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The following Christian authors and leaders have contributed to the *Spiritual Warfare Bible* with excerpts from their books, which were published previously by Charisma House. Each excerpt is identified with a footnote at the place in this Bible where it was used. The list below shows the names of these contributors and the books from which text has been excerpted or adapted.

We greatly appreciate their contributions and would encourage readers to purchase the individual books for each of these authors. If desired, you may order these books from the Charisma House website at [www.charismahouse.com](http://www.charismahouse.com).

John Bevere / *The Bait of Satan* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 1994, 1997, 2004)

John Bevere, founder of John Bevere Ministries, is a best-selling author and popular conference speaker.

Kimberly Daniels / *Clean House, Strong House* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2003)

*Give It Back!* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2007)

*Prayers That Bring Change* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

*Spiritual Boot Camp* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2012)

Apostle Kimberly Daniels, pastor of Spoken Word Ministries in Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and a Jacksonville

councilwoman, is a sought-after conference speaker, preacher, and powerful prayer warrior.

Iris Delgado / *Satan, You Can't Have My Children* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011)

*Satan, You Can't Have My Marriage* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2012)

Iris Delgado is the founder and president of Crowned With Purpose Ministries. With a doctoral degree in theology and counseling, she has traveled the globe ministering with her husband, Dr. John Delgado.

Don Dickerman / *Keep the Pigs Out* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*When Pigs Move In* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

Don Dickerman, a Spirit-filled, anointed Southern Baptist minister, has directed an evangelistic ministry to prisons since 1974, preaching in more than 800 prison facilities and seeing more than 100,000 inmates respond to the altar call.

John Eckhardt / *Prayers That Rout Demons* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2008)

*Prayers That Break Curses* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*Prayers That Bring Healing* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*Prayers That Release Heaven on Earth* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*God Still Speaks* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

*Ordinary People, Extraordinary Power* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

Apostle John Eckhardt is overseer of Crusaders Ministries, Chicago; ministers in more than eighty nations; is a sought-after international conference speaker; and has authored more than twenty books.

Steve Foss / *Satan's Dirty Little Secret* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2012)

Steve Foss has traveled the nations for more than twenty years ministering to millions of people and training tens of thousands of pastors and leaders.

Francis Frangipane / *The Shelter of the Most High* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2008)

Francis Frangipane is the founder of River of Life Ministries in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, director of In Christ's Image Training school, and a best-selling author.

Jentezen Franklin / *Fasting* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2008)

*Fasting Journal* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2008)

Jentezen Franklin is the pastor of Free Chapel in Gainesville, Georgia, and Orange County, California, and a *New York Times* best-selling author.

Joe Hurston / *Run to the Roar* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2006)

Joe Hurston is a long-time missionary pilot who has flown more than 2,500 missions since forming Air Mobile Ministries and has received wide media attention for developing the Vortex portable water purifier, which he has delivered to many global disaster sites.

Judy Jacobs / *Take It by Force!* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2005)

Judy Jacobs, founder of His Song Ministries, is a recording artist, sought-after conference speaker, and best-selling author. She and her husband, Jamie Tuttle, pastor Dwelling Place Church International.

Larry Keefauver / *The Holy Spirit Encounter Bible* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 1997)

Larry Keefauver, MDiv, DMin, executive director of Your Ministry Counseling Services, is the general editor of the *Holy Spirit Encounter Bible* and a best-selling author. He and his wife, Judi, lead international family and ministry seminars on marriage, parenting, leadership, and prayer.

Jennifer LeClaire / News editor, *Charisma*

Jennifer LeClaire is news editor at *Charisma*. She is also the author of several books, including *The Heart of the Prophetic*.

Ron Phillips / *Everyone's Guide to Demons and Spiritual Warfare* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*Our Invisible Allies* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

Ron Phillips is senior pastor of Abba's House in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and has a weekly television and daily radio program that broadcasts worldwide and on the Internet. He is a sought-after speaker and a best-selling author.

Fuchsia Pickett / *How to Search the Scriptures* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 1999)

*Possess Your Promised Land* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2003)

*Presenting the Holy Spirit* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 1997)

Dr. Fuchsia Pickett was a best-selling author and international conference speaker and teacher. Her books and speaking presentations were filled with fresh revelation and deep spiritual truths.

Chuck D. Pierce / *Redeeming the Time* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

*Time to Defeat the Devil* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011)

Dr. Charles D. "Chuck" Pierce has been used by God to intercede and mobilize prayer throughout the world. An ordained minister, he is president of Glory of Zion International Ministries in Denton, Texas, and of Global Sphere, Inc. He is also a best-selling author.

Jim Raley / *Hell's Spells* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2012)

Jim Raley pastors and oversees the multi-campus ministry of Calvary Christian Center, located in the greater Daytona Beach, Florida, area. He hosts *Jim Raley TV* and radio programs, and he travels extensively offering a voice of hope and restoration.

John Rea / *Charisma's Bible Handbook on the Holy Spirit* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 1998)

John Rea, ThD, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Regent University, has theological degrees from Wheaton College, Grace Theological Seminary, and Princeton University. He has been an important author and/or contributing editor for many important books, including the *Holy Spirit Encounter Bible*.

John and Paula Sandford / *The Elijah Task* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2006)

John Sandford pastored churches for many years and founded Elijah House Ministries. He is considered a pioneer in the prophetic and healing movements and is a best-selling author of many books. Paula Sandford joined her husband in the team ministry of Elijah House from its beginning and was ordained in 1995.

John Sandford and R. Loren Sandford / *Life Transformed* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2009)

John Sandford pastored churches for many years and founded Elijah House Ministries. He is considered a pioneer in the prophetic and healing movements and is a best-selling author of many books. R. Loren Sandford is the founding pastor of New Song Fellowship in Denver, Colorado.

Cindy Trimm / *The Art of War for Spiritual Battle* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2010)

*Commanding Your Morning* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2007)

*The Rules of Engagement* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2008)

*The Prayer Warrior's Way* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2011)

Cindy Trimm is a best-selling author, former senator (Bermuda), and sought-after empowerment specialist and transformational leader.

Bill Wiese / *23 Minutes in Hell* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2006)

Bill Wiese is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *23 Minutes in Hell* and an accomplished speaker with a global speaking ministry.



# HOW TO USE THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE BIBLE

**T**he purpose of the *Spiritual Warfare Bible* is to provide the reader with opportunities to study the principles and teachings contained in either the New King James text of this Bible or the various additional teaching elements added by the publishers to become prepared and equipped to utilize the power and strength of the Holy Spirit to engage our enemy, Satan, and his demonic influences in spiritual warfare and to be victorious over them.

The additional teaching elements added are written in the present tense so that their impact will address the reader's life at the moment of studying the Word and teachings. The Scripture texts used in the additional teachings use, for the most part, the New King James Version of the Bible.

While the inclusive pronoun *us* is often used to involve the reader, the pronoun *you* is used whenever possible so as to confront and engage the reader with the impact of the teaching.

The introductions to each book serve to highlight and give an overview of how the Holy Spirit teaches the believer the principles necessary to be equipped and prepared to engage in spiritual warfare. It is not the purpose of the introductions to give a comprehensive outline or overview of the content of that book. When a particular book has no specific texts referring to the work of spiritual warfare, a more general introduction is given to identify how God's Spirit was moving through the life of that author or during that time in history.

Spiritual warfare teachings may be found throughout this Bible to give further insight, inspiration, and depth from the perspectives of outstanding Christian pastors and authors.

## ADDITIONAL STUDY ELEMENTS

There are six different tools in the *Spiritual Warfare Bible* for your personal study and devotions. Here is a list of the tools and how to use them.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE DECLARATIONS

There are more than two hundred fifty Spiritual Warfare Declarations to be found within the text of this Bible. These are presented as one-sentence, Scripture-based prayers or declarations that affirm the reader's determination to confront the enemy in spiritual warfare with the assurance of the Holy Spirit's preparation and help. These declarations include a Scripture reference showing the Bible verse that is the basis for that declaration. You may:

- ◆ Choose a declaration as your declaration for each day.
- ◆ Read progressively from Genesis through Revelation, reading the declarations as you read the Bible text in your daily time of study and devotions. As you read, pause to reflect on the truth of each declaration.
- ◆ Choose to commit one declaration to memory each day.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE BASICS

There are nearly 220 Spiritual Warfare Basics, and several will be included with each book of the Bible. They are usually one-half to one column in length. These are short, succinct tips for doing spiritual warfare. They are typically chosen for the Scripture verse or verses near where they are positioned within the text. They cover many of the very basic things you will need to know as you prepare to engage in spiritual warfare.

Some ways to use these Spiritual Warfare Basics include:

- 1 Read a Spiritual Warfare Basic each day for a daily devotional time.
- 2 Read progressively from Genesis through Revelation, completing one Spiritual Warfare Basic each day, and then apply the revelation to your daily life.
- 3 Keep a journal of your insights and responses to these and the other study elements in this Bible. The journal can serve as your personal training manual for spiritual warfare.

## LESSONS FROM GOD'S WARRIORS PROFILES

There are twenty-one character profiles of Old and New Testament persons who were equipped and anointed by the Spirit for engaging the enemy in spiritual warfare. Each profile shows how the Spirit enabled that person for a specific endeavor in warfare. The profiles could easily be adapted for a three-week small group study about spiritual warfare or as part of a specific devotional plan for three weeks. Be sure to journal your responses as you read about each character, and include your

specific prayer requests for God to equip and prepare you in a similar way for engaging and defeating Satan. The profiles included are:

- 1 Enoch—*Learn to Walk With God and to Please Him*
- 2 Leah—*Learn That Pleasing God Brings Our Highest Fulfillment*
- 3 Joseph—*Trust God to Make You Fruitful in the Area of Your Greatest Affliction*
- 4 Joshua—*Learn to Believe in Your Mind That You Can Do It*
- 5 Ruth—*Learn That Submission Is the Key to Redemption*
- 6 Elijah—*Learn to Offer the Lord Your Very Best*
- 7 Elisha—*Learn to Recognize That the Battle Is the Lord's*
- 8 Jehoshaphat—*Learn the Incomparable Value of Praise*
- 9 Isaiah—*Learn to See What God Sees*
- 10 Daniel—*Learn to Live by Prayer*
- 11 Jonah—*Remember That You Cannot Flee From God's Presence*
- 12 Peter—*Press In for Deeper Understanding and Revelation*
- 13 Three Biblical Gentiles—*Learn to Hunger for More of God*
- 14 Mary—*Overcome the Urgency of the Natural to Seek the Priority of the Spiritual*
- 15 The Good Samaritan—*Make a Heart Connection With God's Heart*
- 16 Jesus and the Woman at the Well of Samaria—*Keys to Becoming a Prophetess of God*
- 17 Cornelius—*Learn to Diligently Seek God*
- 18 Paul and Silas—*Praise God IN the Problem, Not Just When You Get Out of It*
- 19 Paul—*Establish Safeguards Against Legalism*
- 20 Women of the New Testament—*Learn That Your Faithfulness Will Make a Significant Impact for God*
- 21 Noah—*Faithfully Do What God Asks You to Do*

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS

Scattered throughout the Bible are various prayers that focus on a specific spiritual warfare challenge. These may be prayed when you are facing a similar spiritual battle or used as material for a small group discussion on prayer and intercession for spiritual warfare. You may choose to use the specific words that are included, or

you can make the prayers your own by expressing your own thoughts and desires around that particular spiritual challenge. The prayers included are:

- 1 Prayer Against the Spirit of Cain
- 2 The Passover Prayer for Deliverance
- 3 Trench Prayer (When Under Major Attack)
- 4 Moses' Prayer for the Israelites
- 5 Prayer to Release Angels
- 6 Hannah's Prayer
- 7 Prayer Against Ungodliness
- 8 Hezekiah's Prayer
- 9 Posterity Prayer
- 10 Rebuke Satanic Alliances
- 11 Prayer for Our Nation
- 12 Job's Prayer of Repentance
- 13 Prayer Against Evil
- 14 Prayer for Divine Alignment
- 15 Solomon's Prayer
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- 17 Prayer Against Terminal Illness
- 18 Daniel's Prayer
- 19 Prayer for Your Children's Spiritual Growth
- 20 Jonah's Prayer
- 21 Habakkuk's Prayer
- 22 A Prayer for Your Seed
- 23 Prayer Against the Spirit of Fear
- 24 Christ's Intercessory Prayer
- 25 Prayer for Righteousness
- 26 Prayer for the Sanctity of Marriage
- 27 Battering Ram Confession of Sexual Sin Prayer
- 28 Prayer for Spiritual Discernment
- 29 Prayer for Knowing God's Will
- 30 Prayer to Come Out of Homosexuality/Lesbianism
- 31 Covenant Confession of the Word
- 32 Prayer of Faith for Your Children

- 33 Prayer to Break Prayerlessness and Spiritual Slackness
- 34 Prayer of Faith for Our Nation
- 35 Prayer of Praise

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD INTERACTIVE STUDY ELEMENTS

Interspersed throughout the Bible are opportunities for you to spend some time in deeper reflection and study and to use various study methods to internalize what the Word of God says specifically about important spiritual warfare challenges. Use these opportunities to make specific preparations for spiritual warfare. These elements would make excellent small group study starters and could be used as a part of a deeper devotional focus at various times throughout your times of reading God's Word.

The subjects included in these "Sharpening Your Sword" study elements, with their focus Scripture reference, include:

- 1 Why Do We Pay Our Tithes?—Leviticus 27:30
- 2 Anointed by God's Spirit—Judges 3:10
- 3 The Victory Is Already Ours—Ruth 2
- 4 A Double Share of His Spirit—1 Kings 19
- 5 Be Spiritually Hungry for More of God—Nehemiah 2
- 6 Sharpened to Discern—Proverbs 8
- 7 A Sharpened Sword for Battle—Isaiah 59
- 8 Sharpened Through Worship in His Glory—Ezekiel 43
- 9 Lessons From Hosea—Hosea 4–5
- 10 Sharpened to Prophecy—Joel 2:28
- 11 Five Foolish Boasts of Satan—Micah 2
- 12 A Sharp Sword Is a Powerful Sword—Zechariah 4:6
- 13 Sharpened to Intercede in the Spirit—Matthew 3
- 14 Manifesting Signs and Wonders—Mark 16
- 15 Dreams and Visions—Acts 3
- 16 Sharpened by the Spirit's Gifts—1 Corinthians 12
- 17 The Spirit's Sword—Ephesians 6:16–18
- 18 Faith Principles to Enable You—1 Thessalonians 1
- 19 Set Apart and Made Holy by the Spirit—2 Thessalonians 2:13–17
- 20 Do Not Stifle the Holy Spirit—Titus 3:1–8

- 21 Sharpen Your Sword to Pray for Healing—James 5
- 22 Testing Spiritual Voices—1 John 4:1–6
- 23 Listen to the Spirit—Revelation 1–3

## PREPARING FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE ARTICLES

There is a one- to two-page focus article included with each book of the Bible. These articles give a deeper, more complete teaching about a specific element of spiritual warfare. They are positioned near the Scripture reference from which the teaching is taken and are excellent resources for deeper study as you become stronger in your faith and better prepared and equipped to engage in spiritual warfare. The specific topical articles included are:

- 1 Induction Into the Army of God—Before Genesis
- 2 The Anointing of the Twilight—Genesis
- 3 Plugging Into the Power Source—Exodus
- 4 Don't Neglect Your Spiritual Altar—Leviticus
- 5 Experiencing Deliverance and Release—Numbers
- 6 Preparing to Engage the Enemy—Deuteronomy
- 7 Taking Back Ground—Joshua
- 8 Getting Past Gaza—Judges
- 9 He Will Never Leave You—Ruth
- 10 The Dangerous Roots of Insecurity and Inferiority—1 Samuel
- 11 Where Every Prayer Is Answered—2 Samuel
- 12 Can Demons Torment People on Earth?—1 Kings
- 13 Confronting the Enemy's Tactics—2 Kings
- 14 Why Do We Fast?—1 Chronicles
- 15 Keep an Eye on Your Character—2 Chronicles
- 16 The Effect of Godly Fasting—Ezra
- 17 The Difference Between Watchmen and Gatekeepers—Nehemiah
- 18 The Weapon of Fasting—Esther
- 19 How Satan Oppresses—Job
- 20 Six Essentials for the Warrior—Psalms
- 21 Seven Winning Responses to Satan's Challenge—Psalms
- 22 Identifying the Cause of a Curse—Proverbs
- 23 The Deceptive Trap—Ecclesiastes
- 24 The Banner Over Us—Solomon

- 25 Don't Let Satan Crowd Jesus Out of Your Life—Isaiah
- 26 The Importance of Understanding and Knowledge—Jeremiah
- 27 Prayer Watches—Lamentations
- 28 Building Hedges of Spiritual Protection—Ezekiel
- 29 Empower Your Children—Daniel
- 30 God's Purpose for Marriage—Hosea
- 31 "Loose Thyself"—Joel
- 32 Lion's Roar—or Voice of God?—Amos
- 33 Demons Use Deception—Obadiah
- 34 The Presence of the Lord—Jonah
- 35 The Gift of Forgiveness and Restoration—Micah
- 36 Cursed With Lawlessness and Rebellion—Nahum
- 37 The Timing of God—Habakkuk
- 38 Fear of Life—Zephaniah
- 39 Consider Your Ways—Haggai
- 40 God's Covenant With His People—Zechariah
- 41 Satan Will Test You With Mammon—Malachi
- 42 A War Between Two Kingdoms—Matthew
- 43 Symptoms of Demonic Oppression—Mark
- 44 Practice Spiritual Warfare for Your Marriage—Luke
- 45 Know Your Foe—John
- 46 The Foundation of the Fullness and Power of the Holy Spirit—Acts
- 47 Your Fiercest Foe—Romans
- 48 The Greatest Gift—Love—1 Corinthians
- 49 Twelve Root Strongholds—2 Corinthians
- 50 Master Self-Control—Galatians
- 51 The Army of Hell—Ephesians
- 52 Maintaining Spiritual Freedom From Demons—Philippians
- 53 The Cross Disarmed Satan—Colossians
- 54 Sanctifying Yourself Through Fasting—1 Thessalonians
- 55 Faith and Patience—2 Thessalonians
- 56 The Curse of a Seared Conscience—1 Timothy
- 57 Stir Up the Gift of God—2 Timothy

- 58 A Father's Influence—Titus
- 59 Declare a Holy Fast for Your Children—Philemon
- 60 The New Covenant—Hebrews
- 61 Effectual Fervent Prayer—James
- 62 The Reality of Your Enemy—1 Peter
- 63 The Scope of Satanic Activities—2 Peter
- 64 Destroying the Enemy's Forces—1 John
- 65 Antichrist Deceivers—2 John
- 66 We Overcome by the Word of Our Testimony—3 John
- 67 Taking Action—Jude
- 68 The Curse From the Seduction of Jezebel—Revelation

## ADDITIONAL FRONT MATTER BEFORE GENESIS

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We have included helpful articles to get you focused as you begin to study this *Spiritual Warfare Bible*. They include:

- ◆ How to Study the Bible
- ◆ How to Use the *Spiritual Warfare Bible*
- ◆ Putting Spiritual Discernment Back Into Spiritual Warfare
- ◆ Induction Into the Army of God

## APPENDIXES AT THE BACK OF THE BIBLE

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We have included some appendices that we felt were important additional materials related to the preparation and equipping of the believer for spiritual warfare. We encourage you to read these appendices and to use them as tools as you step forward into spiritual warfare. The appendices included are:

*Appendix A*—Spiritual Warfare in the Bible

*Appendix B*—End-Time Misconceptions About Spiritual Warfare

*Appendix C*—Spiritual Warfare Distinctives

Thirty-Seven Biblical Curses

Grouping of Various Evil Spirits

Demonic Spirits Identified in Scripture

Sixty Symptoms of Demonic Attack

Biblical Proof That a Believer Should Enlist in Spiritual Warfare



*Appendix D*—Freedom Principles for Daily Use

*Appendix E*—Combat Scriptures to Defeat Our Enemy

*Appendix F*—Living in Triumphant Hope

## SMALL GROUP OR CLASS STUDY

The *Spiritual Warfare Bible* is an excellent resource for small group or class Bible study focused on the subject of spiritual warfare. This Bible may be used for:

- ◆ Small group studies
- ◆ Home groups
- ◆ Cell groups
- ◆ Sunday school classes
- ◆ Midweek classes
- ◆ Group seminars or retreats
- ◆ Women’s and men’s groups
- ◆ Accountability groups
- ◆ Youth groups, campus groups, or college and career groups

It is our prayer that this *Spiritual Warfare Bible* will become an invaluable tool for you to use continually as you become prepared and equipped to engage in spiritual warfare. Remember that the Holy Spirit is your partner in warfare and that the battle is not yours—it is the Lord’s.



—**BARBARA DYCUS**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

# PUTTING SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT BACK INTO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

**N**ow that you are prepared to begin incorporating the material in this *Spiritual Warfare Bible* into your daily spiritual development and understand more thoroughly how important it is to be prepared to stand strong against the enemy's aggressive attacks against the people of God, it will be important for you to remember that spiritual warfare is just one element of living the Christian life. You must recognize the need to remain balanced in your faith, always growing in your intimate spiritual relationship with the Lord, demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit in your life through the fruit of the Spirit in full expression in your daily walk, growing in your expression of the spiritual gifting that God has for His children, and still being prepared to enter spiritual warfare against your aggressive enemy, Satan. The following important article will help you to remember the need for balance in spiritual warfare as you study this Bible.

I was raised in spiritual warfare. By that I mean, soon after I got saved I plugged into an apostolic church that vowed to run to the battle lines to wrestle spirits of Jezebel, witchcraft, religion—and whatever else was opposing the purposes of God.

My church home was akin to a spiritual war zone. We were always on red alert through prophetic warnings, dreams, and visions about the next attack. Indeed, spiritual warfare was a consistent thread in most of the praise, worship, equipping classes, Sunday morning sermons, and leadership lessons.

I was in a spiritual warfare ditch where the enemy and his plans were ultimately exalted over God and His plans. Don't get me wrong. I believe wholeheartedly in spiritual warfare. But if we take any spiritual principle to the extreme, we can get into a spiritual ditch. So we have to guard ourselves from deception by adding balance and soberness of mind to our vigilance. Our enemy is roaming around like a lion seeking someone to seize upon and

devour—and getting out of balance opens a door wide enough for him to freely enter (1 Pet. 5:8).

Another prophetic key is exercising the gift of discernment. Why not step back and pray about the root of the matter? When you do, you'll be more successful in battling what's battling you because you open the door wide enough for Holy Ghost wisdom to freely enter. It may be that you need to repent for something you are doing that's allowing the devil to manifest in your midst. Or it could be that an enemy you've never fought before is attacking you—and you need true spiritual discernment to identify the attacker.

Then again it could be possible that you are in a completely different ditch. Maybe you aren't going on the offense against the devil at all. The problem is that God won't do our part for us. He's given us authority in this earth realm. Jesus gave us His authority, as well as keys to the kingdom. Whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven. And whatever we loose on earth is loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19). In other words, we can't blame God when the devil gets in. We're the ones who allow it.

Again, I started out in an extreme spiritual warfare ditch, where even worship music was an exercise in combat. Yet having escaped a church where strife ruled and reigned—and in which Jezebel was typically blamed for most of the rumblings in the congregation—I entered into a prophetic church that took an opposite approach. And I entered another spiritual warfare ditch.

During my extended season at this prophetic church I never heard them bind Jezebel once. I never heard anyone come against witchcraft or rebuke the spirit of religion. All they did was praise and worship the Lord for hours on end and roll around on the floor and laugh. This was unusual for me, perhaps especially so after exiting the extreme apostolic. I enjoyed it—until I realized I was in another ditch.

Yes, our praise and worship in the midst of the battle confuses the enemy and shows our faith in God's deliverance. But God is not going to do our part. Although I agree that the battle is the Lord's and we can praise Him knowing He's fighting on our behalf, we still have to be prepared to exercise our God-given authority. David was a worshiper, but he was also a warrior. He knew when to draw a sword, and he knew when to draw praise from his lips unto God.

After living in both extremes, I have learned a lesson: we must all become skilled warriors and intimate worshipers. In doing so, we avoid either ditch of extremism and walk in the discernment of the Holy Ghost, knowing when to run to the battle line and when to worship.

When you go to war, go with the right strategy. Sometimes that means prophetic worship. Other times it is spiritual warfare. Many times it's a combination of both. Ultimately, Jesus must be the center of our focus. "The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name" (Ex. 15:3). And He is worthy to be praised.\*

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## INDUCTION INTO THE ARMY OF GOD

**T**o *be inducted* means to be formally installed or put into a position or office. As you read this Bible and study the materials about spiritual warfare that accompany it, I pray that if you have not been inducted into the army of the Lord, you will make the decision to do so.

The materials are not deep. They are basic training tools for those who desire to understand the foundational principles of warfare. Many in the body of Christ want to be promoted in the area of spiritual warfare, but they have not taken the time to prepare themselves. They have not met the specifications of the prerequisites. God is calling a muster alert for those in the household of faith to take a radical position against the wiles of the devil. In the military, when a muster alert is called, no one except the highest-ranking officials know if the alert is for training or real war. The motto of the natural army is to be “combat ready.” In other words, every time a training exercise or alert is called, soldiers must be ready to respond as if it is a real war.

God is calling His church to a “real war” mentality. Many Christians haphazardly quote, “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal,” but fail to walk in the reality of “real war.” As a result, people who love God become weary in well doing and acquire a “rolling with the punches” mentality. They are not prepared to deal with the obstacles of life because they have taken everything as it came. They have no basic or advance training in the things of God to teach them how to confront their enemies in victory. My prayer is that this Bible will give you a foundation to be prepared for twenty-first-century warfare.

In their warfare today, the natural army is not using catapults and bows and arrows as weapons. This was all right for warfare in centuries past. But today the army uses nuclear weapons. I agree that there is nothing new under the sun, but new truths are being released to the church for today’s warfare. These things have been around all the time, but they are new to us. Do not be afraid of what is new to you. Allow the revelations here to put a demand on your spirit to go to the next level. You cannot continue to use weapons of times past against twenty-first-century darkness.

Some of the information in this Bible may seem too radical to you if you are in a comfort zone. If this is the case, I prophesy you out of

your comfort zone by the Spirit of the Most High God. I challenge you to plunge into the deeper things of God. I realize that not everyone is called to be a frontline soldier, but I dare you to do the basics that are required of all born-again believers. Mark 16:17–18 is our basic training guideline for every believer. The scripture reads:

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Always remember that Mark 16:17–18 gives basic foundational instruction for *the everyday believer!*

This passage says that believers must recover. In the Greek, the word *recover* in this passage of Scripture is *ana nephob*, which means, “to become sober again, to regain one’s senses, to recover self.” How many people of God have taken arrows from the enemy and have never recovered? David received his marching orders from the Lord and recovered all!

Timothy asked, “How can a bishop take care of the church if he does not have rule in his own home?” (See 1 Timothy 3:5.) This brings one question to my mind. How can we, as the church, win the world if we have no rule in the house of God? I believe this Bible contains keys to releasing the power of God in our own homes and in the church. The key to praying for our churches, communities, and cities is allowing the untapped power of God to flow fluently through us as everyday believers.

The revelations in this Bible are not limited to those called to the office of the intercessor. If you have been blood bought and are tired of the devil having his way in your affairs, God wants to sign you up for His special forces! When we accept Jesus into our lives, we are automatically signed up for the army of the Lord. Many do not realize it, but they are in the army of the Lord whether they accept it or not. We are not just members in the church, but we are soldiers for the Lord. Every born-again believer is called to do warfare.

God is taking us past “the right hand of fellowship” (Gal. 2:9), and He is teaching our hands to do war! I want to touch your spirit and agree with you that God would flood your heart with revelation through the contents of this Bible. By this flood you will have a better understanding of the hope of your calling. Remember, though we walk in the flesh, our warfare is not after the flesh.

After I signed up with the military, there was a grace period before I actually began active duty. Many people make commitments to God but never show up for active duty. The benefits that are afforded to a soldier cannot be received until he or she receives active duty military status. What is your status as God’s soldier? Have you sworn in but failed to

become active in the things of God? Allow the content of this Bible to activate you, so that in the end you will not stand before the Chief Commander of Creation with your work left undone.

Pray this prayer of agreement with me:

*Father God, in the name of Jesus, I bind every whispering spirit and strange voice that is set against my spiritual warfare training. I take authority over the spirits of imagery and magnification, and I declare that the eyes of my understanding are opened. Mind binders and blinders are blocked and forever bound. I also bind the spirits of slothfulness, slumber, and demonic inertia from causing me to be sleepy when I am reading this Bible. Every distraction is under my feet, and all spirits of doubt have no open place. It is my purpose to tap into the unadulterated truth of God's Word. I am open to new levels of spiritual warfare in my life. Spirits that would prompt "the fear of the unknown" are locked out of my mind. I am not afraid! New boldness is my portion! My spirit is open to agree with the revelations in this book that bear witness with the Holy Spirit. I renounce all religious and familiar spirits that may have influence on the way I receive.*

*Holy Spirit, I give You permission to deprogram my thinking about anything that has limited the greater works of Jesus Christ in my life. I commit to walk in the anointing of the end-time believer. All lies and strongholds that have built walls against the truth in my life are pulled down, in Jesus' name. The scales and veils are removed from my eyes so that my understanding will not be hindered.*

*Lord, I thank You that the words here will sharpen my sword and give weight to my realm of influence in the Spirit. This spiritual influence will affect every area of my life and leave an imprint on everything that I put my hands to the plow to do. This spiritual influence will also anoint my steps whereby my footprints will release a centrifugal force in the earth that will confirm the dominion of Christ in my life. I commit to the truth and believe that in every area of my life I will be made free. This liberty will permeate my loins and reproduce freedom in the lives of others. I sign up to be activated for the army of the Lord!"*



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\* Kimberly Daniels, *Give It Back!*, 1–5.



*THE NEW TESTAMENT*



*The Holy Spirit's Work in***MARK**

**I**n many ways the books of Mark, Luke, and John parallel the teachings in Matthew. All four books are accounts of Jesus' life on earth, His death at Calvary, and His resurrection to heaven.

In two specific instances Mark highlights aspects of the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit through Jesus. Each of these teaches us about the preparation and equipping of believers to do the works of Christ and to be effective in defeating Satan.

Mark 5:25–34 vividly illustrates the value of human touch as a point of contact for faith—that is, as an aid to believing. The experience of the woman who was afflicted with a chronic hemorrhage also provides several other keys for the one who seeks healing.

First, she heard about Jesus and thought of Him as the one to help her in her desperate need. Second, she actually came to Him, overcoming her embarrassment and fear of the crowd. Third, she kept affirming her faith by saying to herself, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well” (v. 28), thereby releasing her faith, and she was miraculously healed.

There is no essential difference, as far as the flow of Christ's healing virtue or power is concerned, between individuals' touching Him and His touching them. Christians may lay hands on the sick in the name of Jesus to enable them to believe more easily (Mark 16:18).

Mark 16:14–20 is the only passage in the four Gospels where Jesus mentioned speaking in tongues. In verses 17–18 the risen Lord clearly promised that signs would accompany those who believed as a result of Christians going into all the world down through the centuries and preaching the gospel to all creation. Miracles were meant to confirm the ministries of God's servants in every generation.

These “signs following” were to be the credentials of the ambassador of Christ and characteristic marks of God's people under the new covenant.\*

\* John Rea, *Charisma's Bible Handbook on the Holy Spirit*, 115–117.



# BASICS

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### *The Kingdom of God*

Over time the true meaning of the kingdom of God has been overshadowed by the religious conventions of Christianity, church denominations, and the traditions of man, thereby hindering believers from *true* freedom. Let us take some time to truly understand what God really intended by this phenomenon called *the kingdom*.

The kingdom of God is a literal, spiritual realm accessible only to born-again believers. This realm encompasses the power and resources essential to the believer if he or she desires to achieve the manifestation of heaven on earth. (See Genesis 2:4–5.) It can be best understood from an analogous perspective of the natural cosmological systems of the universe.

In the kingdom of heaven the believer's earthly experience is filled with the essence of the righteousness that is God. It is a spiritual realm in which believers are privileged to exist and function at prosperous levels while physically living in the earth. This life is lived with the perspective originally intended by God at the forefront—that is, fulfilling God's original mandate to humanity as presented in Genesis 1:28—that we are to have dominion on the earth.\*

\* Cindy Trimm, *The Art of War for Spiritual Battle*, 13.

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

**1** <sup>1</sup>The <sup>a</sup>beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, <sup>b</sup>the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in <sup>1</sup>the Prophets:

<sup>a</sup>*“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”*

<sup>3</sup> *“The<sup>a</sup> voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’”*

<sup>4a</sup>John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance <sup>1</sup>for the remission of sins. <sup>5a</sup>Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was <sup>a</sup>clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, <sup>a</sup>“There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. <sup>8a</sup>I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you <sup>b</sup>with the Holy Spirit.”

### *John Baptizes Jesus*

<sup>9a</sup>It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10a</sup>And immediately, coming up <sup>1</sup>from the water, He saw the heavens <sup>2</sup>parting

#### Chapter 1

**1** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 1:1; 3:1; Luke 3:22

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 2:7; Matt.

14:33; Luke 1:35

**2** <sup>a</sup> Mal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Luke 7:27

<sup>1</sup> NU *Isaiah the prophet*

**3** <sup>a</sup> Is. 40:3; Matt. 3:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23

**4** <sup>a</sup> Mal. 4:6; Matt. 3:1; Luke 3:3

<sup>1</sup> Or *because of forgiveness*

**5** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 3:5

**6** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 3:4

**7** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 3:11; John 1:27; Acts 13:25

**8** <sup>a</sup> Acts 1:5; 11:16

<sup>b</sup> Is. 44:3; John 20:22; (Acts 2:4; 10:45, 46; 1 Cor.

12:13)

**9** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 3:13–17; Luke 3:21, 22

**10** <sup>a</sup> Ezek. 1:1; Matt. 3:16; John 1:32

<sup>1</sup> NU *out of*

<sup>2</sup> *tom open*

## THREE BIBLICAL GENTILES

## Learn to Hunger for More of God

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Hungry people are desperate people. They will push over the custom; they will push over the ritual—they don't want to leave hungry. Jesus found such hunger while visiting Tyre and Sidon. A woman whose daughter was possessed and tormented by a devil heard that He was there. But the woman was Greek, "a Syro-Phoenician by birth" (Mark 7:26), and, therefore, outside of the covenant God had made with Israel. But that didn't matter to her. She was hungry, and her faith was persistent. Even when Jesus discouraged her, saying that the "bread" was first for the children of Israel, she was hungry enough to ask for even a crumb that would fall to the floor. Many of the children who sat at the table had not shown such great hunger. Jesus honored her request, and her daughter was healed because of her persistence (vv. 29–30).

Hungry people are hungry for more of God than they have ever had. They are breaking out of religious rules and traditional thinking and breaking through to more of His presence, more of His power to turn situations around, and more of His healing and miracle-working power! Only Jesus satisfies that hunger!

It was such hunger that was stirred in the heart of a Gentile centurion in Caesarea who fasted, prayed to God always, and gave generously to the poor. Though they were Gentiles, Cornelius and his household devoutly feared and served God. As Cornelius was fasting and praying one day, an angel appeared to him with a message. The angel said, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). And then the angel instructed him to send for Peter, who was nearby in Joppa. Peter, who was fasting at the time as well, saw a vision from God in which many foods that were unlawful for Jews to eat were presented to him. He was still puzzled by the vision when Cornelius's messengers arrived. Going with them to his house the next day and hearing of the hunger in this man's heart, Peter understood that the vision meant that the gospel was not to be withheld from the Gentiles. As he shared the gospel with those of Cornelius's household, the Holy Spirit fell and baptized them all, and later they were baptized in water. (See Acts 10.)

Fasting stirs a hunger in your spirit that goes deeper than the temporary hunger you experience in your flesh. When you hunger for God, He will fill you. Jesus went through cities where He could do no miracles—because there was no hunger. As Jesus entered Capernaum, He was confronted by a Roman centurion whose servant was paralyzed and tormented (Matt. 8:5–13). But the centurion knew it would take only a word from Jesus for the servant to be healed. When he said those words to Jesus, the Bible says Jesus was amazed at his faith and told those around him, "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" (v. 10). He was saying, "So many in Abraham's lineage don't have the hunger this man has shown. They come to see Me, but they don't hunger."

In this day God is saying, "I'm looking for somebody who wants something. I'm looking for somebody who will do more than show up but will hunger for that which I want to place in him!"\*

\* Jentezen Franklin, *Fasting Jou mal*, 46–48.

and the Spirit <sup>b</sup>descending upon Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>Then a voice came from heaven, <sup>a</sup>“You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

### *Satan Tempts Jesus*

<sup>12a</sup>Immediately the Spirit <sup>1</sup>drove Him into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; <sup>a</sup>and the angels ministered to Him.

### *Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry*

<sup>14a</sup>Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, <sup>b</sup>preaching the gospel <sup>1</sup>of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, <sup>a</sup>“The time is fulfilled, and <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God <sup>1</sup>is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

### *Four Fishermen Called as Disciples*

<sup>16a</sup>And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become <sup>a</sup>fishers of men.” <sup>18a</sup>They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

<sup>19</sup>When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately He called them, and

they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

### *Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit*

<sup>21a</sup>Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the <sup>b</sup>synagogue and taught. <sup>22a</sup>And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>Now there was a man in their synagogue with an <sup>a</sup>unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>saying, “Let *us* alone! <sup>a</sup>What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I <sup>b</sup>know who You are—the <sup>c</sup>Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus <sup>a</sup>rebuked him, saying, <sup>1</sup>“Be quiet, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And when the unclean spirit <sup>a</sup>had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup>Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, <sup>1</sup>“What is this? What new <sup>1</sup>doctrine *is* this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” <sup>28</sup>And immediately His <sup>a</sup>fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

\* 1:27 NU-Text reads *What is this? A new doctrine with authority.*

<sup>b</sup> Is. 11:2; 61:1;

Acts 10:38

11 <sup>a</sup> (Ps. 2:7); Is. 42:1;

Matt. 3:17; 12:18;

Mark 9:7;

Luke 3:22

12 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:1–11; Luke

4:1–13

<sup>1</sup> sent Him out

13 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:10, 11

14 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:12

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 4:23

<sup>1</sup> NU omits *of the kingdom*

15 <sup>a</sup> Dan. 9:25;

(Gal. 4:4; Eph.

1:10; 1 Tim. 2:6);

Titus 1:3

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 3:2; 4:17;

(Acts 20:21)

<sup>1</sup> has drawn near

16 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:18–22;

Luke 5:2–11;

John 1:40–42

17 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:47, 48

18 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 19:27; (Luke

14:26)

21 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:13; Luke

4:31–37

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 22:22; Matt.

4:23; Luke 4:16;

13:10

22 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 7:28, 29;

13:54

23 <sup>a</sup> (Matt. 12:43);

Mark 5:2; 7:25;

Luke 4:33

24 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:28, 29;

Mark

5:7, 8; Luke 8:28

<sup>b</sup> Mark 3:11; Luke

4:41; James 2:19

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 16:10

25 <sup>a</sup> (Luke 4:39)

<sup>1</sup> Lit. *Be muzzled*

26 <sup>a</sup> Mark 9:20

27 <sup>1</sup> *He teaching*

28 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:24; 9:31

## MANIFESTING SIGNS AND WONDERS

### Read Mark 16

In Mark 16 Jesus promised that those who believe in Him would be empowered to do many signs and wonders, including casting out demons, speaking in new languages or tongues, and laying their hands on the sick for healing.

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus' promise became a reality as witnessed throughout Acts. Luke reported that "the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders," which included healing the sick casting out demons through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:43; 5:12–16; 8:4–8; 13:9–12).

Signs and wonders follow those who believe. How can that be? Believers are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and operate in the gifts of the Spirit. As they minister the gifts, God performs miracles according to His sovereign will. God wills that people be saved, delivered from demons, healed of diseases and hurt, and protected from every attack of the evil one. Signs and wonders demonstrate Jesus' power to the unsaved and encourages believers in their faith.



What signs and wonders have you been empowered by the Holy Spirit to use as you minister to others in Jesus' name? Check those you have witnessed, and circle those you pray in faith to see as the Spirit moves in you:

- Healings
- Miracles
- Deliverance
- Salvations
- Protection from the enemy's attacks

If you have not seen signs and wonders, why not? What does the Holy Spirit reveal to you that may be hindering His power?

The reason I have not seen signs and wonders is:

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I am praying for:

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SHARPENING  
POINT

**Without the Spirit's fire I cannot be purified,  
holy, and empowered by Christ.**

When baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit, a believer becomes God's vessel for signs and wonders.



Your focus is not to be on the signs and wonders but on the One to whom they point—Jesus. As you lift Him up and serve others, signs and wonders will follow you.\*

\* *Holy Spirit Encounter Bible*, Holy Spirit Encounters, 1220.

### *Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed*

<sup>29a</sup>Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

### *Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset*

<sup>32a</sup>At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and <sup>a</sup>cast out many demons; and He <sup>b</sup>did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

### *Preaching in Galilee*

<sup>35</sup>Now <sup>a</sup>in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a <sup>1</sup>solitary place; and there He <sup>b</sup>prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for

Him. <sup>37</sup>When they found Him, they said to Him, <sup>a</sup>"Everyone <sup>b</sup>is looking for You."

<sup>38</sup>But He said to them, <sup>a</sup>"Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because <sup>b</sup>for this purpose I have come forth."

<sup>39a</sup>And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and <sup>b</sup>casting out demons.

### *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

<sup>40a</sup>Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

<sup>41</sup>Then Jesus, moved with <sup>a</sup>compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." <sup>42</sup>As soon as He had spoken, <sup>a</sup>immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. <sup>43</sup>And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things <sup>a</sup>which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

**29** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:14, 15;  
Luke 4:38, 39

**32** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:16, 17;  
Luke 4:40, 41

**34** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:33;  
Luke 13:32

<sup>b</sup> Mark 3:12; Luke  
4:41; Acts 16:17, 18

**35** <sup>a</sup> Luke 4:42, 43

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 26:39, 44;

Mark 6:46; Luke  
5:16; 6:12; 9:28,  
29; Heb. 5:7

<sup>1</sup> *deserted*

**37** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:25; John  
3:26; 12:19

<sup>b</sup> (Heb. 11:6)

**38** <sup>a</sup> Luke 4:43

<sup>b</sup> (Is. 61:1, 2; Mark  
10:45; John  
16:28; 17:4, 8)

**39** <sup>a</sup> Ps. 22:22; Matt.  
4:23; 9:35; Mark  
1:21; 3:1; Luke  
4:44

<sup>b</sup> Mark 5:8, 13;  
7:29, 30

**40** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:2–4; Luke  
5:12–14

**41** <sup>a</sup> Luke 7:13

**42** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 15:28;

Mark 5:29

**44** <sup>a</sup> Lev. 14:1–32

<sup>45a</sup>However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; <sup>b</sup>and they came to Him from every direction.

*Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic*

**2**<sup>1</sup>And again <sup>a</sup>He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. <sup>2</sup>Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then they came to Him, bringing a <sup>a</sup>paralytic who was carried by four *men*. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

<sup>6</sup>And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>“Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? <sup>a</sup>Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup>But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? <sup>a</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘*Your* sins are forgiven

you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has ‘power on earth to forgive sins’—He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup>“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” <sup>12</sup>Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and <sup>a</sup>glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”

*Matthew the Tax Collector*

<sup>13a</sup>Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. <sup>14a</sup>As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, <sup>b</sup>“Follow Me.” So he arose and <sup>c</sup>followed Him.

<sup>15a</sup>Now it happened, as He was dining in *Levi’s* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. <sup>16</sup>And when the scribes <sup>\*\*</sup>and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, “How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, <sup>a</sup>“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, <sup>\*\*\*</sup>to repentance.”

\* 2:2 NU-Text omits *Immediately*.

\*\* 2:16 NU-Text reads *of the*.

\*\*\* 2:17 NU-Text omits *to repentance*.

45 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 28:15; Luke 5:15	<b>Chapter 2</b>	10 <sup>1</sup> <i>authority</i>	19:21; John 1:43;
<sup>b</sup> Mark 2:2, 13; 3:7; Luke 5:17; John	1 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:1	12 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 15:31; (Phil. 2:11)	12:26; 21:22
6:2	3 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:24; 8:6; Acts 8:7; 9:33	13 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:9	<sup>c</sup> Luke 18:28
	7 <sup>a</sup> Job 14:4; Is. 43:25; Dan. 9:9	14 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:9–13; Luke 5:27–32	15 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:10
	9 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:5	<sup>b</sup> Matt. 4:19; 8:22;	17 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:12, 13; 18:11; Luke 5:31, 32; 19:10

### Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”

<sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. <sup>21</sup>No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. <sup>22</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

### Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

<sup>23</sup>Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup>But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him; <sup>26</sup>how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high

priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”

<sup>27</sup>And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

### Healing on the Sabbath

**3** <sup>1</sup>And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. <sup>3</sup>And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they kept silent. <sup>5</sup>And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. <sup>6</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

### A Great Multitude Follows Jesus

<sup>7</sup>But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude

\* 3:5 NU-Text omits *as whole as the other*.

18 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:14–17;

Luke 5:33–38

19 <sup>1</sup> Lit. *sons of the bridechamber*

20 <sup>a</sup> Acts 1:9; 13:2, 3; 14:23

23 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:1–8; Luke 6:1–5

<sup>b</sup> Deut. 23:25

24 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 20:10; 31:15

25 <sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 21:1–6

26 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 29:32, 33; Lev. 24:5–9

27 <sup>a</sup> Gen. 2:3; Ex. 23:12; Deut. 5:14; Neh. 9:14;

Ezek. 20:12

28 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:8

#### Chapter 3

1 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:9–14;

Luke 6:6–11

2 <sup>a</sup> (Ps. 37:32); Luke 14:1; 20:20

<sup>b</sup> Luke 13:14

<sup>1</sup> *bring charges against*

3 <sup>1</sup> Lit. *Arise into the midst*

5 <sup>a</sup> Zech. 7:12

6 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 2:2; Mark 12:13

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 22:16

from Galilee followed Him, <sup>a</sup>and from Judea <sup>a</sup>and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how <sup>a</sup>many things He was doing, came to Him. <sup>9</sup>So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. <sup>10</sup>For He healed <sup>a</sup>many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to <sup>b</sup>touch Him. <sup>11a</sup>And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, <sup>b</sup>“You are the Son of God.” <sup>12</sup>But <sup>a</sup>He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

### The Twelve Apostles

<sup>13a</sup>And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. <sup>14</sup>Then He appointed twelve,<sup>\*</sup> that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, <sup>15</sup>and to have <sup>1</sup>power <sup>\*\*</sup>to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons: <sup>16\*\*\*</sup>Simon, <sup>a</sup>to whom He gave the name Peter; <sup>17</sup>James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is,

\* 3:14 NU-Text adds *whom He also named apostles*.

\*\* 3:15 NU-Text omits *to heal sicknesses and*.

\*\*\* 3:16 NU-Text reads *and He appointed the twelve: Simon. . .*

“Sons of Thunder”; <sup>18</sup>Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; <sup>19</sup>and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

### A House Divided Cannot Stand

<sup>20</sup>Then the multitude came together again, <sup>a</sup>so that they could not so much as eat bread. <sup>21</sup>But when His <sup>a</sup>own people heard *about this*, they went out to lay hold of Him, <sup>b</sup>for they said, “He is out of His mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, <sup>a</sup>“He has Beelzebub,” and, “By the <sup>b</sup>ruler of the demons He casts out demons.”

<sup>23a</sup>So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. <sup>27a</sup>No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

### The Unpardonable Sin

<sup>28a</sup>“Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and

7 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:25; Luke 6:17

8 <sup>a</sup> Mark 5:19

10 <sup>a</sup> Mark 5:29, 34; Luke 7:21

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 9:21; 14:36; Mark 6:56; 8:22

11 <sup>a</sup> Mark 1:23, 24; Luke 4:41

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 8:29; 14:33; Mark 1:1; 5:7; Luke 8:28

12 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:16; Mark 1:25, 34

13 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 10:1; Mark 6:7; Luke 9:1

15 <sup>1</sup> *authority*

16 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 16:18; John 1:42

20 <sup>a</sup> Mark 6:31

21 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 69:8; Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3;

John 2:12

<sup>b</sup> John 7:5; 10:20; Acts 26:24;

22 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:34; 10:25; Luke 11:15; John 7:20; 8:48, 52; 10:20

<sup>b</sup> (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11;

Eph. 2:2)

23 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:25–29; Luke 11:17–22

27 <sup>a</sup> (Is. 49:24, 25); Matt. 12:29

28 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:31, 32; Luke 12:10; (1 John 5:16)



whatever blasphemies they may utter; <sup>29</sup>but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation”—<sup>30</sup>because they <sup>a</sup>said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

### *Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him*

<sup>31a</sup>Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. <sup>32</sup>And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers<sup>a</sup> are outside seeking You.”

<sup>33</sup>But He answered them, saying, “Who is My mother, or My brothers?”

<sup>34</sup>And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers!

<sup>35</sup>For whoever does the <sup>a</sup>will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

### *The Parable of the Sower*

**4**<sup>1</sup>And <sup>a</sup>again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. <sup>2</sup>Then He taught them many things by parables, <sup>a</sup>and said to them in His teaching:

<sup>3</sup>“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and

the birds<sup>\*\*</sup> of the air came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup>And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no <sup>1</sup>crop. <sup>8</sup>But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

<sup>9</sup>And He said<sup>\*\*\*</sup> to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

### *The Purpose of Parables*

<sup>10a</sup>But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup>And He said to them, “To you it has been given to <sup>a</sup>know the <sup>1</sup>mystery of the kingdom of God; but to <sup>b</sup>those who are outside, all things come in parables, <sup>12</sup>so that

*“Seeing they may see and not perceive,  
And hearing they may hear and not understand;  
Lest they should turn,  
And their sins be forgiven them.”*

### *The Parable of the Sower Explained*

<sup>13</sup>And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will

\* **3:32** NU-Text and M-Text add *and Your sisters*.

\*\* **4:4** NU-Text and M-Text omit *of the air*.

\*\*\* **4:9** NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them*.

**30** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:34; John 7:20; 8:48, 52; 10:20  
(1 John 2:17)  
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**31** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:46–50; Luke 8:19–21  
**1** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:1–15; Luke 8:4–10

**35** <sup>a</sup> Eph. 6:6; Heb. 10:36; 1 Pet. 4:2;  
**2** <sup>a</sup> Mark 12:38  
**7** <sup>1</sup> Lit. *fruit*

**10** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:10;

Luke 8:9

**11** <sup>a</sup> (Matt. 11:25; 1 Cor. 2:10–16; 2 Cor. 4:6)

<sup>b</sup> (1 Cor. 5:12, 13; Col. 4:5; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:7)

<sup>1</sup> *secret or hidden truths*

**12** <sup>a</sup> Is. 6:9, 10; 43:8; Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Matt. 13:14; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Rom. 11:8

## SYMPTOMS OF DEMONIC OPERATION

The subject of mental illness is very controversial in Christian circles. Inside the extreme schools of thought we find balance and a scriptural viewpoint. First, let me say clearly, all mental illness is not the result of demonic attack. Further, good psychological care from Christian professionals is vital and in order when an individual is struggling. Also, professionally administered medication may be necessary when chemical imbalances occur. When normal medicine and therapy do not result in a cure, then it is possible that these symptoms could point to demonic operation.

Let me list for you fourteen symptoms of demonic operation. As these symptoms are listed, realize that some of them could also be caused by something other than demonic oppression. The first six symptoms on this list are extreme and are drawn from the account of the demoniac of Gadara in Mark 5. This man had been chained in a cemetery because of his erratic and violent behavior. When you look at Mark 5:1–15, you can see clear symptoms of demonic activity.

### **Symptom 1: Incapacity for normal living (Mark 5:1–5)**

Just as the actions of Legion made him unsuitable for normal social interaction with friends and family, an unusual desire for solitude, accompanied by a deep loneliness, will often set in. The person will often become very passive with no desire to change.

### **Symptom 2: Extreme behavior (Mark 5:4)**

Violence will often be evident in the victim's life. An explosive temper and extreme, uncontrollable anger are dangerous behaviors that control the individual and the people who love him or her.

### **Symptom 3: Personality changes (Mark 5:9, 12)**

Multiple personalities exist in some of the most serious cases of demonic control. This man had a "legion" of spirits within his life. All cases of multiple personality may not be demonic, but in most cases demon activity is involved. Changes in personality, extreme or mild, may be evidence of demonic activity.

### **Symptom 4: Restlessness and insomnia (Mark 5:5)**

In verse 5 we see this man crying in the tombs "night and day." He could not sleep. Insomnia can be a sign of a physical problem or a sign of a spiritual problem. God has gifted His children with sleep (Ps. 127:2). So when you cannot sleep night after night and there is no medical reason for this disturbance, the devil may be tormenting you. Don't forget; you have the right to rest in Jesus! David said in Psalm 4:8, "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." Sleep is God's gift to all who trust in Him.

### **Symptom 5: A terrible inner anguish (Mark 5:5)**

The man at Gadara was deeply tormented in mind and heart. Various levels of anguish are evident in those who are afflicted by demons. Grief and anguish

are normal emotions for us all. Yet persistent, unresolved anguish that will not leave after normal therapies of counseling, encouragement, and prayer could well be demonic.

### **Symptom 6: Self-inflicted injury and suicide (Mark 5:5)**

Here we see the demonic man was cutting himself. If you read Mark 9:14–29, you will see the story of the man whose son was both deaf and mute because of a demon: “Wherever he [the evil spirit] seizes him, he throws him down....Often he [the demon] has thrown him [the boy] both into the fire and into the water to destroy him” (vv. 18, 22). Jesus cast out the demon. “The spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead....But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose” (vv. 26–27). Demons can cause people to injure themselves. They even incite suicide.

### **Symptom 7: Unexplained illness with no obvious medical cause**

When medical testing produces no physical cause for an illness, then we should look to the mind and spirit for answers. Sometimes illnesses are psychological, and good counseling can result in a cure. Other times the battle is with demons. There are physical illnesses caused by a class of demons known as “spirits of infirmity.”

### **Symptom 8: Addictive behavior**

Addiction to alcohol, drugs, sex, food, gambling, and other things opens the door to demonic influence and control. I am not saying demons cause all of these problems; certainly people are responsible for their own wrong choices. But anything that causes one to be out of control opens that person to infernal control.

### **Symptom 9: Abnormal sexual behavior**


When Jezebel’s son inquired about peace, Jehu responded, “What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?” (2 Kin. 9:22).

In Ezekiel 16:20–51 the spirit of harlotry is mentioned several times. This spirit infected the nation of Israel with the sins of Sodom (vv. 49–50). They even sacrificed their own children (vv. 20–21). Homosexuality, adultery, fornication, and even infanticide are all inspired by the spirit of harlotry. Hosea 4:12 says, “The spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God.” Look at Hosea 5:4: “They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, and they do not know the LORD.”

A nation and a people given over to sexual sins and abominations is governed by this spirit of harlotry. Nations and families are sold into spiritual bondage by the witchcraft of the spirit of harlotry. When we play around with sexual sin, we open ourselves to this demonic spirit. We must battle this principality that dominates our nation.

### **Symptom 10: Defeat, failure, and depression in the Christian life**

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 2:14, “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ.” Notice this verse is preceded by an exhortation from Paul to forgive others “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for



we are not ignorant of his devices” (vv. 10–11). It is Satan’s purpose to take advantage of our situations and to rob us of the victorious life that is ours in Christ. This symptom is often manifested by an inability to praise and worship. Psalm 92:1–4 is a testimony to the power of praise.

It culminates in verse 4, where David said, “For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.” Again he said, “Save us, O Lord our God...to give thanks...[and] to triumph in Your praise” (Ps. 106:47).

### **Symptom 11: Occult involvement and behavior**

Deuteronomy 18:9–12 catalogs the works of the occult and witchcraft, including child sacrifice; fortune-telling; soothsaying; interpreting omens; sorcery; and the work of those who conjure spells, mediums, spiritists, and those who call up the dead. Then verse 15 instructs the people to hear the word of God from the prophet of God and order their lives accordingly. Occult involvement is clearly a symptom of demonic control.

### **Symptom 12: Speech difficulties**

In Matthew 9:32–33 Jesus rebuked a demon, and the mute man was able to speak. Speech difficulties may be physical, emotional, mental, and, in some cases, demonic. Extreme language and cursing may be prompted by the enemy.

### **Symptom 13: Doctrinal error**

In 1 Timothy 4:1 we receive a warning that in the last days deceiving spirits will teach the doctrines of demons. Today religious cults and charlatans abound. The reason these deceivers draw many people is the power of the demonic that teaches them.

### **Symptom 14: Religious legalism**

Galatians 3:1 says to the believer who is in danger of going back under the Law, “Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth?” The church at Galatia had forsaken a faith ministry that resulted in the miraculous (v. 5) for a law ministry of rules and regulations. Paul classified this error as witchcraft. Some deeply religious people are under the bondage of tradition, man-made rules, and outward appearances. Demons thrive in this kind of environment, especially demons of control. It is a lot easier to keep a ritual or list of rules than it is to walk by faith. Wherever there is any substitute for faith in the finished work of Christ, it is a doctrine of demons.\*

\* Ron Phillips, *Everyone’s Guide to Demons and Spiritual Warfare*, 99–103.

you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>¶The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>¶And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. <sup>16</sup>¶These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup>¶and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. <sup>18</sup>¶Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>¶and the <sup>a</sup>cares of this world, <sup>b</sup>the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>¶But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, <sup>1</sup>accept it, and bear <sup>a</sup>fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

### Light Under a Basket

<sup>21</sup>¶Also He said to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup>¶For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. <sup>23</sup>¶If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>24</sup>¶Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. <sup>a</sup>With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and

to you who hear, more will be given. <sup>25</sup>¶For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

### The Parable of the Growing Seed

<sup>26</sup>¶And He said, <sup>a</sup>“The kingdom of God is as if a man should <sup>1</sup>scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>¶and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and <sup>a</sup>grow, he himself does not know how. <sup>28</sup>¶For the earth <sup>a</sup>yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>¶But when the grain ripens, immediately <sup>b</sup>he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

#### Mark 4:39

I rebuke all the winds and storms of the enemy sent against my life.

### The Parable of the Mustard Seed

<sup>30</sup>¶Then He said, <sup>a</sup>“To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? <sup>31</sup>¶*It is* like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>¶but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”

14 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:18–23; Luke 8:11–15

19 <sup>a</sup> Luke 21:34  
<sup>b</sup> Prov. 23:5; Eccl. 5:13; Luke 18:24; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

20 <sup>a</sup> (John 15:2, 5; Rom. 7:4)  
<sup>1</sup> receive

21 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 5:15; Luke 8:16; 11:33

22 <sup>a</sup> Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 10:26, 27; Luke 12:3; (1 Cor. 4:5)

23 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 11:15; 13:9, 43; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8; 14:35; Rev. 3:6, 13, 22;

13:9

24 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 7:2; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6

25 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:12; 25:29; Luke 8:18; 19:26

26 <sup>a</sup> (Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43); Luke 8:1  
<sup>1</sup> sow

27 <sup>a</sup> (2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Pet. 3:18)

28 <sup>a</sup> (John 12:24)

29 <sup>a</sup> (Mark 13:30, 39); Rev. 14:15

30 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:31, 32; Luke 13:18, 19; (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14; 19:20)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

# BASICS

## *Know Your Place in God's Plan*

We all need to know our fellowship (part) in the plan of God. As individuals, churches, and families, we need to know what our role is in the plan of God. Prophets deal with eternal purposes. (See Ephesians 3:11.) The eternal plans and purposes ordained by the Lord from before the foundation of the world apply to every person. Each and every one of us has been born with a part in the eternal purposes of God. We can choose to walk in that purpose or reject it through disobedience and rebellion—or through ignorance.

We are not called to do anything and everything, but rather we are called to fulfill a specific function within the body of Christ. The saints need to be fitly joined together and every part functioning properly (Eph. 4:16). I believe that prophets are the primary ones who can help us find our places in the body and learn to function properly, thus fulfilling the will of the Lord for the church.\*

\* John Eckhardt, *God Still Speaks*, 33–35.

### *Jesus' Use of Parables*

<sup>33a</sup>And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. <sup>34</sup>But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, <sup>a</sup>He explained all things to His disciples.

### *Wind and Wave Obey Jesus*

<sup>35a</sup>On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, <sup>a</sup>“Teacher, <sup>b</sup>do You not care that we are perishing?”

<sup>39</sup>Then He arose and <sup>a</sup>rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, <sup>b</sup>“Peace, <sup>1</sup> be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? <sup>a</sup>How <sup>c</sup>is it that you have no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

### *A Demon-Possessed Man Healed*

**5** <sup>1</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the <sup>\*\*</sup>Gadarenes. <sup>2</sup>And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an <sup>a</sup>unclean spirit, <sup>3</sup>who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind <sup>\*\*\*</sup>him, not even with chains, <sup>4</sup>because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled

\* **4:40** NU-Text reads *Have you still no faith?*

\*\* **5:1** NU-Text reads *Gerasenes*.

\*\*\* **5:3** NU-Text adds *any more*.

**33** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:34, 35; (John 16:12) **39** <sup>a</sup> Ps. 44:23; Mark 9:25; Luke 4:39  
**34** <sup>a</sup> Luke 24:27, 45  
**35** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:18, 23–27; Luke 8:22, 25  
**38** <sup>a</sup> (Matt. 23:8–10) <sup>b</sup> Ps. 65:7; 89:9; 93:4; 104:6, 7; Matt. 8:26; Luke

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<sup>1</sup> Lit. *Be quiet* **1** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:28–34; Luke 8:26–37  
**40** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 14:31, 32; Luke 8:25 **2** <sup>a</sup> Mark 1:23; 7:25; (Rev. 16:13, 14)

apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. <sup>5</sup>And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. <sup>7</sup>And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I <sup>a</sup>implore<sup>1</sup> You by God that You do not torment me.”

<sup>8</sup>For He said to him, <sup>a</sup>“Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” <sup>9</sup>Then He asked him, “What *is* your name?”

And he answered, saying, “My name *is* Legion; for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

<sup>11</sup>Now a large herd of <sup>a</sup>swine was feeding there near the mountains. <sup>12</sup>So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” <sup>13</sup>And <sup>a</sup>at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup>So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* <sup>a</sup>demon-possessed and had the legion, <sup>b</sup>sitting and

<sup>c</sup>clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. <sup>17</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

<sup>18</sup>And when He got into the boat, <sup>a</sup>he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. <sup>19</sup>However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” <sup>20</sup>And he departed and began to <sup>a</sup>proclaim in <sup>1</sup>Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all <sup>b</sup>marveled.

### *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

<sup>21</sup><sup>a</sup>Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. <sup>22</sup><sup>a</sup>And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet <sup>23</sup>and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and <sup>a</sup>lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” <sup>24</sup>So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

<sup>25</sup>Now a certain woman <sup>a</sup>had a flow of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and had suffered many things from many physicians.

\* 5:13 NU-Text reads *And He gave*.

7 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 26:63;  
Mark 1:24;

Acts 19:13

<sup>1</sup> *adjure*

8 <sup>a</sup> Mark 1:25; 9:25;  
(Acts 16:18)

11 <sup>a</sup> Lev. 11:7, 8;  
Deut. 14:8;  
Luke 15:15, 16

15 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 4:24; 8:16;  
Mark 1:32

<sup>b</sup> Luke 10:39

<sup>c</sup> (Is. 61:10)

17 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:34; Acts  
16:39

18 <sup>a</sup> Luke 8:38, 39

20 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 15:2; Ps.  
66:16

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 9:8, 33;  
John 5:20; 7:21;  
Acts 3:12; 4:13

<sup>1</sup> Lit. *Ten Cities*

21 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:1; Luke  
8:40

22 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:18–26;  
Luke 8:41–56;  
Acts 13:15

23 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 8:15;  
Mark 6:5; 7:32;  
8:23, 25; 16:18;

Luke 4:40; Acts

9:17; 28:8

25 <sup>a</sup> Lev. 15:19, 25;  
Matt. 9:20

She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and <sup>a</sup>touch<sup>d</sup> His garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

<sup>29</sup>Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the <sup>1</sup>affliction. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that <sup>a</sup>power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”

<sup>31</sup>But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”

<sup>32</sup>And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, <sup>a</sup>fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>And He said to her, “Daughter, <sup>a</sup>your faith has made you well. <sup>b</sup>Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

<sup>35</sup>While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue’s *house* who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”

<sup>36</sup>As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only <sup>a</sup>believe.” <sup>37</sup>And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>Then He came to the house of the ruler of the

synagogue, and saw <sup>1</sup>a tumult and those who <sup>a</sup>wept and wailed loudly. <sup>39</sup>When He came in, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but <sup>a</sup>sleeping.”

<sup>40</sup>And they ridiculed Him. <sup>a</sup>But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying. <sup>41</sup>Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

<sup>42</sup>Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age*. And they were <sup>a</sup>overcome with great amazement. <sup>43</sup>But <sup>a</sup>He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

### Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

**6** <sup>1</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup>And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were <sup>a</sup>astonished, saying, <sup>b</sup>“Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! <sup>3</sup>Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and <sup>a</sup>brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they <sup>b</sup>were offended at Him.

**27** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 14:35, 36; Mark 3:10; 6:56

**29** <sup>1</sup> *suffering*

**30** <sup>a</sup> Luke 6:19; 8:46

**33** <sup>a</sup> (Ps. 89:7)

**34** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 9:22; Mark 10:52; Acts 14:9

<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 1:17;

20:42; 2 Kin. 5:19; Luke 7:50; 8:48; Acts 16:36; (James 2:16)

**35** <sup>a</sup> Luke 8:49

**36** <sup>a</sup> (Mark 9:23; John 11:40)

**38** <sup>a</sup> Mark 16:10; Acts 9:39

<sup>1</sup> *an uproar* Luke 4:16

**39** <sup>a</sup> John 11:4, 11

**40** <sup>a</sup> Acts 9:40

**42** <sup>a</sup> Mark 1:27; 7:37

**43** <sup>a</sup> (Matt.8:4;12:16–19; 17:9); Mark 3:12

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**1** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 13:54;

**2** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 7:28; Luke 4:32; Acts 4:13

<sup>b</sup> John 6:42

**3** <sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:46; Gal. 1:19

<sup>b</sup> (Matt. 11:6)