



UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE



**“He teaches my hands to war and my
fingers to fight” Psalm 144:1**

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Introduction

My first introduction to spiritual warfare was not of my own choosing.

We were pastoring a small church and one of the congregational members brought a couple who were into witchcraft to our church.

The couple was looking for help and wanted to know if I would conduct a deliverance. I told them, "they needed to attend three straight church services and I would perform a deliverance."

I really thought they would not attend. I was wrong, they did. I set up a Friday night for the deliverance. I asked my deacons to come with me and we prayed and fasted. I had heard horror stories from other pastors about deliverance services which made me fearful and I really did not want to do it.

The Holy Spirit told me to study every deliverance Jesus did, who better to study than the Master. As I began to study faith began to build up in my spirit. Jesus said come out and they came out.

I was still concerned about the stories of people being injured by demons during deliverance. One day in prayer I heard Luke 10:19 in my spirit. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." A Rhema word of faith was dropped into my spirit. Through Christ I have the authority to cast out these spirits and they cannot touch me.

We saw a great victory during the service and subsequent follow up cleansing of their house.

This was a great learning experience for me and I am still learning. His mercies are new each morning.

Spiritual warfare is not just casting out demons.

Each of us is in a spiritual battle with an enemy that has entrenched in the earth. In **Matthew 10:34 Jesus said; "Think not that I am: come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword."**

The sword is the Word of God. **(Hebrews 4:12) Jesus is the Word; The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. **(John 1:14)****

Jesus is the Sword that came to earth. He came to defeat the enemy and set the captives free. He gives the same sword to all of His believers. **(Eph.4:12)**

This sword is the only offensive weapon God has given to His children. Our God only has to speak His Word and all creation obeys. In his engagement with Satan Jesus taught us how to use the sword in battle. Every time Satan came at him He rebuked him with the Word.

A good swordsman is skilled in the Word.

Paul tells Timothy to; “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15. Paul said studying will help you to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

I knew that I needed to be skilled with the sword before I went to battle. I studied and studied the Word until I felt I could use the sword with confidence.

Beloved there is no neutral believers in this warfare. You have an adversary who wants to steal from you, kill you and literally destroy you. (John 10:10)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10, 11.

I wrote this book as a study guide to help educate and encourage others with their warfare.

Remember you are more than a conqueror in Christ. Nothing can defeat you and nothing can separate you from God and His Love.

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:33 - 37

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:17

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Chapter 1

“YOU HAVE AN ENEMY”

- **Rule number One of warfare is; know your enemy. Peter tells us our enemy is the devil;**

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” 1 Peter 5:8

- Satan is your arch enemy (adversary)
- He incessantly roams the earth like a roaring lion looking for those he can swallow up, drown or devour
- You need to stay alert and be aware that his demons are on the prowl looking for those with their hedge down

Now you understand that I have imparted to you all my authority to trample over his kingdom. You will trample upon every demon before you and overcome every power Satan possesses. Absolutely nothing will be able to harm you as you walk in this authority. **(Luke 10:19) TPT**

- **Jesus tells us there is a war going on between the Kingdom of Heaven and Satan’s Kingdom.**
 - War with man started in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3: 1 -6)
 - As a member of the Kingdom of Heaven you are automatically drafted into this war, there are no exemptions. You cannot declare yourself as being neutral or hide your head in the sand.

**For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh
1 Corinthians 10:3**

- Jesus said he has given you authority to walk over all the demonic weapons and power formed against you
- His Authority only works when you walk in the Spirit. Every step you take must be ordered by the Lord and guided by the Spirit
- Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit, He was not out looking for demons

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12)

- One of the devil's main weapons is to get you into the flesh by making it a personal wrestling match with someone

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
(Ephesians 6:10)**

- Paul said this a very important truth. You must abide in Christ (John 15) and allow His Word and Holy Spirit to increase your daily walk so you can walk in His dominion and strength and might

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Chapter 2

“DRESSED FOR WAR”

Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:11, 13

- You must put on each part of the armor, so you will be well protected against every evil strategy the accuser and deceiver will use against you
- You will need to become very efficient in using every part of the armor to steadfastly resist in the day of harassment, oppression, condemnation, temptation and illness
 - Especially in front of others

Having your loins girt about with truth (**Ephesians 6:14**)

- "Gird one's loins" was used to describe the process of pulling up and tying the lower portion of the long outer garment between one's legs to increase mobility in battle or for work.
 - It is called the belt of truth, because you must be sanctified through the Word of God; Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. JOHN17:17 and I must be guided by and listening to the Spirit of truth; Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. John 16:13
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Having on the breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)

- Breastplate of righteousness covers the heart, the seat of your emotions, actions and character. When virtue is stored within, the hearts of good and upright people will produce good fruit. But when evil is hidden within, those who are evil will produce evil fruit. Matthew 12:35
 - Righteousness is integrity, virtue, purity of life and correctness of thinking, feeling and acting
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Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Eph.6:15

- Your feet must have shoes prepared to walk in forgiveness and peace by the Word of God
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Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph.6:16

- Shields are the first line of defense and are used to intercept close-ranged weaponry or projectiles like arrows. They can also be used to protect others
 - Faith is the basic ingredient to begin a relationship with God. Faith is the trust and conviction God will do what He has revealed and promised in His Word. Strongest shields are those fortified with speaking in tongues. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. (JUDE: 20)
 - Fiery Darts are the thoughts of doubt, fear, mistrust, lack of confidence and temptation from your past to set your mind and heart on fire with fear, doubt and or lust.
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Chapter 3

“WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE”

- **Sword of the Spirit**

Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph.6:17

- **Word of God is the seed which produces the Kingdom of Heaven in us. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter 1:23**

- **You overcome Satan by the Word of God that abides in you.**

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the **word of God** abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:14

- **You need to continually study the Word of God so you can understand it correctly. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 TIMOTHY 2:15**

- Before you can use the Sword of the Spirit correctly you need to have it reveal to you what is Spirit and what is your Soul. For the **word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12
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- The Name of Jesus

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in **my name** shall they cast out devils; Mark 16:7

- You have been given the authority to use Jesus name to cast out demons. You can command the demon to come out in Jesus name and they have to come out.
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- You are not to become prideful that you can cast out demons. You should always remember your authority is only because of Jesus and His gift of Salvation. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20
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FAITH, PRAYER, FASTING

then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, why could not we cast him out? Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of **mustard seed**, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:19 -21

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Chapter 4

“STRONGHOLDS”

STRONGHOLD is defined as: beliefs, imaginations and thought patterns that have developed in an individual as they grow

- **Be Not Conformed, Be Transformed by Renewing your mind**
and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2
- **We are not to conform or fashion our mind, character or thought pattern to a false pattern the devil has built in us. He uses rejection, hurtful and damaging words and hurt and pain in our life to build his stronghold in us. Think in your own life, what strongholds do you battle with?**

- **We are to transform our mind’s image of ourselves into the mind of Christ.**

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2: 5, 8

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Chapter 5

“KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN JESUS”

- **Mature Children**

The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of *never being good enough*. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, “You are God’s beloved child!” Romans 8:14 – 16 TPT

- Mature Children are those who move by the Holy Spirit impulses in their spirit and are led daily the Holy Spirit.
- Mature Children never serve God out of Duty. They Love their Father and want to please him. Which is why they cannot get trapped into the slavery of a works mentality
- Mature Children understand Father had such great loved for them that he adopted them into his Family and made them an heir to the Kingdom through Jesus
- Mature Children recognize the flesh does not want to yield God’s will

(In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God’s plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! Rom.8:7, 8)

(For when you live controlled by the flesh, you are about to die. But if the life of the Spirit puts to death the corrupt ways of the flesh, we then taste his abundant life. Rom.8:13)

I am complete in Jesus who is the head over all rule and authority in heaven and earth. “And our own completeness is now found in him. We are completely filled *with God* as Christ’s fullness overflows within us. He is the Head of every kingdom and authority in the universe! Colossians 2:10

I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know him through your deepening intimacy with him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling¹—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! Ephesians 1:17, 18

- **Jesus gives me the ability, grace, favor and anointing to do everything he has called me to do. “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13 (“to master all things.”)**
- **You were created to do the good works God has predestined you to do. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (these good works make up our destiny. As we yield to God, our prearranged destiny comes to pass and we are rewarded for simply doing what he wanted us to accomplish.)**
“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29 (That is, we are all out of one Source, God the Father)
- **Your life is not yours. You have died with Jesus and confirmed it in water baptism. You are to live your life through Christ.**
“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

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Chapter 8

“Kingdom of Darkness”

- **Satan has a kingdom of darkness that is set up with different realms just like the Kingdom of God.**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph.6: 12

- **His kingdom has four main realms; Principalities, Powers, Spiritual Wickedness in the heavens and Rulers of Darkness**

- **Principalities** Greek word arche which means first estate or beginning and are the fallen angels that harass, torment and possess man. (Hebrews 1:13 / Rev. 12:3, 4 & 9/ Jude 6)
- **Powers**= Greek word EXOUSIA (ex-oo-see'-ah) it means delegated authority, jurisdiction, magistrate, power, force, control. Exerts control over a city or region(Mark 5: 1 - 17)
- **Rulers of Darkness** = Satan himself. Jesus called him the “prince of this world”(John 12:31 /14:30)
- **Spiritual Wickedness in High Places** exercises wickedness over a country in the heaven lies and resists anything from heaven. (Ephesians 2:2 / Daniel 10:13)
- **We will discuss each of these later in other chapters**
- **Satan’s kingdom of darkness affected the earth from the beginning of his fall from his position of archangel**
And he said unto them, I beheld **Satan** as lightning **fall** from heaven.
Luke 10:18
- **When he fell he took a third of the angels with him.**
And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: **Rev.12:4**

- **These fallen angels make up his kingdom of darkness.**
 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? Because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.
 Luke 11:17, 18
- **Isaiah calls him Lucifer, son of the morning. Lucifer means “Light bearer”.**
 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Isa. 12:14
- **Being a light bearer, Satan can transform himself into an angel of light**
 Satan himself is transformed into an **angel of light** 2 Corinthians 11:14
- **When Satan fell he made the whole world a wilderness and plunged it into darkness**
 that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? Isaiah 14:17
 in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
 Gen.1:1, 2
- **First thing God created was light and then he divided the light from the darkness.**
 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Gen.1:3 -5
- Even though Satan has fallen you are not to hurl insults or disrespect him as he was the anointed of God
 In the same way, these sensual “dreamers” corrupt and pollute the natural realm, while on the other hand they reject the *spiritual* realms of governmental power and repeatedly scoff at heavenly glories. Even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil over the body of Moses, dared not insult or slander him, but simply said, “The Lord Yahweh rebuke you! Jude: 8, 9
- **Satan is not omnipresent**
- **Satan cannot create anything**

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Chapter 9

“Principalities”

- **Principalities** Greek word arche which means first estate or beginning and are the fallen angels that harass, torment and possess man.

- **Fallen Angels are the unclean or demonic spirits**

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **(Rev. 12:3, 4 & 9)**

- **Fallen Angels cannot separate us from God and His Love**

So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God’s love. I’m convinced that his love will triumph over death, life’s troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love **(Romans 8:38) TPT**

- **Demonic spirits can Posses man**

- **Possession is when a demonic spirit dwells in the soul of man** and there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. **(Mark 1:23 -26)**

- **Demonic spirit controls the soul of man to destroy and kill** and ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. **(Mark 9:22)**

- **Possession happens through an open door** for there are many who live by different standards. As I've warned you many times (I weep as I write these words), they are enemies of the cross of the Anointed One and doom awaits them. Their god has possessed them and made them mute **(Philippians 4:18, 19)**

- **Can be possessed by more than one demonic spirit**

and he asked him, what is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many **(Mark 5:9)**

- **Generational curses can causes possession**

Jesus responded, “You are an unbelieving people with no faith! Your lives are twisted with lies that have turned you away from doing what is right. How much longer should I remain here, offering you hope?” Then he said to the man, “Bring your son to me.” **(Mark 9:41) TPT**

- **Demons can dwell in animals and buildings**

Jesus commanded, “Then go!” And at once the demons came out of the men and went into the pigs. **(Matthew 8:31)**

- **Possession can give supernatural strength**

And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. **(Mark 5:2 – 4)**

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Chapter 10

“Casting Out demons”

- **Deliverance is when you cast an unclean spirit out of a person** now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. **(Mark 16:9)**
- **Casting out spirits is part of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven**
and as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. **(Matt. 10:7, 8)**

POSSESSION = control or occupancy, domination by something (Evil Spirit)

- **Every Believer in Christ has the authority to cast out demons (Chapter 6)**

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. **(Mark 16:17)**

- **Command them to come out in Jesus Name**

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee **in the name of Jesus** Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. **(Acts 16:8)**

- **Timing is very Important**

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation and this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. **(Acts 16: 16 - 18)**

- **You must be led by the Holy Spirit and operate in the Gift of Discerning of spirits (Chapter 7)**
 - **Never let the situation dictate to you**

GRIEVED - to be troubled, displeased, offended, and pained, to be worked up;

- **Spirits that are casted out journey through a dry place and will attempt to return**

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. **(Luke 11:24 – 26)**

- **If Person is not ready to walk in Salvation you can end up making it worse.**

- **Unclean spirits want to put on a show, Do not give them the opportunity**

and there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. **(Mark 1:23 - 26)**

- **The unclean spirit wanted to draw attention away from God and unto them**
 - **Jesus told him to hold his peace and come out. Jesus was not going to let him put on his show**
 - **Do not engage in conversation with the spirit. Simply command them to come out in Jesus Name.**
 - **They will do everything they can to distract you**
 - **Only one time did Jesus speak with an unclean spirit, when He asked what its name was**
 - **He did not make a habit of speaking with unclean spirits**
 - **Remember your dealing with the spirit not the person. You do not need to shout and get angry**

- **Possessed did not have to be next to Jesus**

and he said unto her, for this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed. **(Mark 7: 29, 30)**

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Chapter 11

“Deliverance”

- **Preparation**

- Pray in tongues, build up your most holy faith
- Study the Word of God, especially on who you are in Christ
- Ask the Holy Spirit for Guidance and Discernment
- If others are helping make sure you are operating in unity of belief and faith.

- **Operate in Love not fear**

for God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

- You need to make sure you have dealt with your own fear during the preparation
- Everything you do must be motivated by and done in Love

- **Fasting**

and when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. (Mark 9:28, 29)

- Whenever possible I suggest you fast before the deliverance
- I actually think the church should fast on a regular basis.
- Fasting is for your spiritual condition

- **Principality Spirits**

Name is revealed in its characteristic

- **Spirit of Fear (2 Tim. 1:7)**
(Usually need to confront the issues of rejection or mistrust in their life)
- **Spirit of Bondage (Romans 8:15)**
(Produces a slave mentality, twisted sense of loyalty and wanting to belong, Depression and entrapment)
- **Spirit of Divination - witchcraft, fortune telling, Horoscope (Deut. 18:10)**
(Need to deal with issues that led them to open the door and then have them repent and close the door they opened)
- **Familiar Spirit – Mediums, consult the dead, Spells, New Age (Lev.20:6 & 2 Kings 21:6)**
(Need to deal with issues that led them to open the door and then have them repent and close the door they opened)
- **Lying Spirit (1 Kings 22:23)**
(Deal with deception in their life)
- **Spirit of Lust (Matt. 5:28)**
(Door was opened through trauma, generational, pornography / Need to deal with the stronghold)
- **Perverted spirit- sexual perversions (Rom. 1 / Isa. 19:14)**
(Same as Lust except it is more aggressive and more dark)
- **Spirit of Infirmity (Luke 13)**
(First, you must be very careful when you are dealing with what you think is a spirit of infirmity. You can destroy someone's faith and confidence in God by being wrong. Not every sickness and disease is a demonic spirit. You need to know the difference between your opinion and Holy Spirit revelation)
- **Seducing Spirits - mislead people through false teaching & prophecies (1 Tim. 4:1)**
(How was door opened to the spirit? What caused them to abandon the faith? Do they know they were under the influence of a demonic spirit? Are they open to and willing to receive truth?)

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Chapter 12

“Powers”

- **Greek word for Powers is EXOUSIA (ex-oo-see'-ah) it means delegated authority, jurisdiction, magistrate, power, force, control.**
- **Exerts control over certain regions by influencing those in Government and decision making positions**

Haman was being influenced by a power to destroy all Jews and when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. **(Esther 3:5, 6)**

Herod was influenced to kill all the children two and under when Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. **(Matthew 2:16)**

- **Churches can be under the control of “Powers”**

I know where you live—where Satan sits enthroned, yet you still cling faithfully to the power of my name. You did not deny your faith in me even in the days of my faithful martyr Antipas who was executed in your city, where Satan lives. Nevertheless, I have a few things against you. There are some among you who hold to the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to eat things that were sacrificed to idols¹ and to commit sexual immorality. Furthermore, you have some who hold to the doctrines of the Nicolaitans. **(Rev. 2:13 -15)**

- Seat represents a place of authority. Satan controlled the church by exercising control over a few individuals to dominate the church
- Demonic Powers can also use false doctrines to control a church and an area

- **Characteristics of a Church under the control of a Power**

- Church is controlled by man not God
 - Church is judgmental
- Presence of God, Praise & worship is strangled
 - Prayer, healings and miracles is hindered
 - Church focus is on carnal not spiritual
 - Church is Self-righteous or Religious

- **“Legion” (Mark 5: 1 - 17)**

- **Example of a power controlling an area**

- **Jesus asks demon his name he says Legion**
(Roman military unit of more than six thousand)
- **Only time Jesus sent them into animals not the dry place**
(Because they had authority to be there)
- **The economic loss to the community could have been \$250,000.**
 - **People demanded that Jesus leave their area**
(Valued their swine above Jesus and Kingdom of Heaven)
 - **No record of Jesus ever going back**

- **Midianites are a type of Power Spirit (Judges 6:1-7)**

and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds. And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites:

- Take control because authorities have led Israel into sin
 - Destroy their harvest
 - Take their livestock
 - Left them greatly impoverished
 - Caused the inhabitants to be fearful

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Chapter 13

“Jezebel”

Jezebel operates through principalities and powers. It possess individuals thru principalities and operates in the region as a power

But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom **Jezebel** his wife stirred up.

1 Kings 21:25

- **Jezebel usurps authority by dominating weak leaders and manipulating others into its rebellious plans**

And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as **Jezebel** had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

(1 Kings 21:25)

- **Jezebel incorporates the following principality spirits**

- Spirit of Fear
- Spirit of Divination - witchcraft, fortune telling, Horoscope
- Lying Spirit
- Spirit of Lust
- Perverted Spirit
- Rebellion
- Seducing Spirits
- Spirit of Bondage

- **Jezebel cuts off the prophetic; for her false prophets to be the prophetic voice**
for it was so, when **Jezebel** cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water. **(1 Kings 18:4)**
- Jezebel will attack the prophetic voices in the church to silence them. it knows the Prophetic has to be stopped in order for it to operate
 - **Rebellion, Witchcraft and Pride is the main Power Root**
Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? **(Numbers 16:1 – 3)**
 - **Rebellion and witchcraft are linked together in scripture (1 Sam15:23)**
 - **Witchcraft uses evil influences to manipulate and control people to accomplish their plans**
 - **Witchcraft also uses the Spirit of Bondage to ensnare people and keep them as slaves under their control**
 - **Hebrew word for witchcraft means to cover up or act covertly Most of Jezebel's plans are done in secret and/or are covered up**
 - **Pride is the self-centered root that says I can do it better than them Jezebel spirit says I know more, I can do more, I am the best, no one is as good as me**
 - **Root of Rebellion and witchcraft must First, be recognized and bound from operating; Second, You must confront their actions and the evil fruit they have produced and remove them from all leadership responsibilities; Third, They must Repent of their rebellion and renounce the witchcraft practices they operated and they must have fruit of their repentance demonstrated (remember Jezebel operates through secret and manipulation) Fourth, They need to ask those in leadership to forgive them; Fifth, When the Holy Spirit reveals to you it is time, Cast out the spirit;**

- **Bitterness is another Power Root of Jezebel**

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15

- Bitterness and Rebellion goes hand and hand. Bitterness says I was treated unfairly, I should have been given that and I should be in charge.
- Self-centered and pride can also be involved
- Bitterness causes God's grace and mercy to not operate in your life which opens the door for demonic activity in their life
- A root of Bitterness produces sour fruit and is contagious
- Root of bitterness must **First**, be recognized; **Second**, Repented of; **Third**, demonstrate forgiveness for those whom they were bitter towards. **Fourth**; Cast out the spirit when you feel led by the Holy Spirit; **Fifth**, pray for healing of their soul by anointing them with oil to receive God's Grace and Mercy (**Psalm 23:5 / James 5:14 – 16**)

- **Spirit of Bondage is another Power Root of Jezebel**

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear (**Rom 8:15**)

- Someone with the root of bondage feels depressed, enslaved, tormented, has a servitude mentality and tends to legalistic in their beliefs
- They have a victim mentality and do not know what it means to have liberty
- They feel isolated and uncared for and are unable to understand what it means to be adopted Children of Father God.
- You need the Holy Spirit to show you what trauma or generation curse opened the door for this spirit and lead them in prayer to close the door, along with repenting of their selfish, prideful behavior that caused them to be hard hearted and blind. Once they have repented if you are led you can deal with the spirit at this time

- **Pride is the Tap Root of Jezebel**

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall (**Proverbs 16:18**)

- Pride is elevating yourself above everyone in statue so you can rule (Satan fell because of pride)
- Pride unchecked opens the door for all of these other spirits to enter.
- Pride influences others to become part of your plans (Satan influenced a third of the angels they could defeat God and the other two thirds of angels)

- When dealing with Pride; **First**, Person needs to recognize they are prideful; **Second**, You need for Holy Spirit to reveal the source of their pride and deal with the cause; **Third**, They need to repent and tear down the stronghold in their own mind and replace it with scriptures on humility. Example:
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:10)

- **Unholy Alliances and Perverted Sexual practices**

- Jezebel spies out the camp for the rebellious, prideful, discontented, depressed and fearful. It then will start becoming friends with them and start to manipulate them to join in her plans
- Sex is one of the biggest weapons that Jezebel uses to entrap workers and tear down leadership. Jezebel spies out the camp for those that operate in lust and forms bonds with them
- Be careful when you see friendships being developed among those you know are struggling or are rebellious and prideful

- **Confronting a Jezebel Spirit**

1. Approach them about specific behavior, For instance if they lied about you, deal with that specific lie
2. If they are receptive than continue to deal with other specific behavior patterns (Always be the loving parent correcting the child)
3. Deal with any fear issues by instilling trust and caring
4. To lead into genuine repentance, requires the leading of the Holy Spirit. Remember there is a difference between remorse I got caught and repentance I am sorry. **(For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (2 Cor. 7:10)**
5. Before dealing with the spirit make sure you have confirmation of their genuine repentance and timing by the Holy Spirit
6. Once delivered they need to become accountable to the leadership of the church
7. If they start to fall, leadership is to restore them in meekness not condemnation
8. If they refuse to repent or have fallen and will not receive restoration, then you need to bring it before the church

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Chapter 14

“Python & Leviathan”

One day, as we were going to the house of prayer, we encountered a young slave girl who had an evil spirit of divination, the spirit of Python. She had earned great profits for her owners by being a fortune-teller. Acts 16:16

- Spirit of Python operates just like the snake. Does not bite you or poison you, It coils around you to squeeze the life of God out of you and eventually devour you
- There are several different species of python. Some are small and some like the Burmese can grow up to 30 ft. and weigh 300 pounds
- Python can be a principality and grow into a Power that strangles a church or a region

- **Python attacks your prayer life**

- Paul and Silas was heading to prayer when the spirit interrupted them. Python will cause you to continually struggle to pray or continually interrupt your prayer time
- One of the signs of being under attack is going from a strong Prayer life filling God’s presence to a weak prayer life where you have limited presence of God or do not feel any at all

- **Python works in conjunction with seducing religious spirits**

she kept following us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Great High God, and they’re telling us how to be saved!” (Acts 16:17)

- Python uses religious spirits to squeeze the Liberty of Christ out of your life and replace it with legalistic rituals and rules
- Purpose is to steal your Joy and peace and replace it with works and sacrifices and condemnation
- Python was setting up the people to believe this girl worked with Paul and Silas so they would look to her for guidance.

- **Python Steals your Voice**

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **(Mark 16:7)**

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. **(Mark 11:23)**

- When a person is being squeezed your diaphragm is compressed and it is very hard to talk. Python squeezes you to steal your voice. It uses fear, intimidation, low self-esteem and doubts to keep you from witnessing, from moving in the gifts like prophecy and from praying out loud in services and gatherings
- It also uses disappointment, discouragement and doubt to squeeze you so cannot speak to your mountain

- **Python Steals your Praise and Thanksgiving**

Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. **(Acts 16:24, 25)**

- Python tried to squeeze Paul and Silas's life of Praise and thanksgiving to God by: Having them beaten, put in the lowest stinky part of the prison and bound them in foot chains.
- It did not work! At midnight they prayed and sang praises so loud the prisoners heard. Next thing you know God sends an earthquake and Paul and Silas are free, along with all the other prisoners
- Python had their feet bound in stocks to stop them from bringing the Good News; **how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things (Rom.10:15).** Python received a big surprise when Paul led the jailer and his family to Christ

LEVIATHAN

Hebrew = livathan = Multi-headed serpent/ Crocodile /Dragon

In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea. **(Isaiah 27:1)**

- **Characteristics of Leviathan**

- Serpent causes conflict, especially one person who objects to everything
- Serpent going from side to side often works both sides in a conversation
- Twisted serpent whispers Distorts the words that are being spoken into people ears to trigger offense and cause, hurt feelings, bitterness and resentment which leads to anger, arguments and overreacting
- Dragon in the Sea. Sea often represents sea of humanity. Here we see that Leviathan is bringing humanistic liberal viewpoints into the church to replace holiness and consecration
- As the King of Pride **(Job 41:34)** He attacks the Royal Priesthood of God **(1 Peter 2:9)** By filling them full of Pride and self-righteousness
- Leviathan is the expert at cursing **(Job 3:8)** When you see someone who is speaking curses over people, things and events they are being used by Leviathan
- Leviathan attacks you in your desert **(Psalm 74:14)**, (fiery hot trial) to get you to eat the bitter herbs of offense, hurt feelings, disappointment and anger
- Infirmities **(1 Cor. 11:29, 30)** Leviathan uses strife, division, backbiting and offenses to open the door for sickness by binding the unity of communion
- Chaos, Dragon in (Rev.17:1) was also called Lothan in old Canaan who resembled Tiamet, the Goddess of Chaos. When you have chaos in your life, family and church continually you are under attack

Conclusion

In conclusion; I pray this book will be a help to you and a reference tool you can use when you are under attack.

I also want to make clear, not every behavior is caused by a demon. You must use the gift of discernment to correctly discern if a demonic spirit is involved.

I have one final scripture for you; Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. **Luke 10:19, 20**

Always, remember the greatest gift and blessing you have received from God is your salvation.

Never become prideful in anything God does through you. It is because of your salvation that you have the authority to cast out and even then it is only in His Name.