

FAMILIES UNDER ATTACK!
Wednesday Night, April 12, 2006

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SCRIPTURE TEACHES US THAT WE ARE IN A WAR!

- **“Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength (power) of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood*, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:10-12).**

***We don't wrestle against flesh and blood
but we DO wrestle!**

Hear Jesus praying The Lord's Prayer:

**“... and do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil (or the evil one)” (Matt. 6:13).**

In Luke 22:31-32 hear Jesus warn Peter:

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

**In John 17 we find Jesus' longest recorded prayer.
He prays first for Himself,
then for the disciples who were there at the table w/Him.**

**Finally He prays for all the people
who will come to believe in Him
throughout human history.**

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**"I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world,
but to keep them from the evil one."**

Jesus knew His disciples
& their families
– then and now –
would be exposed to Satan's influence as long
as they were living in this world.

Know that we are in a war,
& w/out a doubt -

OUR FAMILIES ARE UNDER ATTACK!

Children snarl and behave like untamed animals.
They rebel and react to parental correction
with irrational hostility
or stubbornness.

Parents obstinately refuse to listen
to the hurts and problems

of their children
when it's obvious
their insensitivity is destroying
the parent-child relationship.

People seek advice and solutions
from psychologists and secular counselors,
but often these are not problems
the wisdom of men can solve.

The forces of darkness
have invaded our families,
and their agents are in control,
producing “disorder and every evil thing.”

What do we do about it?
Do we ignore it hoping it will go away?

1st we need to acknowledge that the war rages.

Romans 8:6

**“For to be carnally minded is death,
but to be spiritually minded
is life and peace.”**

**2nd we need to understand that our families
are under attack;**

3rd we need to recognize who the enemy is;

4th we need information!!

THE PROBLEMS ARE BEING CAUSED
BY SUPERNATURAL,
SPIRITUAL POWERS,
AND THEY WILL NOT YIELD
TO ANYTHING LESS THAN THE GREATER
SUPERNATURAL,
SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

There is only one answer to the strife
that plagues Christian families today:

**“You are from God, little children,
and have overcome them;
because greater is He who is in you
than he who is in the world” (I John 4:4).**

It is satan who makes men spurn the wives
who have borne their children.

It's the devil who prompts a wife and mother
to run away with her boss,
leaving behind a shocked and hurting family.

It's satan
who leads a generation of youngsters
down the path to destruction.

Families are under attack!

The things that damage your family relationships
are not just unfortunate coincidences.

Evil spirits are working
to divide you from those you love.

He wants to do it through mutual accusations –
(Satan is the accuser of the brethren!)

He works to kill you and those you love through
slander,
malice, &
dissension.

He works through
abuse,
neglect, and
self-centeredness.

He works through drugs & alcohol.

His goal is to take away
the life and vitality of the family.

One of his most effective ploys
is to attack
each member of the family
on an individual basis.

Withdrawal of one family member from the rest
invites an enemy attack!
Ex: SHEEP

I Corinthians 10:11 tells us
that the experiences of Israel
are given to us as examples of spiritual reality.

The ancient Hebrews
didn't believe their enemies could invade the promised land
and take them captive.

Yet Israel was overrun again and again.

Most of the OT
chronicles the story of God's people
living as prisoners in the promised land.

Learn from the Israelites:
Don't be deceived into believing
you can't be attacked by the enemy,
that demonic beings can't really bother you.

But Scripture teaches us that we are not weapon-less!

Spiritual warfare is a very constant reality;
& though the war is difficult at times,
we can face the enemy without fear,
confident that God doesn't send us into
battle unprotected.

1st of all, God is our Rock! Fortress! Deliverer!
Psalm 18:1,2
& He is the Rock, Fortress, Deliverer
for our family also!!

2nd He is our Hedge!

Remember the “hedge” around Job? (Job 1:10)

When you abide in the Word,

God’s Presence stands between you, your family
& the enemy!

3rd God provides armor for us & for our family.

Ephesians 6:11-18

Our weapons have been fashioned
and issued by God.

They are spiritual weapons.

i.e. they are supernatural,
capable of withstanding and
overcoming the

**“principalities ... powers ... rulers of the darkness ...
spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

We are to PUT THE ARMOR ON!!

MORE ABOUT THE ARMOR IN THE COMING WKS.

II Corinthians 10:3, 4, 5

**“...Though we walk in the flesh,
we do not war according to the flesh.**

**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal
but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
casting down arguments and every high thing
that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,
bringing every thought into captivity
to the obedience of Christ.”**

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY EVERY DAY!
2. ANOINT YOUR FAMILY WITH OIL EVERY DAY!
3. BLESS YOUR FAMILY EVERY DAY!
4. TAKE COMMUNION WITH YOUR FAMILY OFTEN!
5. MEET WITH OTHER PARENTS,
SHARE YOUR CONCERNS,
PRAY WITH AND FOR EACH OTHER.
6. START A PRAYER-COVENANT WITH A FRIEND.

(EVERY DAY, AT THE SAME HOUR, THE TWO OF YOU WILL AGREE IN PRAYER FOR YOUR FAMILIES.

EACH OF YOU WILL CALL THE OTHER'S FAMILY MEMBERS BY NAME, INDIVIDUALLY.)

EXCHANGE PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS!

BLESSINGS YOU CAN USE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.
Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your
beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.
Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out”
(Deuteronomy 28:3-6, NASB).

*How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.
When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, within your house,
your children like olive plants around your table.
Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you, and may you see prosperity all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your
children’s children! Peace be upon God’s people! (Adapted from Psalm 128, NASB)*

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the Name of the God of Jacob protect you.
May He send you help and grant you support.
May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
May the Lord grant all your requests (Adapted from Psalm 20:1, 2, 4, 5b, NIV).

*“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement
give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,
so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of peace be with you all”
(Romans 15:5, 6, 13, 33, NIV).*

“Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands.
His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
Even in darkness, light dawn for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.
Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever”
(Psalm 112:1b, 2, 3, 4, 6, NIV).

*May the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name, out of His
glorious riches strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may
dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power,
together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to
know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of
God. (Adapted from Ephesians 3:14-19, NIV)*

“The God of love and peace be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all” (II Corinthians 13:11b, 14, NIV).

*“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you” (I Thessalonians 5:23, 24, 28, NIV).

“The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm; He will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore” (Psalm 121:5-8, NIV).

*“May the God of peace,
who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:21-22, KJV).*

“May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.
Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you” (II Thessalonians 2:16, 17; 3:16, KJV).

*“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen” (Jude 1:24-25).*

FROM THE JEWISH TRADITION:

May God be good to you and keep the covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and His faithful servants. May He fill each of you with the desire to worship Him and to do His will eagerly with all your heart and soul. May He enable you to understand His law and His commands. May He give you peace, answer your prayers, forgive your sins, and never abandon you in times of trouble.

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN TRADITION

*God be with you ‘till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; ‘neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you; when life’s perils thick confound you,
put His arms unfailing round you; keep love’s banner floating o’er you,
smite death’s threatening wave before you: God be with you ‘till we meet again. – Jeremiah E. Rankin*

A BLESSING FOR OUR NATION FROM THE METHODIST TRADITION

Grant us peace, your most precious gift, O eternal Source of peace. Bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and the advocate of peace in the councils of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between all the inhabitants of our land. Plant virtue in every soul; and may the love of your Name hallow ever home and every heart. May You be praised, O Lord, Giver of peace, Amen.

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Prayer example for estranged husband and wife.

Couple: _____ and _____
Problem: _____ has “fallen” into adultery.

March 9, 2006, this “word” came from the
Intercessors & Prophets who were in prayer for a couple whose marriage was in trouble
because the husband had committed adultery.

“There is a harlot assigned to this man who has the spirit of ‘predator’ assigned
to her. She has been assigned by the enemy to move into his life, to destroy his
soul ... and rob (his wife) of her marriage.”

FACT:
“The thief comes to rob, kill, steal, and destroy.”

PURPOSE OF ATTACK:

This spirit is stalking _____ and seducing him
to lure him from the Lord and his spiritual inheritance, his divine destiny, his purpose, and his calling.
The “attacker” also hopes to cause his wife so much grief and disillusionment that she will become
discouraged and give up her relationship with the Lord.

We must prophesy, according to Ezekiel 37,

LIFE to (the wife) and

DEATH to the predator-spirit – the harlot.

We must ask the Wind of the Spirit to blow spiritual life into

_____(the husband)_____ once again. And we will speak to the spiritual things that are dead in him and
say, “COME TO LIFE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Prophecy into _____(the wife’s)_____ life:

- * That she would rise up in authority and take back her marriage;
- * That her husband would be claimed for the Kingdom of God in the Name of the Lord – the
Almighty One who does impossible things;
- * That she would move out in supernatural power and supernatural strength for a divine
appointment.

The wisdom found in Proverbs says that we have the power of death and life in our very WORDS.

Pray

- * That _____(the wife)_____ would open her ears to hear what the SPIRIT OF THE LORD says;
- * That she would walk by FAITH and not by sight, for faith is what we *cannot see* but what we
are *hoping for* – and we are hoping for restoration.
- * That _____(the wife)_____ would call things that are not as if they were;

- * That she would call (her husband) saved, healed, whole, and set free from perversion and sexual immorality;
- * That he would return to the love of his youth;
- * That he would turn from his wicked ways and repent in the NAME OF THE LORD;
- * That he would rise and call Jesus, Lord!
- * That he would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ;
- * That his soul will be saved;
- * That he will be spared the destruction and wrath that is sure to come upon him.

God is a God of unlimited patience; and we are called to show patience and not “ throw in the towel” too quickly. (“You will reap in due season, if you faint now.”) We are also called to stand in faith believing for salvation to come to (the husband) and for the blinders to be removed from (the husband’s) eyes.

We Also Pray –

- * That (the wife) would not lose hope;
- * That (the husband’s) family would not lose hope;
- * That those who know (the husband) personally would not lose hope;
- * That *we* would believe for the “impossible” to come to pass and be possible.
- * That (the husband) would be saved ... gloriously saved and bear much fruit!
- * That (the husband) would be placed into the Kingdom to become a credit to all who know and see him.
- * That (the husband) would testify to the life changing power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Speak life in the name of the LORD.

***Stand firm in the Word and speak AGAINST THE DEATH
of this marriage in the NAME OF THE LORD.***

Paul told the church at Corinth that we WRESTLE NOT with flesh and blood ... but we DO wrestle, yes we do! We wrestle with the powers of darkness; and that *fight is fixed* by the power of the Cross! For when Jesus was crucified HE stripped satan of all his power over believers.

So, we speak concerning these people in sin, who have principalities of hell assigned to them, and we say, “COME HOLY SPIRIT, and rest upon them that they will know the truth and that the truth will set them free from the evil powers that bind them.”

Lord, we also pray that _____ will rise up in the authority that you have given her/him as the partner in this covenant of marriage and take authority over the powers of darkness.

Strengthen her/him, LORD, to do thy will.
Enable her/him, Lord.

And Father, we also ask that you open her/his eyes to see the vision that you have for her/his life;
and that she/he will receive a word in due season;
and that she/he will stand on it and NOT BE MOVED.

Lord, give her/him a personal revelation to walk in; and cover her/him with your grace that she/he will be able to stand through this trial and storm and declare nothing less than victory in the NAME OF THE LORD.

“We shall believe the report of the LORD.”

ALL Glory to God, and thanks be for you and your ministry of prayer.

I realize that adultery is grounds for divorce in the Scriptures, but this is a prayer, and a declaration and a prophetic voice crying out of the wilderness believing for total redemption and restoration to all parties and relationships involved.

This is the Word of the Lord.