principal Mark 3:27 and Matthew 12:29. We must bind the strongman. Binding demons is the first step of taking the authority given us in Christ to defeat the enemy. Matthew 18:18 also uses the word “bind” according to the KJV, EV, NASB, & RSV,
- Demons also attack Christian organizations, churches or ministries. Demons get an “assignment to attack you” from the enemy through his people who “curse you” or by occultic members who are praying against you. This is why we regularly break curses and assignments in the Warfare Prayer. Jesus said to forgive your enemies and bless those who curse you. Matt. 5:44, Luke 6:28. We pray the blessing of salvation will come to those that are cursing us.
- There is a hierarchy of sorts in the spiritual realm from Ephesians 6:12. The passage speaks of rulers, authorities, powers, and spiritual forces of evil. Experience has taught us that higher level demons will not let demons under their authority leave a person. This is why we say, *“I cut you off from your spiritual head”* in the Warfare Prayer.
- Once we have broken all the legal rights the enemy has, we must take our authority in Christ and tell him to leave. Demons don’t just leave because they have lost their legal right to harass. We must command then to “Go”, “Be gone”, “Come out,” Matt. 4:10 (NASB, AMP, RSV) Acts 16:18
- We send them into the abyss, since Luke 8:31 reveals that demons are afraid to go there.
- We have someone say, “I agree in the name of Jesus” based on Matthew 18:18-19. *“if two of you agree.....” KJ, NASB, RSV, ESV, AMP*
- “Do not return” comes from Mark 9:25 when Jesus said, *“come out of him and never enter him again.”* “Do not send replacements” comes from the principle found in Matthew 12:44-45, Luke 11:24-26, where a demon returns and brings other demons.
- Many people who have come to Christ out of the occult reveal how they had normally prayed curses against Christian Leaders, churches, and Christian ministries as a normal occultic ritual. If you had a relative in the Masons, then they have said curses on their family lines. This is why we break every curse that gives the enemy strength or permission to attack us.
- Praying Spiritual Warfare Prayers would be part of the *“all kinds of prayers”* from Eph 6:18 listed in the teaching on spiritual warfare of Eph. 6:10-18.

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Some Christians believe we should avoid this subject. These people are mostly of a western-post Christian or anti-supernatural worldview. They often have no experience in setting people free from bondage or besetting sins. But 2 Cor. 2:11 says, “...***in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.***” Most American Christians have had almost no teaching on this subject and many pastors admit that the subject was passed over in seminary. But as this verse teaches, we SHOULD be aware of the tactics of our enemy. Many Christians have lived their whole lives under spiritual oppression when they could have lived in freedom.

Please read p.210 of Every Man A PURE Warrior. Bob Reehm shares how he was set free from porn, ONLY after he prayed these spiritual warfare prayers.

Below is a partial list of authors that I and Bob Reehm, author of Every Man a PURE Warrior, have read in order to understand this issue more completely. Many of them share their journey of moving from a worldview that minimized the subject to a more Scriptural based and practical understanding of demonology.

Spiritual Warfare by Karl Payne, *Destined to Overcome* by Paul Biltheimer, *The Adversary and Overcoming the Adversary* by Mark Bubeck, *Defeating Dark Angels and I Give You Authority* by Charles Kraft, *Bondage Breaker and Guide to Spiritual Warfare* by Neil Anderson.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYING TO BREAK CURSES AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS

- ***In the name of Jesus, I bind any demon that has an assignment against me, or (Name Your Organization) through curses. I cancel these curses and render them null and void in the name of Jesus. I extend forgiveness and pray for the souls of those who are cursing us that they would come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior. Now I bind any demons coming against our families, our finances our health or anything that pertains to us, and I cancel your assignments, I cut you off from your spiritual head, and cast you into the abyss, be gone in the name of Jesus. Do not return, do not send replacements in Jesus’ name.***
- If you are praying with a prayer partner the partner should say, ***“I agree in the name of Jesus.”*** (Breaking curses is most affective when prayed with a partner.)

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Deliverance Prayer over your Child or Spouse.

These prayers are most effective when said out loud, and when others in the group also speak out loud and say, ***“I agree in the name of Jesus,”*** immediately after the person is done praying the prayers.

In most cases the child/spouse does not have to be present. But if the child is older and wants to be a part of these praying session he can say “I agree in the name of Jesus” and it begins to teach the child about spiritual warfare. The wife or husband as an adult can pray these prayers for themselves or can say “I agree in the name of Jesus” if they are new to this reality and praying with their spouse.

This type of praying is something new for many Christians. Biblical Foundations on pages 2-3.

Deliverance Prayer

In the name of Jesus, I come against any and all demonic spirits that are attached to or assigned to harass Wife/Childs Name and I bind you in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus and by the spiritual authority given to me in Jesus as the husband/mother/father of Wife/Childs Name, I command you satan to leave my son/daughter alone. In the name of Jesus, satan, I do not permit you to harass her/him or harm her/him in any way. I do not permit you to speak to her/his mind or to send any other demons to attack her/him.

In the name of Jesus and as the spiritual authority over Wife/Childs Name I break any generational curses, vows, dedications or occultic words spoken against Wife/Childs Name and I render them null and void, by the power and authority given to me in Jesus name. I break them now for all generations and on both sides of the family line in the name of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus, I come against any demon (describe what the child is struggling with) of _____ (anger, self-harm, homosexuality, cutting, fear, unforgiveness...others).

Now I/we bind all you demons together, cut you off from your spiritual head, cancel your assignments against Wife/Childs Name and command you all be thrown into the abyss or wherever Jesus would send you. Be gone in the name of Jesus. Do not return, do not send replacements in Jesus name. (If praying with someone, that person says.) “I agree in Jesus name.”

In the name of Jesus, I place blessing on Wife/Childs Name where ever satan has tried to harm him/her, and I speak peace, love, joy, and healing to all the parts of Wife/Childs Name ___ that have been injured in any way.

I claim the blood of Christ and the cross of Christ as a protective covering on myself on

Wife/Childs Name and on all that pertains to us as a protective covering from any attacks of the evil one. I claim Wife/Childs Name will for Jesus and I dedicate her/his life to the Lord Jesus Christ and to Christ alone. In the name of Jesus. AMEN